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Proposed Senate Resolution No. 403

Introduced by Senator Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE
COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON THE AIR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT
SYSTEM GLITCH AT THE NINOY AQUINO
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LAST JANUARY 1, 2023,
WHICH CAUSED IMMEASURABLE ECONOMIC LOSSES
AND INCONVENIENCES TO AIRLINE PASSENGERS**

1 **WHEREAS**, on New Year’s Day, January 1, 2023, hundreds of
2 inbound and outbound flights were delayed, canceled, or diverted due
3 to an alleged air traffic system glitch at the Ninoy Aquino International
4 Airport (NAIA);

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6 **WHEREAS**, according to the Civil Aviation Authority of the
7 Philippines (CAAP), the reported glitch was caused by a failure in the
8 power supply of the Philippine Air Traffic Management Center
9 Communications Navigation and Surveillance/Air Traffic
10 Management (CNS/ATM) system causing immeasurable economic
11 losses and inconveniences for 65,000¹ passengers;

¹ Marasigan, Lorenz S., *Airport Fiasco: Big probe begins*, Business Mirror, dated 2 Jan. 2023.

12 **WHEREAS**, while malfunctions and system glitches are
13 unavoidable, this should have been already anticipated and back-up
14 plans and contingencies should have been put in place to avoid the
15 complete breakdown of air traffic control and management;

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17 **WHEREAS**, although the CNS/ATM system is relatively new,
18 as it only became fully operational in July 2019, after only less than
19 four years and spending around Php10 Billion, the CAAP now says that
20 there is a need to upgrade to a better system;

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22 **WHEREAS**, there might be a need to introduce measures or
23 amend existing laws to avert similar incidents in the future;

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25 **WHEREAS**, this incident must be investigated as it has exposed
26 not only the vulnerabilities of the country's aviation sector but also the
27 negligence and ineptitude of those managing NAIA's air navigation
28 system;

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30 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby
31 resolved to direct the appropriate Senate committee to conduct an
32 inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the Air Traffic Management System
33 glitch at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport last January 1, 2023,
34 which caused immeasurable economic losses and inconveniences to the
35 passengers.

Adopted,


AQUILINO "KOKO" PIMENTEL III