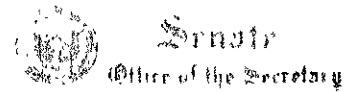


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE VIABILITY OF NEXT GENERATION RICE VARIETIES WITH THE END IN VIEW OF HELPING ACHIEVE RICE SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND ADDRESSING FOOD SECURITY CHALLENGES

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 19 of the Constitution states that it is the policy of the State to develop a self-reliant and independent national economy effectively controlled by Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the International Rice Research Institute said that the next generation (next-gen) varieties of rice are being developed to help address the world's most pressing food security challenges;

WHEREAS, the next-gen rice are being developed to have desirable traits such as increased or high yield ability that ranges from six to 12 tons per hectare, disease resistance that makes it pest repellent, and tolerant to floods, droughts, heats, and salinity;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture is now conducting a National Cooperative Testing to involve farmers in the testing and evaluation of the next-gen rice varieties through multi-environment trials;

WHEREAS, there is a need for an extensive study and consultation with farmers and rice breeders across the country so as to identify which varieties or traits are appropriate for every specific area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, That the Philippine Senate directs the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food and other appropriate Senate Committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the viability of next generation rice varieties with the end in view of helping achieve rice self-sufficiency and addressing food security challenges.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID