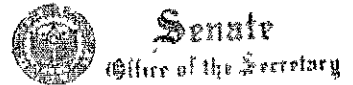


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Introduced by Senator Ralph G. Recto

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROPRIETY OF GRANTING POWERS NECESSARY AND PROPER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO IMMEDIATELY SOLVE THE WORSENING TRAFFIC AND FLOODING PROBLEMS IN METRO MANILA AND NEARBY PROVINCES

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution provides that in times of war or other national emergency, Congress may, by law authorize the President, for a limited period and subject to certain conditions, to exercise powers necessary to carry out a declared national policy;

WHEREAS, in the past few weeks, residents and motorists in Metro Manila and its nearby provinces experienced horrendous traffic gridlocks and severe flooding due to rain showers, thunderstorms and clogged drainages;

WHEREAS, Metro Manila continues to be the top contributor to the country's economy based on the 2011 statistics presented by the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) posting a 35.7% share to the country's total output;

WHEREAS, according to a National Center for Transportation Studies (NCTS) report on traffic congestion in the year 2000, the worsening traffic situation in Metro Manila has cost its residents and motorists some P1.513 trillion after factoring in fuel costs and man-hours lost in traffic;

WHEREAS, the same study further states that accordingly, the losses increase especially during the rainy season;

WHEREAS, should the worsening traffic and flooding problems persist, the economic losses reach may soon reach unmanageable proportions;

WHEREAS, granting the President the necessary powers to issue rules and regulations to implement a declared national policy may effectively cut the usual bureaucratic delays in the implementation of a comprehensive flood control project for Metro Manila and its nearby provinces;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Philippine Senate, to direct the appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the propriety of granting powers necessary and proper to the President of the Republic of the Philippines, to immediately solve the worsening traffic and flooding problems in Metro Manila and its nearby provinces.

Adopted,

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RALPH G. RECTO