

SENATE

P. S. Res. No. 29

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Introduced by Sen. Ralph G. Recto

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE PHILIPPINE PRIVATIZATION PROGRAM BY THE PRIVATIZATION COUNCIL AND THE PRIVATIZATION MANAGEMENT OFFICE WITH THE END VIEW OF GENERATING GREATER REVENUES FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND STREAMLINING THE BUREAUCRACY

WHEREAS, Section 20 of Article II of the Constitution states that: "The State recognizes the indispensable role of the private sector, encourages private enterprise, and provides incentives to needed investments;"

WHEREAS, Section I of Article I of the Presidential Proclamation No. 50 provides that "It shall be the policy of the State to promote privatization through an orderly, coordinated and efficient programs for the prompt disposition of the large number of non-performing assets of the government financial institutions, and certain government-owned or controlled corporations which have been found necessary or inappropriate for the government sector to maintain;"

WHEREAS, the Philippine Privatization Program as embodied in Presidential Proclamation No 50, aims to streamline the bureaucracy, augment the government's financial resources and create efficiencies in the government corporate sector;

WHEREAS, the term of the Committee on Privatization and the Asset Privatization Trust has been extended, by virtue of numerous legislations, to the year 2000, to which the powers, functions, duties and responsibilities, all properties, real or personal assets, equipment and records, as well as the obligations and liabilities of both entities shall be devolved to the national government upon expiration of their terms;

WHEREAS, in 6 December 2001, Executive Order No 323 provided for the organization of the Privatization Council and the Privatization Management Office, to succeed the Committee on Privatization and the Asset Privatization Trust, respectively;

WHEREAS, the privatization program has generated revenues of up to Two hundred thirty-five Billion Pesos (P235,000,000,000) from years 1987 to 2009;

WHEREAS, the privatization program has dragged on for almost twenty-four (24) years, with observed fluctuations in the amount being generated throughout the lifespan of the program;

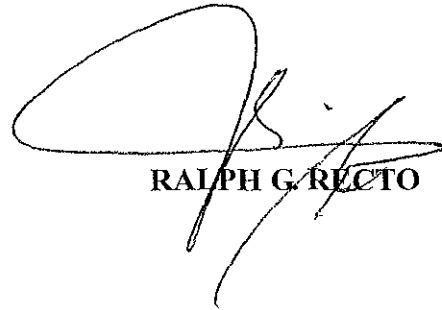
WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to look into the status of the Privatization Program of the government, particularly on the accomplishments of the program, vis-à-vis its mandates, as well as the remaining assets that need to be disposed of;

WHEREAS, there is a need for Congress to determine if future legislation is needed in order to expedite the Privatization Program;

WHEREAS, consistent with the government's effort to generate revenues, it is imperative to review the processes involved in the disposal of government assets;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Philippine Senate, to direct the Committee on Finance to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the status of the Philippine Privatization Program by the Privatization Council and the Privatization Management Office, with the end view of generating greater revenues for the government and streamlining the bureaucracy.

Adopted,



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