


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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE REPORT THAT THE OVERALL QUALITY OF WORK
IN THE COUNTRY IS DETERIORATING

- 1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 18, provides:
- 2 The State affirms labor as a primary social economic force. It shall protect
3 the rights of workers and promote their welfare;
- 4 WHEREAS, scrutinizing the latest Labor Force Survey results from the National
5 Statistics Office (NSO), think tank IBON Foundation in June reported that the overall quality of
6 work in the country is deteriorating despite a decline in unemployment;
- 7 WHEREAS, NSO data showed that the number of jobless Filipino workers dropped to
8 2.68 million in April 2015 from 2.92 million in the same period in 2014, while the number of
9 employed members of the workforce rose to 39.2 million from 38.7 million;
- 10 WHEREAS, IBON however claimed that the job growth resulted primarily from the
11 544,000 additional jobs in the informal sector, which now comprises 15.5 million of the total
12 employed population;
- 13 WHEREAS, the think tank further alleged that the number of full-time workers dropped
14 by some 137,000 to only 22.8 million in April;
- 15 WHEREAS, job loss has also reportedly been observed in key sectors, with the
16 agriculture sector shedding 390,000 employees and the manufacturing sector losing 34,000 jobs;
- 17 WHEREAS, IBON criticized the emerging job generation matrix as an indication of
18 deterioration in the overall quality of work in the country;
- 19 WHEREAS, according to the think tank, informal work or jobs worked less than 40 hours
20 a week are commonly low-paying, unstable, and do not accord benefits to workers;

1 WHEREAS, the government must continue to support growth in key production sectors,
2 particularly agriculture and manufacturing, even as it encourages expansion in the trade, retail
3 and services sectors;

4 WHEREAS, Congress must strengthen existing laws aimed at improving the agriculture,
5 manufacturing, and other employment sectors that register that highest labor productivity;

6 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
7 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that the
8 overall quality of work in the country is deteriorating.

Adopted,


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