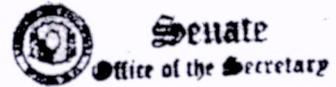


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Introduced by SENATOR SONNY ANGARA

RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS, AND IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF, OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INDUSTRIALIZATION AND EMPLOYMENT-GENERATION INITIATIVES, AS OUTLINED IN REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11465, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 2020 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

1 WHEREAS, Article XII, Sec. 1 of the 1987 Constitution underscored that the
2 broad goals of the national economy are to ensure the equitable distribution of
3 opportunities, income and wealth; achieve a sustained increase in the goods and
4 services produced by the country; and expand productivity as the key mechanism for
5 achieving prosperity and lifting the underprivileged from poverty;

6 WHEREAS, the same article and section also mandates the State to "promote
7 industrialization and full employment based on sound agricultural development and
8 agrarian reform, through industries that make full and efficient use of human and
9 natural resources, and which are competitive in both domestic and foreign markets";

10 WHEREAS, on January 6, 2020, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed
11 Republic Act No. 11465, otherwise known as the 2020 General Appropriations Act,
12 which outlined the national government's P4.1-trillion spending plan for the year—
13 the biggest ever in Philippine history;

14 WHEREAS, in his speech during the ceremonial signing of Republic Act No.
15 11465, President Duterte emphasized that up to 29 percent of the 2020 budget will
16 be invested in such areas as tourism, trade, job generation, and agriculture "to
17 further boost our thriving economy";

1 WHEREAS, in his message to Congress, President Duterte wrote that the 2020
2 budget he proposed will support the country's inclusive growth expansion strategies
3 whose primary aims include "intensifying employment generation";

4 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to inventory the investments government
5 plans to make in 2020 for tourism, trade, agriculture, and other relevant sectors,
6 and assess whether such investments are in line with the Constitutional mandate to
7 promote industrialization and full employment; expand productivity; and sustain the
8 increase in the goods and services produced by Filipino workers, craftsmen, artisans,
9 entrepreneurs, and professionals;

10 WHEREAS, such inventory and assessment may provide valuable inputs for
11 the crafting of the 2021 General Appropriations Act;

12 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the
13 Senate of the Philippines, to urge the Senate Committee on Finance to conduct an
14 inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the budgetary appropriations, and implementation
15 thereof, of the government's industrialization and employment-generation initiatives,
16 as outlined in Republic Act No. 11465, otherwise known as the 2020 General
17 Appropriations Act.

Adopted,



SONNY ANGARA