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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE
CONTINUING OCCURRENCE OF FLIGHT DELAYS AND
CANCELLATIONS OF LOCAL AIRLINES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF
CRAFTING POLICIES THAT WOULD HELP PROTECT THE COMMUTING
PUBLIC FROM THE INCONVENIENCE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE
AIRLINES' ERRATIC FLIGHT SCHEDULES

WHEREAS, traveling, which includes air transportation, has become part of our daily lives, taking on an integral role in areas of leisure, business and education;

WHEREAS, air transportation is, in many ways, the life-blood of a developing nation's economy, especially in a country such as the Philippines, which is an archipelago comprised of 7,107 islands;

WHEREAS, airplanes are now the common means of transportation, making previously remote and difficult terrain more accessible and remarkably cutting travel time by hours, or even days;

WHEREAS, the commuting public rely mainly on flight schedules provided for by local airlines, which allow them to organize their day-to-day activities or travels accordingly;

WHEREAS, a large number of the commuting public is comprised of tourists coming from different parts of the globe, including Korea, Japan, China, Taiwan, US, Australia, Canada, Singapore, Malaysia, India and Russia, among others;

WHEREAS, for the first time in the history of Philippine tourism, total visitor arrivals in the country in 2011 reached 3.917 million, surpassing the Department of Tourism's 2011 target visitor arrivals of 3.7 million;

WHEREAS, with the increase in the number of both local and foreign tourists, adjustments need to be made in order to address the problem of airport congestion which is seen to be the root cause of the perennial problem of flight delays and cancellations of local airlines in the country;

WHEREAS, the increase in the number of flight delays in recent years has remained to be a nuisance among the commuting public, leaving them with no other choice but to postpone or altogether forgo prior commitments made following their initial flight schedule;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Public Services to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, into the continuing occurrence of flight delays and cancellations of local airlines, with the end in view of crafting policies that would help protect the commuting public from the inconvenience brought about by the airlines' erratic flight schedules.

Adopted,



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