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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON CLIMATE CHANGE, AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PREPARATIONS BEING UNDERTAKEN TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF EL NIÑO, PARTICULARLY IN THE ISLAND OF LUZON

WHEREAS, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomic Services Administration (PAGASA) warned the public of the intense heat and stronger storms brought by the El Niño weather phenomenon which is predicted to last for most of the year;

WHEREAS, El Niño, the Spanish for "boy child" or "the little one", is an oceanographic and meteorological phenomenon characterized by the warming of sea surface in the Pacific Ocean and is associated with extreme climatic variability such as, but not limited to, devastating rains, winds, drought, and other atmospherical events;

WHEREAS, the government weather bureau advised government agencies concerned to take the necessary measures to mitigate the adverse effects of El Niño;

WHEREAS, in mid-February 2015 the ill effects of El Niño was felt when a number of mullet fish were found floating along the Manila Bay;

WHEREAS, at the end of February 2015, a fish kill affected fish pens in two barangays of San Fernando City in La Union;

WHEREAS, there is a need to inquire into the actions being undertaken by the government in light of the pending El Niño for the affected stakeholders to be able to prepare for the ill effects of said weather phenomenon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the Philippine Senate directs the Senate Committees on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food and other appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the preparations being undertaken to mitigate the effects of El Niño, particularly in the island of Luzon.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID