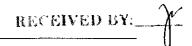


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SENATE P. S. R. No. ____**1318**___



	Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago
1 2 3 4	RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT REPORT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE MISUSED SOME \$\mathbb{P}\$14 BILLION IN 2013
5	WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 27 provides: "The State shall
6	maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective
7	measures against graft and corruption";
8	WHEREAS, the Constitution further provides, in Article 2, Section 28: "Subject to
9	reasonable conditions prescribed by law, the State adopts and implements a policy of full public
10	disclosure of all its transactions involving public interest";
11	WHEREAS, the Philippine Daily Inquirer on 22 April 2015 quoted state auditors as
12	charging that the Department of Agriculture (DA), under Secretary Proceso Alcala, used more
13	than £14.4 billion for 2013 projects implemented despite violations of laws and regulations;
14	WHEREAS, the Commission on Audit claimed in its annual review that the DA financed
15	several anomalous programs using the regular funds it received from the national government
16	and allotments from the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) and Disbursement
17	Acceleration Program (DAP);
18	WHEREAS, also reportedly discovered in the audit were the releases of funds to several
19	nongovernment organizations (NGOs), including one set up by businesswoman suspected pork
20	barrel scam mastermind Janet Lim-Napoles;
21	WHEREAS, state auditors also allegedly found that some attached agencies of the DA,
22	such as the National Agricultural and Fishery Council (NAFC), implemented projects that were
23	not part of their mandate;

WHEREAS, a number of projects were also reportedly left incomplete despite the release	
of allotted funds while others were undertaken without the necessary documents for the proper	
liquidation of funds.	
WHEREAS, the COA claimed that of the 1,079 kilometers of road networks funded by	
the DA under its Farm-to-Market Road Development Project, only 270 kilometers had been	

WHEREAS, state auditors said this meant that of the ₽7.8 billion allocated for the infrastructure project in 2013, only some ₽1.7 billion had been used for project implementation while the remaining ₽6.1 billion were either not yet started or implemented;

WHEREAS, alongside its exercise of the power of the purse, Congress should ensure that malfeasance, misfeasance, and charges of graft and corruption in the government are immediately addressed;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the Commission on Audit report that the Department of Agriculture misused some \$\mathbb{P}\$14 billion in 2013.

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completed after a year;

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