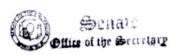
EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES First Regular Session



SENATE

P.S. Res. No. 125

19 SEP -4 P2:47

INTRODUCED BY: SENATOR EMMANUEL D. PACQUIAO

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION TO STUDY THE SYSTEM ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS INVOLVING ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY WITH THE END VIEW OF DETERMINING THE NECESSARY STEPS TO STRENGTHEN THE SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Section 1 of Article XI of the 1987 Constitution provides that "Public office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must at all times be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty, and efficiency, act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives";

WHEREAS, it was revealed during the Senate Committee Hearing on Public Works conducted to investigate the alleged anomalies in the road right-of-way projects covered by land titles in General Santos City that certain groups submit fake land titles in the name of nonexistent people claiming to be landowners of various properties in different parts of the country to secure payment from the government for its road right-of-way project;

WHEREAS, these reports have brought to light some procedural lapses relative to government budgetary, project implementation and auditing rules and practices;

WHEREAS, there is a need to revisit the laws pertinent to the implementation of road right-of way projects and properly study the faults in the system and urgently adopt corrective measures by way of legislation to ensure that the same will not recur in the future;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Works to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation to study the system on implementation of projects involving road right-of-way with the end view of determining the necessary steps to strengthen the system.

Adopted,

EMMANUEL D. PACOUIAO