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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE TO LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE KIDAPAWAN INCIDENT WHERE PROTESTING FARMERS CLASHED WITH MEMBERS OF THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE FOR ISSUES OF SOCIAL INJUSTICE, POSSIBLE ABUSES OF AUTHORITY AND DISCRETION, EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE THAT RESULTED IN INJURY, LOSS OF LIVES AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY; SYMPTOMS OF FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES OF INEQUALITY, POVERTY AND DEEPER FORMS OF VIOLENCE.

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2016, farmers had barricaded the Cotabato-Davao Highway, protesting the lack of government aid because of the drought they were experiencing due to El Niño;

WHEREAS, in dispersing the farmers apparently after their permit to rally had expired, a clash between the protesting farmers and members of the Philippine National Police ensued where gunshots were fired;

WHEREAS, at least two farmers were reportedly killed and Thirty-Three others wounded in the bloody dispersal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Senate, to direct the appropriate committee of the Senate to look into, in aid of legislation, the Kidapawan incident where protesting farmers clashed with members of the Philippine National Police for issues of social injustice, possible abuses of authority and discretion, excessive use of force that resulted in injury, loss of lives and destruction of property; symptoms of fundamental issues of inequality, poverty and deeper forms of violence.

ADOPTED,


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