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INTRODUCED BY SENATE PRESIDENT FRANKLIN M. DRILON

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE NEED TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL GENERATING CAPACITY TO ENSURE THE ENERGY REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTRY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 71 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9136, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY REFORM ACT OF 2001

WHEREAS, in a letter to the Senate President on 15 September 2014, President Benigno S. Aquino III sought the immediate enactment of a joint resolution to authorize the President to establish additional generating capacity to address an imminent electric power shortage in the Luzon Grid for the summer months of 2015, in accordance with Section 71 of Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001 (EPIRA);

WHEREAS, the Department of Energy projects a critical electricity situation in the summer months of 2015 arising from, among others, the expected effects of the El Niño phenomenon, the 2015 Malampaya Turnaround, increased and continuing outages of power plants, and the anticipated delay in the commissioning of the committed power projects;

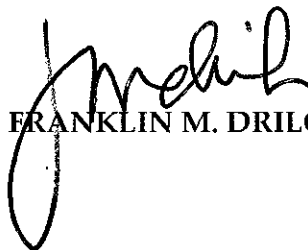
WHEREAS, Section 71 of the EPIRA provides that upon the determination of the President of an imminent shortage of the supply of electricity, Congress may authorize, through a joint resolution, the establishment of additional generating capacity under such terms and conditions as it may approve;

WHEREAS, in seeking authorization from Congress for additional generating capacity, President Aquino aims to address the projected shortage of electric power in the summer months of 2015 in Luzon through a specific, focused and targeted acquisition of additional energy capacities for use during the limited periods of time of very tight energy supply;

WHEREAS, there is need for the Senate to be provided with the necessary, relevant and sufficient information on the actual or projected requirements needed to ensure the energy requirements of the country, in view of the identified circumstances contributing to the critical electricity situation in the summer months of 2015: *Now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines directs the Committee on Energy to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the need to establish additional generating capacity to ensure the energy requirements of the country, in accordance with section 71 of Republic Act No. 9136, otherwise known as the Electric Power Industry Reform Act of 2001.

Adopted,



FRANKLIN M. DRILON