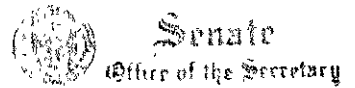


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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE REPORT THAT THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD
INTERCEPTED SMUGGLED RICE IN PALAWAN

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

4 WHEREAS, various newspapers reported in July reported that the Philippine Coast
5 Guard (PCG) intercepted some 1,700 bags of rice from the crewmen of a motor launch
6 attempting to smuggle them in Palawan;

7 WHEREAS, the PCG claimed that the bags of rice were confiscated from M/L Nathalie
8 within the vicinity of Puerto Princesa, but the cargo came from Mapun, Tawi-Tawi;

9 WHEREAS, the crewmen of M/L Nathalie were unable to show legal shipment papers,
10 and presented only clearance issued by a barangay councilor from Mapun;

11 WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must improve maritime monitoring
12 and law enforcement to prevent illicit activities in Philippine waters;

13 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
14 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation on the report that the
15 Philippine Coast Guard intercepted smuggled rice in Palawan.

Adopted,

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