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Introduced by Senator Edgardo J. Angara

JOINT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE UNPROGRAMMED FUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE BILLION PESOS (P12,000,000,000.00) FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF OPERATION, REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION WORKS AND SERVICES IN AREAS AFFECTED BY TYPHOONS "FRANK," "ONDOY" AND "PEPENG"

WHEREAS, the onslaught of typhoons "Ondoy" and "Pepeng" has placed most parts of the country in such a devastating condition as heavy rains flooded and submerged communities, destroyed agricultural crops as well as public infrastructures, and displaced several thousands of Filipino families;

WHEREAS, the reconstruction and the rehabilitation of public infrastructures affected by typhoons "Ondoy" and "Pepeng" including typhoon "Frank" have not been fully implemented;

WHEREAS, in view of the overwhelming loss of and damage to lives, properties and infrastructures brought about by said typhoons, there is an imperative need to undertake relief operations, reconstruct and/or rehabilitate infrastructures and help rebuild the lives of tens of thousands of affected Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the amount of Twelve Billion Pesos (P12,000,000,000.00) is required to undertake the relief operations, rehabilitation, reconstruction and other urgent works and services in areas affected by said natural calamities;

WHEREAS, the existing Calamity Fund is not adequate to fund the foregoing relief, reconstruction and rehabilitation activities;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9524 or the FY 2009 General Appropriations Act authorizes the use of the Unprogrammed Fund for, among others, support to Infrastructure Projects and Social Programs;

WHEREAS, said Infrastructure Projects and Social Programs cover relief operations, rehabilitation, reconstruction and other works and services in the areas affected by natural calamities;

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it:

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled, To authorize the use of the Unprogrammed Fund under Purpose 6, Support to Infrastructure Projects and Social Programs to augment the Calamity Fund in an amount not to exceed Twelve Billion Pesos (P12,000,000,000.00) for relief operations, rehabilitation, reconstruction and other works and services in the areas affected by typhoons Frank, Ondoy, and Pepeng. Utilization of this fund shall be in accordance with the procedure and distribution system of the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) created pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 1566.

Adopted.


EDGARDO J. ANGARA