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**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND  
FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE  
POSSIBLE RICE SHORTAGE RESULTING FROM THE DEVASTATION OF  
FARM SECTOR CAUSED BY TYPHOONS EXPERIENCED BY THE  
COUNTRY**

**WHEREAS**, the storms have caused extensive damage to the farm sector which may result to food shortages in the country;

**WHEREAS**, damage to agriculture and fishery products caused by Ondoy and Pepeng reached P6.71 billion according to the Department of Agriculture. The share of Ondoy was P6.6 billion while damages, mostly on crops, due to Pepeng amounted to P116.62 million;

**WHEREAS**, most of the damage was from the loss of rice due for harvesting, and the amount was expected to rise further as more reports on the extend of damage caused by the typhoons come in;

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture said that the impact on the rice supply could be felt by next year;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippines relies heavily on imports to feed its rapidly-growing population of 92 million. In 2008, the country was forced to buy some 2.3 million tons of crop despite record world prices. This year, the Philippines so far imported 1.7 million tons from Vietnam. The Typhoon Ondoy however, has not spared rice producer Vietnam;

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES**, to direct the Committee on Agriculture to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the possible rice shortage resulting from the devastation of farm sector caused by typhoons experienced by the country.

Adopted,

  
MANNY VILLAR  
Senator