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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE REPORT THAT 47 LEGISLATORS SPENT ₱141 MILLION
IN DISBURSEMENT ACCELERATION PROGRAM FUNDS FOR MILK FEEDING

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution provides, in Article 2, Sections 27 and 28:

2 SECTION 27. The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public
3 service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption.

4 SECTION 28. Subject to reasonable conditions prescribed by law, the
5 State adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its
6 transactions involving public interest.

7 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 13 August 2015 reported that 47 legislators used
8 ₱141 million in Disbursement Acceleration Program (DAP) funds for milk feeding programs
9 from 2011 to 2014;

10 WHEREAS, the news quoted the recently released Commission on Audit (COA) report
11 on the National Dairy Authority (NDA), which showed that the agency received total DAP
12 funding of ₱213.116 million in 2014, and used ₱141.313 million of that total by 31 December
13 2014;

14 WHEREAS, the allocation for milk feeding programs defeated the purpose of the DAP,
15 which the government intended for high-impact and priority programs;

16 WHEREAS, the said fund was reportedly intended for the milk feeding program of 53
17 legislators and a foundation under the Dairy Enterprise Development Program funded by DAP in
18 2011;

19 WHEREAS, the remaining ₱71.803 was reportedly returned to the Bureau of Treasury in
20 March 2015, following the Supreme Court decision striking down the DAP as unconstitutional;

21 WHEREAS, state auditors also allegedly criticized the unauthorized grant of honoraria to
22 the bids and awards committee amounting to ₱136,759;

WHEREAS, the Department of Budget and Management defends the DAP as a reform intervention to speed up public spending and ultimately boost economic growth;

3 WHEREAS, the Supreme Court ruling on DAP notwithstanding, the Congress must
4 ensure that public funds are used for high-impact and priority programs;

5 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
6 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that 47
7 legislators spent ₱141 million in Disbursement Acceleration Program funds for milk feeding.

Adopted,


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