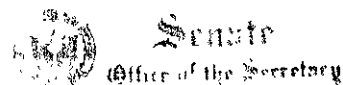


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE REPORT THAT ₱688 MILLION IN COCONUT FARM REHABILITATION DEALS
WERE AWARDED WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Section 27, Article 2 provides: “The State shall maintain
2 honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measurement against
3 graft and corruption”;

4 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* on 25 September 2015 reported that the
5 Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) in 2014 awarded without public bidding ₱688.7 million in
6 supply contracts for the rehabilitation of coconut farms affected by super typhoon Yolanda and
7 coconut scale insects;

8 WHEREAS, a recently released Commission on Audit (COA) reported questioned why
9 the PCA decided to enter into negotiated contracts by invoking the emergency mode of
10 procurement under Republic Act No. 9184, the *Government Procurement Reform Act*;

11 WHEREAS, the COA further claimed that the delivery of the some of the items
12 purchased was delayed, defeating the purpose of emergency procurement;

13 WHEREAS, a scrutiny of documents submitted by the contractors allegedly showed
14 various documentary and procedural deficiencies which was an indication that the bids and
15 awards committee and other officials concerned lacked sufficient awareness or knowledge of the
16 procurement process;

17 WHEREAS, the COA allegedly said the PCA did not present any resolution from the
18 bids and awards committee explaining the need for an emergency purchase, which included the
19 procurement of tractors, chainsaws, fertilizer, and vegetable seeds;

20 WHEREAS, the COA further claimed that the suppliers also did not submit such required
21 documents as mayor’s permit, tax clearance, abstract of bids, and net financial contracting
22 capacity to show their financial capability to undertake the projects;

1 WHEREAS, the COA asked the PCA to order all bids and awards committee members
2 and the officials concerned to attend a seminar on the government procurement law;

3 WHEREAS, R.A. No. 9184 must be reviewed in order to protect the best interest of the
4 government when entering into contracts with private entities;

5 WHEREAS, government officials and personnel must be more knowledgeable in the
6 legal and complete process of government procurement and;

7 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
8 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that the
9 ₱688 million in coconut farm rehabilitation deals were awarded without public bidding.

Adopted,


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