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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES OF THE GOVERNMENT AIMED AT EASING PRESSURE OF RISING OIL PRICES ON THE POPULATION

WHEREAS, the price of a barrel of crude oil has already breached the US\$60/bbl price record and is still expected to go higher;

WHEREAS, the most palpable effect of oil price spikes is in the price of petroleum, hence, affecting people with petrol-run vehicles and the cost of transportation;

WHEREAS, this increases the cost of doing business – which producers would have the tendency to pass on to consumers;

WHEREAS, for firms that could not pass on the added cost, they will have to lessen profit losses and cut off other aspects of production costs such as labor – making lay-offs expected;

WHEREAS, on an oil importing country such as the Philippines, continuously increasing oil prices have a stagflationary effect on the macroeconomy: slowing down the rate of growth and increasing price levels;

WHEREAS, other countries have now embarked on energy efficiency measures such as those implemented in 1991 during the height of the then oil spikes, including the observance of energy efficient road speed limits;

WHEREAS, the graveness of the effect of an oil price shock on an economy is premised on the dependency of the economy on oil and energy and the policy response of monetary and fiscal authorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Committee on Energy to inquire with the proper government authorities on the concrete energy efficiency measures that are being implemented and to be implemented in order to ease the pressure of oil price hikes on the overall economy.

Adopted,


MANNY VILLAR
Senator