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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED ₱3.787 BILLION UNACCOUNTED  
DISBURSEMENT ACCELERATION PROGRAM FUNDS OF FOUR GOVERNMENT-  
OWNED AND CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 27 provides: “The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption”;

WHEREAS, Section 28 further provides: “Subject to reasonable conditions prescribed by law, the State adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its transactions involving public interest”;

WHEREAS, in an article posted at ABS-CBNnews.com on 21 October 2014, it was reported that the Commission on Audit (COA) has ordered four government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs) to account for a total of ₱3.787 billion in Disbursement Acceleration Program (DAP) funds released to them;

WHEREAS, in its 2013 Annual Financial Reports on GOCCs released on 20 October 2014, COA states that of the ₱3.787 billion, ₱2.405 billion in DAP funds were unused by the following GOCCs:

1. National Electrification Administration – ₱1.58 billion;
2. Philippine Institute for Development Studies – ₱560 million;
3. National Dairy Authority – ₱167.44 million; and
4. Philippine Fisheries Development Authority – ₱98 million;

WHEREAS, the COA report also added that the ₱1.382 billion that were actually used by the GOCCs remain unliquidated as of 31 December 2013, as follows:

1. National Electrification Administration – ₱998.189 million;
2. Philippine Institute for Development Studies – ₱296.809 million; and
3. National Dairy Authority – ₱87.002 million;

WHEREAS, the DAP was introduced on 27 October 2011 by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM);

WHEREAS, the DBM reportedly said that the program was intended to speed up public spending and boost economic growth;

WHEREAS, on 1 July 2014, the Supreme Court declared certain acts and practices under the DAP as unconstitutional;

1. declaring unobligated portions of the budget as savings before the end of the fiscal year;
2. transferring savings from one government branch to another; and
3. releasing funds to activities, projects or programs not covered by regular appropriations;

WHEREAS, the COA reportedly said that the four GOCCs should return the unutilized DAP funds to the Bureau of Treasury pursuant to the pronouncement of the Supreme Court that the DAP is unconstitutional;

WHEREAS, the report further claimed that the DAP objective of accelerating government spending was not attained due to delays or non-release of funds to project proponents;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged ₱3.787 billion unaccounted Disbursement Acceleration Program funds of four government-owned and controlled corporations.

Approved,

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