


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SENATE  
P. S. R. No. 1513

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RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORT THAT MORE THAN 1.1 MILLION  
PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE NO ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY  
ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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 Philippine Star* on 1 August 2015 reported that according to the  
6 Department of Education (DepEd), more than 1.1 million students are enrolled in 5,954 public  
7 schools that have no access to electricity;

8 WHEREAS, citing data from the DepEd, the *Star* said that of the total number of schools  
9 without electricity, 2,414 are on the grid or in areas that can be reached by the National  
10 Electrification Administration (NEA), 1,308 schools are in remote or off-grid areas, while 2,232  
11 have yet to be classified;

12 WHEREAS, Education Secretary Armin Lustrero claimed that the DepEd has laid out  
13 plans to electrify the schools that have been classified, saying it has partnered with the NEA and  
14 the Department of Energy (DOE) to provide solutions through conventional and alternative  
15 sources of energy;

16 WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must improve cooperation among  
17 government agencies in order to supply electricity in far-flung areas particularly for schools and  
18 other facilities where power is needed for the delivery of social services;

19 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
20 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that more  
21 than 1.1 million public school students have no access to electricity according to the Department  
22 of Education.

23 Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO