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Introduced by Senator Francis N. Pangilinan

A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ALLEGED INEFFICIENCY OF THE AIR TRANSPORTATION OFFICE IN MANAGING AND CONTROLLING AIR TRAFFIC IN THE NINYOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, there have been numerous complaints of undue delay in departures and arrivals of airlines operating in the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) which pose serious danger to the safety of airline passengers;

WHEREAS, such delays have almost resulted in collisions and caused aircrafts to run low on fuel because of delay in clearance to land;

WHEREAS, the alleged reason for these unusual delays is the inefficient air traffic control resulting from shortage of personnel complement of the Air Transportation Office (ATO);

WHEREAS, the ATO allegedly has a shortage of thirty-six percent (36%) in plantilla positions;

WHEREAS, there are also allegations that the NAIA has failed to pay overtime to its staff, a strong disincentive for rendering overtime services and providing additional manpower when required;

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Communications and the ATO have offered insufficient explanation for their inability to provide solutions, both temporary and permanent, to these problems acknowledged to have become perennial;

WHEREAS, it appears that the problems pertaining to air traffic and other operations of the ATO have persisted for years now but remain unsolved to this day;

WHEREAS, the rapid development of the civil aviation industry as well as the State's thrust of promoting foreign investments and tourism in the country demand an efficient, organized, responsive, and advanced aviation system;

WHEREAS, there is an imminent need for more stringent regulation of civil aviation and enforcement of the exercise of extraordinary diligence in air transportation to ensure the safety of passengers;

WHEREAS, structural, institutional, policy, and legislative changes may have to be undertaken to address the problems confronting civil aviation in the Philippines;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, That the Senate Committee on Public Services conduct an investigation in aid of legislation on the alleged inefficiency of the Air Transportation Office in managing and controlling air traffic in the Ninoy Aquino International Airport and make the appropriate recommendations.

Adopted,



FRANCIS N. PANGILINAN
Senator