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RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE  
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
ON THE REPORTED NEED TO IMPROVE POWER  
AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES IN MINDANAO

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 9, provides: "The State shall promote a  
2 just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and  
3 free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full  
4 employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all";

5 WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 9 June 2015 reported that Mindanao business leaders  
6 are pushing for improved power and telecommunication services throughout the island in order  
7 to boost business in the area;

8 WHEREAS, the media quoted officials and members of the Mindanao Business  
9 Conference, an annual gathering organized by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and  
10 Industry, who noted that some areas in Mindanao still suffer rotational brownouts;

11 WHEREAS, telecommunication services are also allegedly poorer in Mindanao  
12 compared to other parts of the country;

13 WHEREAS, the group urged the national government to address issues in power supply  
14 and telecommunication services to improve the business environment in the area;


15 WHEREAS, the government must put an end to the protracted power crisis in Mindanao  
16 by addressing infrastructure problems as well as market concerns;

17 WHEREAS, the government should also ensure that services provided by  
18 telecommunication companies in Mindanao adhere to international standards;

19 WHEREAS, Congress, in consultation with the Department of Energy, the Department of  
20 Transportation and Communications, and other agencies, must formulate long-term strategies to  
21 address the Mindanao power and telecommunications situation;

1           WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
2 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported need to  
3 improve power and communication services in Mindanao.

Adopted,

  
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