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Introduced by Senator Magsaysay, Jr.

RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COOPERATIVES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGATIONS OR COMPLAINTS OF CORRUPTIONS AND ANOMALIES PERVADING A NUMBER OF COOPERATIVES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CHARTING REMEDIAL MEASURES ADDRESSING THE SITUATION

WHEREAS, RA 6938 otherwise known as the Cooperative Code of the Philippines provides among others that “a cooperative is a duly registered association of persons, with a common bond of interest, who have voluntarily joined together to achieve a lawful common social or economic end, making equitable contributions to the capital required and accepting a fair share of the risks and benefits of the undertaking in accordance with universally accepted cooperative principles” (Art. 3);

WHEREAS, massive allegations of corruptions and anomalies committed have been hurled by members of a number of electric cooperatives against officials in their respective boards;

WHEREAS, these corrupt practices and allegations of anomalies have been affecting the many members of electric cooperatives, resulting in the high cost of cooperatives’ services, continuous poverty of the members and inefficient delivery of basic infrastructure and similar concerns to the members;

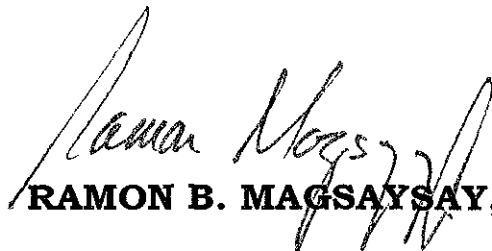
WHEREAS, these cooperatives which is expected to operate for the best interest of its member consumers more than to profit from the business, has in many instances been accused of charging electrical services at a level higher than what it should be;

WHEREAS, there is a need to revisit the powers and functions of the National Electrification Administration (NEA), the government agency tasked to oversee the proper operations and affairs of electric cooperatives of the different provinces;

WHEREAS, some of these Board of Directors have been overstaying as members of the Board without the benefit of election in total disregard and in violation of Electric Cooperatives Election Code and Cooperative Code's Constitution and By-laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to Urge the senate committee on cooperatives and other appropriate committee/s to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the allegations or complaints of corruptions and anomalies pervading a number of cooperatives with the end in view of charting remedial measures addressing the situation.

Adopted,


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