


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Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
TO LOOK INTO THE PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT
OF AGRICULTURE IN 2010 IN VIEW OF NEWS REPORTS OF FUND
RELEASES AMOUNTING TO P7.5B ALLOCATED FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF FARM TO MARKET ROADS

WHEREAS, according to news reports dated September 19, 2011, the Department of Agriculture released P7.5B for farm-to-market roads projects from January 1 to June 30, 2010;

WHEREAS, the news reports indicated that the funds were released for purposes of constructing new farm to market roads to make transportation of agricultural products easier;

WHEREAS, the funds amounting to P7.5B were allegedly released without a program of work, and the newly constructed farm to market roads could not be identified;

WHEREAS, funds totaling P7.5B could have been spent for the programs of the Department of Agriculture to increase production yield of crops and vegetables, invest in research and development, provide credit to farmers and fisherfolk, and develop agricultural industries in rural areas;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture needs to be assessed if its programs during the year 2010 were able to ensure sufficient and safe food supply for the people especially in the face climate change and global warming phenomenon;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture needs to be evaluated as regards the allocation of its resources whether it was able to augment the country's supply of rice and other crops, to meet the country's food requirements in 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to direct the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food to look into the programs implemented by the Department of Agriculture in 2010 in view of reports of fund releases amounting to P7.5B for the construction of farm to market roads.

ADOPTED,

