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**A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS TO INQUIRE, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
TULLAHAN BRIDGE IN VALENZUELA CITY AND 22 OTHER BRIDGES**

WHEREAS, the Tullahan Bridge in Valenzuela City is one of at least 23 bridges in Metro Manila prioritized by the national government for reconstruction and rehabilitation this year;

WHEREAS, the project was sourced from CO-05-NCR Continuing Appropriation under Sub-Allotment Advice No. 4194 dated November 10, 2006 in the amount of Php 63 million and an additional Php 12 million for the bridge approach;

WHEREAS, the original contract started last January 2, 2007 but due to the required Traffic Management Plan, a Suspension Order/Time Extension was issued moving the actual starting date to April 2, 2007;

WHEREAS, another work suspension occurred from May 30, 2007 up to June 20, 2007 due to the collapse of the temporary timber footbridge. Further, the contract duration was revised from the original 150 calendar days to 180 days due to the approved Change Order No. 1 in the amount of Php 2.5 million involving the provision and erection of two (2) steel footbridges for the pedestrians. For these given reasons, the expiry date was moved from May 31, 2007 to November 11, 2007. However, a Crash Program was prepared by the Implementing Office to complete the project by September 30, 2007.

WHEREAS, as of August 7, 2007, the project is now 44.3 percent completed with a positive slippage of 3.30 percent;

WHEREAS, a recent inspection reveals that the projected completion by September 30, 2007 cannot be attained considering that the contractor has not completed to date the substructures and that aside from the incomplete abutments, there is still a large volume of remaining works that has to be accomplished which includes the completion of the delivery and the erection of the steel plate girders, concreting of the deck slab and the construction of the bridge railings;

WHEREAS, R.C. Ramos Construction, the Tullahan Bridge contractor, changed the original design and specifications of the project without the approval of the Bureau of Design, the concerned agency of the Department of Public Works and Highways;

WHEREAS, the big discrepancy of as much as 2.1 meters between the elevation of the new bridge and that of the existing pavement will consume a substantial to construct the

approaches which is to be undertaken by another contractor namely, Birdstar Construction, in the contract amount of Php 12 million to be completed in only 30-calendar days;

WHEREAS, this project is tainted with other irregularities and anomalies to the detriment of the general public;

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Works to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the status of the construction of the Tullahan Bridge in Valenzuela City and the 22 other bridges.

Adopted,



RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.