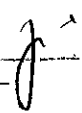


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

1 RESOLUTION
2 DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
3 TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE
4 COMMISSION ON AUDIT REPORT THAT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS
5 WORTH ₱25 BILLION WERE DELAYED OR UNIMPLEMENTED IN 2013

6 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 27 provides: “The State shall maintain
7 honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft
8 and corruption”;

9 WHEREAS, the Constitution also provides, in Article 2, Section 28: “Subject to
10 reasonable conditions prescribed by law, the State adopts and implements a policy of full public
11 disclosure of all its transactions involving public interest”;

12 WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 14 May 2015 reported that nearly ₱25 billion worth
13 of government infrastructure projects were delayed or unimplemented in 2013;

14 WHEREAS, quoting state auditors, the news said that the projects in question included
15 those funded through the congressional Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF) and the
16 Disbursement Acceleration Program (DAP);

17 WHEREAS, the Commission on Audit (COA) attributed the delays or failure to
18 implement projects to planning and supervisory lapses of the Department of Public Works and
19 Highways (DPWH);

20 WHEREAS, the amount flagged by state auditors included:

- 21 (1) ₱6.45 billion in unspent cash allocations for projects;
22 (2) ₱8.9 billion for 371 projects not completed within the contract period;
23 (3) ₱512,286,777.98 for 317 projects the DPWH failed to implement; and
24 (4) ₱3.556 billion in foreign loans supposed for the National Roads Improvement and
25 Management Project II;

1 WHEREAS, of the projects identified by the COA, 16 projects worth a total of
2 ₱276,593,346.49 were funded under the DAP while 83 projects costing ₱88,088,947.59 were
3 funded by PDAF;

4 WHEREAS, the government must improve efficiency in the disbursement of funds and
5 implementation of projects to ensure that the public is not deprived of the benefits of fully
6 developed infrastructure;

7 WHEREAS, Congress must intensify existing legislation governing the implementation
8 of infrastructure projects;

9 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
10 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the Commission on
11 Audit report that infrastructure projects worth P25 billion were delayed or not completed on
12 schedule in 2013.

Adopted,


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