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RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, BY THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, INTO THE CAUSES OF THE
ALLEGED DAMAGE TO LAKE LANAO AND THE RESIDENTS OF ITS
SURROUNDING AREAS REPORTEDLY ARISING FROM THE
CONSTRUCTION OF THE HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANTS OF THE
NATIONAL POWER CORPORATION

Whereas, Lake Lanao offers abundant marine resources that provide steady livelihood to fisherfolks in the surrounding barangays. However, this is seriously threatened by the construction of hydroelectric power plants of the National Power Corporation;

Whereas, the National Power Corporation has allegedly failed to comply with the terms and conditions of its Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) when it constructed the hydroelectric power plants;

Whereas, the hydroelectric power plants have caused floods and landslides and the consequent loss of lives and livelihood, and damage to properties and agricultural products in the areas affected;

Whereas, the construction of the power plants, dams and dikes, particularly those constructed along Agus River, obstruct the free and natural flow of waters from Lake Lanao to the Agus River so that during rainy days, the flooding of farms, homes, Islamic schools and mosques often take place;

Whereas, the irregular opening and closure of dams have brought destruction to 60,000 hectares of agricultural lands nearby;

Whereas, there is an imperative need to seriously look into this problem besetting the environment, which causes grave peril to our people in and around the Lake.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to call for the investigation, in aid of legislation, by the Senate Committees on Environment and Natural Resources and Energy, into the causes of the alleged damage to Lake Lanao and the residents of its surrounding areas reportedly arising from the construction of the hydroelectric power plants of the National Power Corporation

Adopted,


AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR.