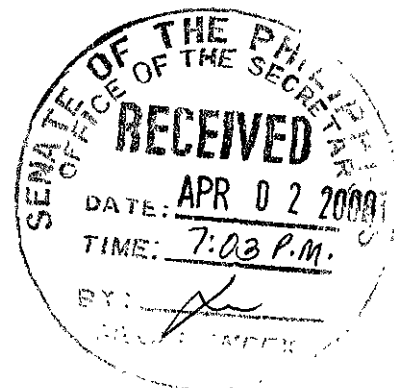


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SENATE

P. S. Res. No. 966

INTRODUCED BY THE HONORABLE MAR ROXAS

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9178, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE BARANGAY MICRO BUSINESS ENTERPRISES ACT OF 2002," WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROMOTING THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE INFORMAL SECTOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Article XII, Section 1 of the 1987 Constitution aims to promote the goals of the national economy through a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income, and wealth; a sustained increase in the amount of goods and services produced by the nation for the benefit of the people; and an expanding productivity as the key to raising the quality of life for all, especially the underprivileged;

WHEREAS, it is the mandate of RA No. 9178 to encourage the development and growth of barangay micro business enterprises, which should necessarily include the Informal Sector, through the granting of incentives and other benefits that would in turn generate jobs, provide income-generating opportunities in the countryside, and improve lives;

WHEREAS, since the law provides for prerequisites for registration under standard banking practice of granting loans to those with good credit history, credit facilities have not been extended to the informal sector, composed mostly of ambulant vendors, pedicab, tricycle, and jeepney drivers, a sector which is roughly estimated at fifty percent (50%) of total employment;

WHEREAS, there is a need to determine whether or not RA No. 9178 has lived up to its promise of providing the necessary support services and facilities not only to micro business entrepreneurs, but most especially, to members of the Informal Sector, with the end in view of finding out whether or not said law has indeed enabled or supported barangay or community-based informal entrepreneurs and services providers;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate direct the Senate Committee on Trade and Commerce to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the implementation status of RA No. 9178, otherwise known as the "Barangay Micro Business Enterprises Act of 2002," with the end in view of promoting the growth and development of the informal sector.

Adopted,


MAR ROXAS
Senator