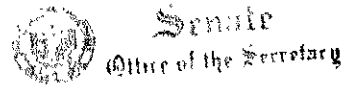


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RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE  
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
ON THE NEED TO IMMEDIATELY REHABILITATE ANGAT DAM

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 provides: "The maintenance of peace  
2 and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are  
3 essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

4 WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 15 June 2015 reported that various groups are  
5 appealing for the immediate strengthening and rehabilitation of Angat Dam, which they claimed  
6 is at high risk of breaking in the event of a major earthquake;

7 WHEREAS, the statements came allegedly after consulting firm Poyry Energy Limited  
8 said it will complete its study on the rehabilitation of Angat Dam in the second quarter of 2016,  
9 delaying by a year the expected start of the work on the dam;


10 WHEREAS, the groups cited a 2012 study on the structural integrity of Angat Dam,  
11 warning that immediate rehabilitation is needed to prevent the old structure and its dike from  
12 flooding 30 cities and towns if damaged in an earthquake;

13 WHEREAS, the government must prioritize the rehabilitation or retrofitting of high-risk  
14 structures such as dams to mitigate the impact of damage to such;

15 WHEREAS, Congress, in consultation with concerned government agencies, must  
16 determine the need for legislation that will help improve research, planning, and implementation  
17 of infrastructure rehabilitation projects;

18 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
19 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the need to  
20 immediately rehabilitate Angat Dam.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  
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