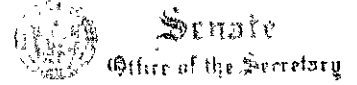


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROPOSAL FROM A STUDY CONDUCTED BY THE JAPAN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGENCY AND COMMISSIONED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TO BUILD A NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO ADDRESS THE IMPENDING CAPACITY SATURATION OF THE NINOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT BY 2015

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 19 states: "The State shall develop a self-reliant and independent national economy effectively controlled by Filipinos";

WHEREAS, Interaksyon.com posted a news article last 5 August 2014 on the results of a study by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and commissioned by the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) that the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) would totally be capacity-saturated in 2015, and not be able to cater for the increasing passenger demand anymore as early as 2015;

WHEREAS, the study shows that by 2015, NAIA will handle 37.78 million passengers, 16.46 million of which would be international passengers and 21.31 million domestic; by 2040, the total passenger traffic at NAIA would reportedly reach 101.49 million;

WHEREAS, according to the study, NAIA accommodated 31.88 million by the end of 2012, exceeding the 30 million passengers per year capacity of the terminal;

WHEREAS, the JICA reportedly proposed building a new international gateway that would require a total investment of P435.93 billion because the existing NAIA, even after improvement, and an improved Clark would be unable to meet the requirements for Greater Capital Region's (GCR) air traffic demand, as GCR's demand is composed of large demand of Metro Manila and surrounding areas, and relatively small demand of Clark catchment area which are different;

WHEREAS, the study also said that because of the long distance between Clark and the gravity center of Metro Manila market, Clark may not be able to tap the demand effectively;

WHEREAS, the new international airport recommended by JICA, to be built in Sangley Point in Cavite and projected to be operational by 2025, is said to be capable of accommodating 55 million passengers per year and 400,000 aircraft movements;

WHEREAS, JICA reportedly said that the new airport can be funded through official development assistance (ODA) or public private partnership (PPP).

WHEREAS, Congress should look into JICA's recommendations to improve the country's airports and air transport systems as they are integral and essential in the country's economy and to various industries;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED IN THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation on the proposal from a study conducted by the Japan International Cooperation Agency and commissioned by the Department of Transportation and Communications to build a new international airport to address the impending capacity saturation of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport by 2015.

Adopted,

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