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Introduced by Senator M.A. Madrigal

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, WOMEN AND FAMILY RELATIONS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE HAZARDOUS EFFECTS OF THE OPERATION OF COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS ON THE WELL-BEING AND HEALTH OF OUR CHILDREN

WHEREAS, there are proposals for the operation of coal-fired power plants in the provinces of Iloilo and Pampanga;

WHEREAS, these power plants are to be operated using 100 MV circulating fluidized bed combustion (CFBC) technology;

WHEREAS, there are serious health and environmental concerns regarding the operation of the power plants and the use of CCBF technology, as raised by the affected residents, local government officials, non-governmental and religious organizations as well as other sectors of society;

WHEREAS, a comprehensive study conducted by the Department of Toxicology of the University of the Philippines particularly reveal that coal-fired power plants emit *mercury*, which causes health problems such as brain abnormality and respiratory diseases foremost among children, as well as *sulfur dioxide*, which in turn causes acidification and related health and environmental hazards clearly detrimental to the general well-being of our youth;

WHEREAS, there is a pressing need to examine and evaluate the reported deleterious effects of these power plants, especially on our children, in keeping with the Constitutional mandate, under Article II, Section 13 thereof, to protect and promote the physical and social well-being of our youth, as well as under Article II, Section 15, to preserve the right to health of our people.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the hazardous effects of the operation of coal-fired power plants on the well-being and health of our children.

Adopted,



M.A. MADRIGAL