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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT CONSULTATIONS WITH VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS OF THE DAIRY INDUSTRY CITING THE PREVALENCE OF MELAMINE-TAINTED MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS FROM CHINA WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ADOPTING SUITABLE PRACTICES AND MECHANISMS TO PROMOTE THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE DAIRY SECTOR

Whereas, data from the National Dairy Authority (NDA) showed that as of 2007 there were only 29,265 dairy herds in the country, which includes cows, carabaos, and goats;

Whereas, the country's dairy industry, which sources 99 percent of its inputs from abroad, is estimated to generate sales of up to \$1 billion annually;

Whereas, the Philippines is the largest Southeast Asian market for U.S. dairy products, with total dairy exports reaching \$96 million in 2006, up nearly 51 percent from 2005;

Whereas, 36% of national milk production comes from carabaos, 63% from cattle and less than one percent from goats;

Whereas, the Philippines, with its vast agricultural lands, can emerge as a dairy country with its abundant rainfall that can adequately grow pastures;

Whereas, the ongoing milk scare, which resulted from four infant deaths and downed more than 52,000 others in China, is a serious wake-up call to develop our local dairy industry;

Whereas, there is also need to prioritize the development of the sector given the growing demand for fresh milk by specialty coffee shops, hotels and restaurants, and milk feeding programs undertaken by local government units; Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Food and other appropriate committees, to conduct consultations with various stakeholders of the dairy industry citing the prevalence of melamine-tainted milk and milk products from China with the end in view of adopting suitable practices and mechanisms to promote the growth and development of the Philippine dairy sector.

Adopted,



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Senator