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Introduced by Senator Magsaysay, Jr.

RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ANENT THE PLANNED ACQUISITION BY THE NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF HELICOPTER/AIR EQUIPMENT AMIDST RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE SAME IS MANIFESTLY INEQUITABLE, PATENTLY UNCONSCIONABLE AND GROSSLY DISADVANTAGEOUS TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE AND VIOLATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S AUSTERITY PROGRAM

Whereas, it has been reported that the National Transmission Corporation has set bidding invitation for the acquisition of helicopters for its operation and the same was tentatively set on March 7 of this year;

Whereas, amongst the recommendations that have been proffered for the purpose of saving and so as not to burden further the said public corporation and the government as a whole, include entering into lease agreement which is favorable and less costly to the Corporation and/or the adoption of other similar cost-effective arrangements;

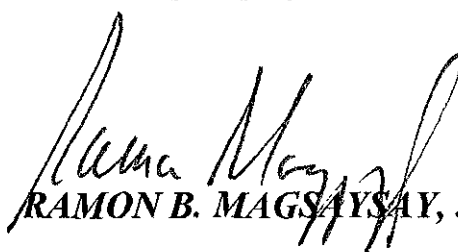
Whereas, accordingly, the National Transmission Corporation has set aside the amount of more than three hundred and thirty six million pesos (Php 336 M) for the acquisition which is substantially higher and expensive as compared to the other modes of doing equivalent air service or achieving the purpose sought for the acquisition of a helicopter;

Whereas, the leadership of the National Transmission Corporation is bent on pursuing the possibly inimical transaction in question despite positive recommendations advanced;

Whereas, at this early and given the state of the country's economy, it can be stated that the transaction is manifestly inequitable, patently unconscionable and grossly disadvantageous to the Filipino people and destroys the very core of pronouncement of the present government for austere and responsible disbursement of resources that its inquiry deserves immediate attention: **Now therefore be it**

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, as it hereby resolves, To Urge the Senate Committee on Energy and other appropriate committee/s to conduct an immediate inquiry, in aid of legislation, anent the planned acquisition of helicopter/air equipment amidst recommendations that the same is manifestly inequitable, patently unconscionable and grossly disadvantageous to the Filipino people and violative of the government's austerity program.

Adopted,


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