


SENATE
P. S. R. No. 1521

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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,
ON THE REPORT THAT THERE IS A LOOMING FOOD SHORTAGE
IN AN ISLAND IN THE DISPUTED WEST PHILIPPINE SEA

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 provides: “The maintenance of peace
2 and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are
3 essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy”;

4 WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 30 July 2015 reported that more than 100 residents
5 of Kalayaan town in the disputed West Philippine Sea are facing food shortage as trips to the
6 distant island become more infrequent;

7 WHEREAS, Kalayaan’s Municipal Risk Reduction and Management Office claimed that
8 at present, the remote municipality has 25 sacks of rice and other food items in stock for their
9 residents, and that trips must be scheduled within three months, or before the supply runs out;

10 WHEREAS, Kalayaan officials are awaiting action from the Provincial Risk Reduction
11 and Management Office of Palawan, which has been informed about the issue;

12 WHEREAS, Congress, in consultation with relevant agencies, must determine policy
13 support needed by the local government and residents of Kalayaan Island, where maintaining a
14 constituency may be crucial to the Philippine claim to disputed waters;

15 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
16 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that there
17 is a looming food shortage in an island in the disputed West Philippine Sea.

Adopted,


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