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RESOLUTION

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT CORPORATION
AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION ON THE
PROPOSED INCREASE IN THE MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION RATE OF
MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM (SSS) WITH THE END
VIEW OF DETERMINING ITS REASONABLENESS AND RECOMMENDING
POLICY MEASURES**

WHEREAS, it was reported that the Social Security System (SSS) plans to increase the monthly contribution of its members;

WHEREAS, the proposed increase is part of the efforts to augment SSS's effort to augment its dwindling resources which are expected to be exhausted in eleven (11) years;

WHEREAS, among the proposal is to raise the contribution rate from 8.4% of employees' monthly wages to between 16% to 22% in the next six (6) years;

WHEREAS, while the SSS is able to sustain present operation, it is expected that the P175B fund will be depleted by 2015 and that the proposed contribution rate hike will extend SSS's life up to at least 2065;

WHEREAS, since 1957, the SSS has reportedly collected a total of P351B in contribution and disbursed P357 B in total benefits;

WHEREAS, in 2003, Malacañang granted SSS's petition for a one (1) percentage point increase which was covered solely by the employer;

WHEREAS, the proposed increase will be shouldered proportionately by employers and employee, in a two-thirds to one-third ratio;

WHEREAS, the increase in SSS monthly rates without the corresponding increase in salary would effectively decrease the net take home pay of workers;

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Senate Committee on Government Corporation and Public Enterprises to conduct an investigation on the proposed increase in the monthly contribution rate of members of the Social Security System (SSS) with the end view of determining its reasonableness and recommending policy measures.

Adopted,

MANUEL B. VILLAR, JR.
Senator