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Submitted by the Committee on Rules on DEC 17 2008

Re: P.S. Res. 772

Recommending its approval with amendments.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Rules to which was referred P.S. Resolution No. 772, introduced by Senator Legarda, entitled:

**RESOLUTION CREATING
A STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE
CHANGE THEREBY AMENDING THE
RULES OF THE SENATE**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be approved with the following amendments.

1. On the 16th "**Whereas clause**", page 2, after the semi colon (;), insert the following phrase, "**Now therefore be it Resolved by the Senate as it is hereby resolved that a Committee on Climate Change be created**";
2. Delete the 17th and the 18th resolved clauses on page 2, and in lieu thereof, insert the following:

"Resolved further, that Rule X, Section 13, of the Rules of the Senate be amended to read as follows:

RULE X
THE COMMITTEES

Section 13.


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(37) Committee on Climate Change. – Nine (9) Members. All matters relating to policies, programs, strategies, technologies and other innovations addressing global warming and climate change impacts, including, but not limited to, climate and disaster risks management to reduce vulnerability associated with climate-sensitive areas and sectors, all matters related to mitigation of greenhouse gas emission, to enhance resilience and all matters related to adaptation to promote sustainable development, Philippine compliance with the relevant international agreements and cooperation with other countries.

3. On page 3, the 2nd to the last **Resolved clause** shall be read as **Resolved furthermore**.

Adopted,

Respectfully submitted:



JUAN MIGUEL ZUBIRI
Chairman

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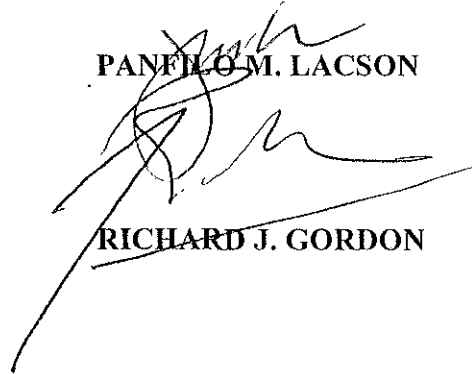
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PSR No. 772

Introduced by Senator Loren Legarda

**A RESOLUTION
CREATING A STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE THEREBY
AMENDING THE RULES OF THE SENATE**

WHEREAS, climate change, an alteration of the world's climate due to human activity, such as fossil fuel burning, clearing forests and other practices that increase the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods, is an issue of global proportion;

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concluded that global warming is unequivocal as atmosphere and ocean temperatures are higher than they have been at any other time during the past five centuries;

WHEREAS, the IPCC predicts the global average surface warming to increase by 1.1 -6.4 ° C, the sea level to rise between 18 and 59 cm, hot extremes, heat waves and heavy precipitation events to be more frequent and tropical cyclones to become more intense, among other projections;

WHEREAS, the urgency for climate change mitigation and adaptation is highlighted by predictions that billions of people will face shortages of water and food and greater risks to health and life as a result of climate change;

WHEREAS, while impacts of the climate crisis are global in nature, developing countries such as the Philippines are particularly vulnerable because they have fewer financial and technological resources to adapt;

WHEREAS, due to its archipelagic nature and its location within the Pacific typhoon belt, the Philippines is highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change, sea level rise and extreme events;

WHEREAS, predicted downstream effects of climate change in the country include poorer agricultural yield, biodiversity loss, declining marine resources, proliferation of disease vectors such as *Aedes* and *Anopheles* mosquito for dengue fever and malaria, severe flooding, water shortages, loss of livelihoods and displacement of communities, among other things;

8 *WHEREAS*, climate-related disasters will threaten basic human security,
sustainable development and poverty reduction goals and undo decades of
development efforts;

9 *WHEREAS*, concerted national action is highly and urgently needed to enable
the country adapt to the effects of climate change that are already happening and will
worsen in the future;

10 *WHEREAS*, as a responsible member of the global community and the United
Nations, the Philippines became party to the United Nations Framework Convention on
Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Kyoto Protocol upon ratification by the Senate;

11 *WHEREAS*, Congress has already enacted the Clean Air Act and the Ecological
Solid Waste Management Act in compliance with the Kyoto Protocol and oversight
committees were created pursuant to these laws;

12 *WHEREAS*, the Kyoto Protocol introduced the Clean Development Mechanism
whereby developing countries (Non-annex 1 parties) may participate in global efforts in
reducing greenhouse gas emissions by generating Certified Emission Reductions
(CERs) through projects like reforestation, use of renewable energy, waste management
projects, etc. and selling the same to Annex 1 parties;

13 *WHEREAS*, the Clean Development Mechanism is mutually beneficial for
developed and developing countries – enabling the former to meet their emission
reduction targets while allowing the latter to profit through the sale of CERs to the
former;

14 *WHEREAS*, the Philippines stands to benefit from the Clean Development
Mechanism through the promotion of investment capital which would translate to
technology transfer and sustainable development;

15 *WHEREAS*, it is imperative to monitor the country's compliance with our
international commitments on climate change and thereby, promote sustainable
development and allow our economy to take advantage of and reap considerable gains
from the Clean Development Mechanism espoused under the Kyoto Protocol and other
carbon markets;

16 *WHEREAS*, it is incumbent upon the Senate to ensure that adequate responses
are crafted and implemented at all levels to guard the country's poverty reduction and
development goals against the effects of climate change;

17 *Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines assembled*, That a Committee on
Climate Change be created to be composed of nine (9) members of the Senate;

18 *Resolved, further*, That to attain its objectives, the Committee shall have the
following jurisdiction:

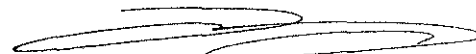
All matters relating to policies, programs, strategies, technologies and other
innovations addressing global warming and climate change impacts, including,
but not limited to, climate risk management to reduce vulnerability associated
with climate sensitive areas and sectors, all matters related to adaptation
and mitigation or control of greenhouse gas emissions to enhance resilience and

to promote sustainable development, Philippine compliance with the relevant international agreements and cooperation with other countries.

Resolved, further, That the mandate given to the committee under this Resolution shall be without prejudice to the performance of the duties and functions by the existing committees of the Senate.

Resolved, finally, That in order to carry out the objectives of this Resolution, an initial sum shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Senate of the Philippines under Fiscal year 2008 General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued operation shall be included in the General Appropriations Act.

Adopted,



LOREN LEGARDA

Senator