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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 COMMISSION ON AUDIT REPORT THAT THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION
ADMINISTRATION FAILED TO IRRIGATE FARMLANDS IN 2014

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, *GMA News Online* on 26 November 2015 reported that the National
6 Irrigation Administration (NIA) irrigated only 1.7 million hectares or 56 percent of the 3 million
7 hectares of irrigable farmland in 2014;

8 WHEREAS, the news quoted the recent Commission on Audit (COA) report, which also
9 showed that the NIA only set up new irrigation systems for 34,097 hectares of farmland or 42.47
10 percent for its target of 80,276 hectares;

11 WHEREAS, the NIA also allegedly managed to restore irrigation systems in 14,320
12 hectares of irrigable land last year, or only 52.68 percent of its target of 27,181 hectares;

13 WHEREAS, Congress must strengthen existing laws to improve the provision of
14 irrigation services to potential irrigable areas to increase agricultural productivity;

15 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
16 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the Commission on
17 Audit report that the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) failed to irrigate farmlands in
18 2014.

Adopted,


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