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Introduced by **Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon**

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IRRIGATION COMPONENT OF THE CASECNAN AND SAN ROQUE DAM PROJECTS.

Whereas, In the interest of pursuing the nation's objective of attaining food security through increased productivity of our agricultural lands, the government pursued several irrigation projects;

Whereas, Among these projects is the irrigation component of the Casecnan and San Roque Dam Projects;

Whereas, On the one hand, the Casecnan Dam project was designed to provide irrigation water to about 37,000 hectares new area in the northwestern municipalities of Nueva Ecija, provide full irrigation requirement for around 102, 000 hectares of the Upper Pampanga River Integrated Irrigation Systems (UPRIIS) and rehabilitate 55,100 hectares served by the UPRIIS in Nueva Ecija, Bulacan and Pampanga;

Whereas, The San Roque Dam project, on the other hand, was designed to provide irrigation to around 85,000 hectares of agricultural lands;

Whereas, Both projects involved the construction of the main diversion channel, several on-farm and project facilities, development of communal irrigation systems and other related works such as the construction of weirs and water reservoirs;

Whereas, There are reports that the projected water delivery of these projects to irrigate agricultural lands have yet to be realized due to the non-completion of several components of the project;

Whereas, This has resulted to a situation wherein the target agricultural lands that are supposed to be irrigated remain unirrigated during the dry months and become inundated during the rainy season as what recently happened in some areas in Region II where the Casecnan dam project is located;

Whereas, While these projects remain uncompleted and irrigation water yet to be delivered, the government is paying the contractor since 1995, in the case of the Casecnan Dam project alone, a price of P2 billion pesos annually and shall do so for the next 20 years;

Whereas, There is a need to look into the irrigation component of the Casecnan and San Roque dam projects as well as other irrigation projects in the interest of our farmers and in attaining food security; *Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, As It Is Hereby Resolved,*

By The Senate, To Direct The Appropriate Senate Committees To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, On The Irrigation Component of the Casecnan and San Roque Dam Projects.

Adopted,


RODOLFO G. BIAZON
Senator