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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY TO CONDUCT A REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, OF THE AFP MODERNIZATION PROGRAM AS IT RELATES TO THE TASK OF ENDING THE PROBLEM OF INSURGENCY AND TERRORISM

Whereas, Republic Act No. 7898, otherwise known as the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Modernization Program of 1995 was enacted to improve the capability of the AFP in terms of equipment, human resource and doctrine in its campaign against enemies of the State;

Whereas, The law, after taking effect 15 years ago has not significantly improved the equipment of the AFP in terms of fire power, mobility and communication;

Whereas, The Government Arsenal which was created by law under Republic Act No. 1884 on June 22, 1957 has not kept in pace with the modernization process as it has limited capability to manufacture ammunition that are used by the latest small arms and crew-served weapons;

Whereas, A bloody encounter between the elements of the AFP and members of the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) occurred last 12 August 2009;

Whereas, This incident claimed the lives of twenty-three (23) soldiers including 2 commissioned officers;;

Whereas, According to the soldiers interviewed on the ground, there was no combat support from air artillery and armor which manifests the lack of resources available to ground troops in addressing the problem of insurgency and terrorism ;

Whereas, In view of the foregoing, there is therefore a need to assess the AFP Modernization Program in order to determine the match of needed resources in terms of equipment, materiel, and personnel needed to affectively address the ASG and MILF problems in Mindanao; *Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, As It Is Hereby Resolved,*

By The Senate, To Direct The Senate Committee On National Defense And Security, To Conduct A Review, In Aid Of Legislation, Of The AFP Modernization Program As It Relates To The Task Of Ending The Problem Of Insurgency And Terrorism

Adopted,


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