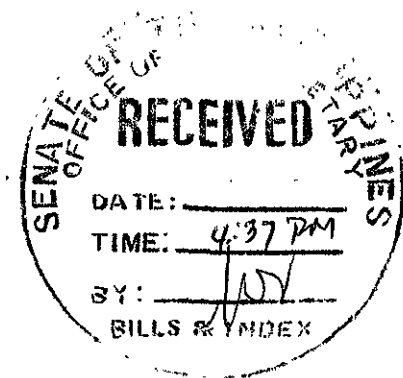


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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

RESOLUTION
URGING THE PRESIDENT TO ALLOCATE A THREE BILLION PESOS
REHABILITATION FUND FOR THE IMMEDIATE RELIEF AND
REHABILITATION OF THE AREAS AFFECTED BY THE SEPTEMBER
2013 ZAMBOANGA SEIGE

WHEREAS, it is a declared principle of the state that the maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy.¹

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2013, an armed encounter between troops of the government and the MNLFF group occurred at Zamboanga City² which lasted for almost a month.

WHEREAS, 23,794 families or 118,819 persons from 14 barangays in Zamboanga City and Zamboanga Sibugay have been affected by the siege made by the rebel group; 46,000 workers lost their job due to the armed conflict.

WHEREAS, 10,160 houses have been damaged due to the series of fire incidents that transpired between the government and the MNLFF troops and the estimated cost of damaged amounts to Php200,578,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Zamboanga siege has caused not only emotional and psychological suffering to the affected Filipino people but also created disorder in their communities and loss of their material properties.

WHEREAS, Zamboanga is the source of the 40% of the country's agricultural output and contributed 14% of our Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

¹ Section 5, Article II, 1987 Philippine Constitution.

² NDRRMC UPDATE, Situational Report re Emergency Management for the Displaced Persons Resulting from Armed Conflict in Zamboanga City and Basilan Province

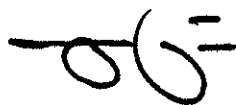
WHEREAS, the Calamity Fund is a lump sum fund appropriated under the General Appropriations Act (GAA) to cover aid, relief, and rehabilitation services to communities/areas affected by man-made and natural calamities, repair and reconstruction of permanent structures, including capital expenditures for pre-disaster operations, rehabilitation and other related activities.³

WHEREAS, it is necessary to help and give aid to the province of Zamboanga for their immediate post disaster recovery and rehabilitation and restoration of peace and order to the community.

WHEREAS, for the affected areas to overcome the effects of the armed encounter, there is a need to allocate funds amounting to Three Billion Pesos from the Calamity Fund to be used for the educational and livelihood assistance and construction of residential houses and affected infrastructures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Philippine Senate, urging the President to allocate funds amounting to THREE BILLION PESOS (Php3,000,000,000.00) from the Calamity Fund to be used for the relief, rehabilitation, and other related activities for the province of Zamboanga and other affected areas.

ADOPTED,



JOSEPH VICTOR G. EJERCITO

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