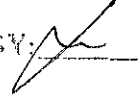


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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED WORSENING CASE OF AIR TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE NINOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WITH THE END IN VIEW OF FORMULATING SHORT- AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO END THIS DANGER TO PASSENGERS AND AIR CARRIERS**

**WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9497 otherwise known as the *Civil Aviation Authority Act of 2008* makes it the policy of the State to:**

*“to provide safe and efficient air transport and regulatory services in the Philippines by providing for the creation of a civil aviation authority with jurisdiction over the restructuring of the civil aviation system, the promotion, development and regulation of the technical, operational, safety, and aviation security functions under the civil aviation authority.”;*

**WHEREAS,** as the economy grows does the demand for efficient safe and reliable means of transportation;

**WHEREAS,** air transportation in the Philippines is now beset with problems of congestion in our aviation hubs resulting in flight delays and increased in risks for aviation accidents;

**WHEREAS,** one of our major gateways, the Ninoy Aquino International Airport has become too small for the air traffic caused by the rise in number of planes serving Manila and connecting it with other cities world wide;

**WHEREAS,** the Manila airport’s primary runway is 3,737 meters long while the secondary 13-31 runway measures 2,367 meters which can only accommodate an average of 553 aircraft movements daily; delaying flights from 4 minutes to 81 minutes;<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> As cited in  
<http://www.manilastandardtoday.com/insideMetro.htm?f=2011/february/28/metro3.isx&d=2011/february/28>  
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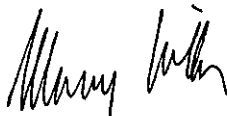
**WHEREAS**, the biggest cause of the air traffic congestion problem is the general aviation aircrafts, these are private planes, choppers and jets that use the same airport raising safety concerns over the airports operations;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, other airports such as the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport in Pampanga, Lipa Airforce Base in Batangas and Sangley Point in Cavite may be considered as alternative airports in order to decongest Manila's worsening air traffic situation;

**WHEREAS**, the government must address this danger in the skies as this does not only affect air transportation safety alone but tourism and other allied businesses as well.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to direct the Senate Committee on Public Services to conduct and inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported worsening case of air traffic congestion in the Ninoy Aquino International Airport with the end in view of formulating short- and long-term solutions to end this danger to passengers and air carriers.

Adopted,

  
**MANNY VILLAR**

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<sup>2</sup> Chanco, Boo; NAIA runway capacity not the problem "The Philippine Star" May 18, 2011, print