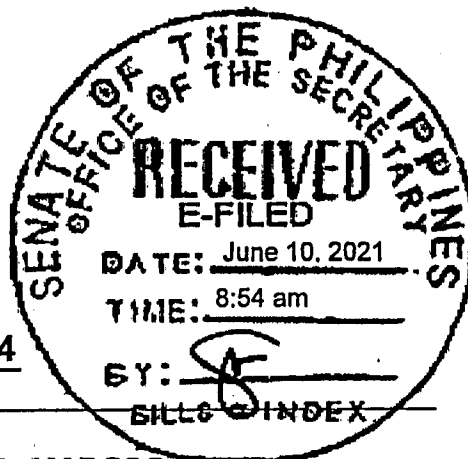


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P.S. Resolution No. 754



Introduced by **SENATOR IMEE R. MARCOS**

RESOLUTION
URGING THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE ACCOUNTING OF THE APPROPRIATIONS UNDER THE FISCAL YEARS (FY) 2019, 2020, AND 2021 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACTS (GAAs), REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11469 OR THE "BAYANIHAN TO HEAL AS ONE ACT" AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11494 OR THE "BAYANIHAN TO RECOVER AS ONE ACT"

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 27 of the 1987 Constitution mandates that, "*the State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive effective measures against graft and corruption.*" Section 28 of the same Article, further states that "*the State adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its transactions involving public interest*";

WHEREAS, under the Fiscal Years 2019, 2020, and 2021 General Appropriations Act (GAA), the following were appropriated respectively, Php 3.662 trillion, Php 4.100 trillion, and Php 4.506 trillion;

WHEREAS, on 24 March 2020, Republic Act No. 11469 otherwise known as the "*Bayanihan to Heal as One Act*" or the "*Bayanihan I*" was signed into law. As per reports submitted by the Department of the Budget and Management (DBM), over Php 393.6 billion was released for its implementation to mitigate the effects of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on 11 September 2020, Republic Act No. 11494 otherwise known as the "*Bayanihan to Recover as One Act*" or the "*Bayanihan II*" was signed into law with a total allotment of Php 259.8 billion, including all realignments and use of savings;

WHEREAS, on 6 January 2021, Republic Act No. 11519 extending the availability of RA. 11494 until 30 June 2021 and Republic Act No. 11520 (GAA 2020) which extends the availability of the Php 4.1 trillion were enacted into law;

WHEREAS, according to reports, as of 15 April 2021 the unobligated allotment for the Bayanihan I was Php 31.2 billion while the unobligated allotment for Bayanihan II was Php 127.1 billion;

WHEREAS, in the previous years, there have also been instances of unspent funds from the national budget which averaged to a trillion from 2016 to 2018, as follows: Php 949 billion in 2018, Php 1.233 trillion in 2017, and Php 1.074 trillion in 2016;

WHEREAS, considering the current situation of the country and the nearing budget deliberations of the GAA for FY 2022, there appears to be a need to conduct a special accounting on the unspent funds of the government to serve as guide for Congress in effectively tackling the priorities, policies, and appropriations for 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, urging the Committee on Finance to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the accounting of the Appropriations under the Fiscal Years (FY) 2019, 2020, and 2021 General Appropriations Acts (GAAs), Republic Act No. 11469 or the "*Bayanihan to Heal As One Act*" and Republic Act No. 11494 or the "*Bayanihan to Recover as One Act*."

Adopted,


IMEE R. MARCOS