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Introduced by Senator Biazon

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, WITH FOCUS ON ITS OBJECTIVES, PRIORITIZATION IN EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS AND SOURCES IN RELATION TO THE COUNTRY'S PRESENT NEEDS.

Whereas, The twin legislative measures of Republic Act No 7898 or the AFP Modernization Law enacted into law on 23 February 1995, and the AFP Modernization Program under Joint Resolution No 28 approved on 19 December 1996, provided for the declared policy of the State "to modernize the Armed Forces of the Philippines to a level where it can effectively and fully perform its constitutional mandate to uphold the sovereignty and preserve the patrimony of the Republic of the Philippines;"

Whereas, Since the enactment of RA No 7898 in 1995, the Program received funding only in year 2000 when the AFP received P5.484 billion from the Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) as proceeds of the sale of portions of land comprising Fort Bonifacio as mandated by RA No 7227 or the BCDA Law;


Whereas, For fiscal year 2005, the Modernization Program will not receive any appropriation from the annual budget, thus further delaying the implementation thereof;

Whereas, There have also been remarkable changes in the security and defense requirements, internal and external, that probably require new evaluation and assessment as to objectives, prioritization in equipment acquisition, and funding sources;

Whereas, This re-evaluation will necessarily include a thorough review of the expenditures already incurred and more creative sourcing of funds considering the tightening fiscal and budgetary crisis; *Now, Therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate, To Direct The Committee On National Defense And Security To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, Into Implementation Of The Armed Forces Of The Philippines Modernization Program, With Focus On Its Objectives, Prioritization In Equipment Acquisition And Funding Requirements And Sources In Relation To The Country's Present Needs.

Adopted,


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Senator