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Introduced by Senator FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO LOOK INTO THE FINANCIAL ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION IN RELATION TO ITS BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS UNDER THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SAME

WHEREAS, there is a growing public perception that the Department of Transportation and Communication (DOTC) is slow in the implementation of its projects given that the DOTC is the biggest implementing agency in the current administration's Public Private Partnership (PPP) program;

WHEREAS, news reports indicate, among others, delays incurred in the implementation of three (3)¹ railway projects,²LTO (Land Transportation Authority) IT Project,³ release of license plates for motor vehicles⁴ and MRT 3 expansion and MRTC acquisition;⁵

WHEREAS, it is axiomatic in law that all government agencies, as part of their implementing task, must satisfy the twin requirement of "procurement planning and budgeting linkage," and availability of funds through appropriation to address all issues in project implementation;⁶

WHEREAS, in the case of the DOTC, however, there appears inefficiency and incomprehensiveness on the side of procurement planning and

¹ MRT Line 7, LRT Line 1 extension and common station, LRT Line 1 extension to Cavite.

²Transfer of DOTC's transport functions to DPWH urged. Lawrence Agcaoili. *Phil. Star*. 30 Sept. 2013; DOTC prioritizing 3 railway projects. Miguel R. Camus. *Inquirer*. 20 October 2013.

³LTO-IT project cost slashed to P3.44B after 2 failed bids. Lawrence Agcaoili. *Phil. Star*. 01 January 2014.

⁴Release of new car plates delayed. Lawrence Agcaoili. *Inquirer*. 30 September 2013.

⁵MRT/LRT Blues. *Inquirer* Editorial. 11 February 2014.

⁶Sections 46 & 47, Chapter 8, Subtitle B, Title I, Book V, Executive Order No. 292, series of 1987, as amended; Section 7, Article II, Republic Act No. 9184; par. 5.3, DBM Circular Letter No. 2010-9.

administrative competence; projects are subjected to litigations and sometimes under prohibitory judicial orders and questionable bidding procedures and project awards;

WHEREAS, the social media, the public in general, are running out of patience over the DOTC's delays which but prolong the agony of the Filipinos they are supposed to serve as the lead agency for transport and communication;

WHEREAS, moreover, such delays can never be countenanced, especially in the light of the country's improving economy and as a relatively more viable investment site in Asia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT the Committee on Finance conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the financial absorptive capacity of the DOTC in relation to its budgetary allocation for various projects under the annual General Appropriations Act.

Adopted,

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