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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES, IN THE WAKE OF THE PASSING OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SECRETARY JESSE M. ROBREDO, TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE CONDITION OF OUR AIR AND SEA, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION ASSETS IN VIEW OF THE ARCHIPELAGIC NATURE OF OUR COUNTRY, THE URGENT NEED FOR A RATIONALIZED MANAGEMENT OF OUR AIR AND SEA ASSETS TO IMPROVE SAFETY, EFFICIENCY, CONVERGENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE IN OUR RELATED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

Whereas, God has His reasons for the untimely recall of Interior and Local Government Secretary Jesse M. Robredo;

Whereas, the Philippines is one of the largest archipelagic states together with Indonesia, Japan, New Zealand and the United Kingdom;

Whereas, the Administrative Code of 1987 declares it a policy that, "The State is committed to the maintenance and expansion of viable, efficient, fast, safe and dependable transportation and communications systems as effective instruments for national recovery and economic progress";

Whereas, the utilization, maintenance, and management of all our air and sea assets, both public and private, should be rationalized in order to ensure safety, efficiency, and convergence of our resources;

Whereas, under Republic Act No. 9497 or the Civil Aviation Authority Act, the Director General or his authorized representative shall be authorized to access civil aircraft for the purpose of ensuring that those aircraft are airworthy. However, under Section 2 thereof, it states that "The term 'aircraft', when used in this Act or in regulations issued under this Act, shall refer to civil aircraft only, and will not include State or public aircraft" (Emphasis Supplied);

Whereas, the real-time monitoring, mapping and inventory of all our transportation assets by a single information repository is essential in achieving a viable, efficient, fast, safe and dependable transportation system;

Whereas, machine is power. It is machines that power an economy.¹ Development is, above all else, an acquisition of machines and a knowledge of how to employ them.² As Suharto of Indonesia stated it for his country: "We will step up industrial development so that we can produce our own industrial machineries."

Whereas, between 1940 to 1945, the following countries reportedly produced hundreds of thousands of aircraft and sea-craft with populations approximated by or even smaller than the Philippines' present population of 95 Million people, to wit:

Country	1940 (approx.) Population	Aircraft Produced (approx.)	Aircraft Carriers/Submarines Produced (approx.)
Germany	80 Million	119 Thousand	1,114 (Sub)
Japan	73 Million	76 Thousand	16 (A/C) / 167 (Sub)
United Kingdom	46 Million	131 Thousand	14 (A/C) / 167 (Sub)
U.S.A.	132 Million	324 Thousand	22(A/C)/ 203 (Sub) ³

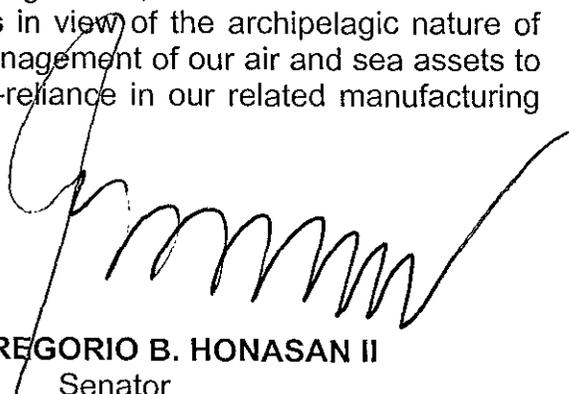
Whereas, upon review and investigation of agricultural machines exhibited during the agricultural machinery roadshow hosted by the Department of Agriculture in July 2012, it is evident that the Philippines has a negligible, if at all it has any, engine manufacturing capability;

Whereas, "Steel constitutes a basic industry prerequisite in a country's pursuit of development and industrialization. The central role of the industry stems from its linkages with numerous sectors, where its products serve as an essential input to countless uses, such as building and constructions, automotive, shipbuilding and repair, electronics, packaging, etc. and its equally important contributions of employment, growth, and promotion of industrial activity...Steel and steel-related industries recorded a total of 1,895 establishments" in 2001 with the downstream segment accounting for 87% and the upstream process of steelmaking accounting for 13%⁴;

Whereas, according to the Institute for Development and Econometric Analysis, Inc. (IDEA) as reported in 2009, "Local steel manufacturers are seeking protection and regulation from the government to control the influx of foreign supplies. Local steel producers are counting on government regulation and protection to sustain domestic production and to prevent foreign countries from controlling the Philippine steel industry"⁵;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper Senate committees, in the wake of the passing of Interior and Local Government Secretary Jesse M. Robredo, to inquire, in aid of legislation, into the condition of our air and sea, public and private transportation assets in view of the archipelagic nature of our country, the urgent need for a rationalized management of our air and sea assets to improve safety, efficiency, convergence and self-reliance in our related manufacturing industries

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¹ Alejandro Lichauco, Nationalist Economics, 1988, p. 133

² Stanley Hetzler, Technological Growth and Social Change, 1969, p. 113

³ Military Production during World War II, <http://en.wikipedia.org>

⁴ Garcia, Marissa and Vicente, Sandy, Competitiveness in the Philippine Steel Industry, 2005

⁵ Limtingco, Ed, The Philippine Steel Industry, Philippine Star 31 March 2010