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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, HEALTH AND DEMOGRAPHY, AND APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE MEASURES BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT IN LIGHT OF THE OUTBREAK OF A NEW STRAIN OF BIRD FLU FOUND IN CENTRAL TAIWAN**

*WHEREAS*, Article II, Section 15 of the Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

*WHEREAS*, a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) with serotype H5N8 is currently plaguing in Central Taiwan after the strain was found in a goose farm in Chiayi County leading to the culling of a flock of about 5,000 geese;

*WHEREAS*, there are eight (8) goose farms in said county and around 13,000 geese have been culled to address this predicament;

*WHEREAS*, the Department of Agriculture has imposed a temporary ban on Taiwanese fowl products, which shall cover the disallowance of the entry of domesticated and wild birds and their products, and poultry meat and day-old chicks from Chiayi County;

*WHEREAS*, although the government has taken measures to safeguard the nation from an outbreak, there is always the probability of having said virus flown in through infected migratory birds that seek momentary refuge in our territory;

*WHEREAS*, there is a need to inquire on other actions being undertaken to protect the health of our local livestock from said strain and ensure the country's safety;

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved,* That the Philippine Senate directs the Committee on Agriculture and Food, Health and Demography, and appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the measures being undertaken by the Philippine government in light of the outbreak of a new strain of bird flu found in Central Taiwan.

*Adopted,*

  
MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID