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Introduced by HON. RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.

**A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER
APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED DEFERMENT OF THE \$232M
WORLD BANK LOAN TO THE PHILIPPINES**

Whereas, the World Bank has granted US\$150M to the Philippines on February 12, 2000 for the Phase I of the National Road Improvement and Management Program (NRIMP) being implemented by the Department of Public Works and Highways;

Whereas, said program includes various roads throughout the Philippines;

Whereas, the second phase of the program has a total cost pegged at \$574M. The Phase 2 of the Project will fund the improvement of 450km of national arterial roads in related bridges including upgrading of 146km and rehabilitation or widening of 304km;

Whereas, the World Bank has deferred the \$232M loan to the Philippines citing procurement problems including collusion and excessive pricing, but failed to identify particular grounds;

Whereas, an investigation is needed to ascertain and ferret out the truth of the matter if there is actual or attempted bid-rigging, collusion and over pricing in the said projects;

Whereas, the Secretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways stated that the government may consider local funding for the project and drop seeking assistance from the World Bank to pursue the same infrastructure projects;

Be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Works, and other appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation on the reported deferment of the \$232M World Bank loan to the Philippines and whether we still needed such World Bank Loans and assistance to finance road projects and introduce legislation to prevent or stop such illegal manipulative practices in the procurement of infrastructure projects.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.