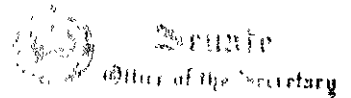


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**A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO
ASSESS AND REVIEW, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE RICE SUFFICIENCY
POLICY OF THE PHILIPPINES IN ORDER TO ADDRESS REPORTED PROBLEMS
IN THE AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY**

Whereas, the Philippines is a predominantly agricultural country;

Whereas, agriculture plays an important role in food production and income generation;
and generally in the country's poverty reduction;

Whereas, despite being the 8th largest rice producer in 2008, the Philippines is also the
world's top rice importer according to the reports of the World Rice Statistics and
Food and Agriculture Organization;

Whereas, among the problems being confronted by the National Food Authority, the
government arm tasked to ensure food stability in the country, are rice shortage,
alleged corruption in rice imports, smuggling, price manipulation by private
sectors, hoarding and repacking, among others;

Whereas, addressing problems of rice sufficiency will contribute to addressing problems
of hunger, malnutrition, and poverty;

Whereas, there is a need for policies to enhance agricultural productivity so that growth
may be achieved and sufficiency in rice may be obtained;

Whereas, it is imperative that all efforts of the Government must be harmonized towards
rice sufficiency.

Be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food to assess and review, in aid of legislation, the rice sufficiency policy of the Philippines in order to address reported problems in the agriculture industry.

Adopted,



RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.