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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2212



Introduced by REPRESENTATIVE VIRGILIO S. LACSON

A RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PHILIPPINE PORTS AUTHORITY TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION AGAINST THE CONGESTION IN THE PORT OF MANILA, MAKE IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION FOR SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM PLANS ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES

WHEREAS, Ports, specifically the port of Manila, are the lungs of the country's commerce and trade. The country's capital, as well as neighboring provinces, relies heavily on this port to keep the economy alive and thriving.

WHEREAS, the need for efficient and well-managed port has become a pressing matter in the recent years. Many news reports have revealed the congestion and corruption occurring in ports. One can vividly remember the problem many had to face due to port congestion. The entire Metro Manila seemed to be at a gridlock due to the non-movement of the trucks coming to-and-fro the port area.

WHEREAS, the corruption comes in many forms. There are allegations that middlemen take advantage of importers and demand grease money to facilitate the movement of goods. There are also reports of illicit charges being imposed on trucking companies to drive prices up.

WHEREAS, in the second semester of 2020, the congestion level of the Manila port has reached record-level. While the global pandemic is once contributing factor, there is no denying that the port of Manila has a long history of congestion problems.

WHEREAS, the holiday season is fast approaching. Congestion worsens during the holiday as importation grows to meet the demands of the people. With more people ordering goods from all over the world, there is a looming problem that our ports may not be able to handle it. This issue can worsen over time, more especially when the economy starts to bounce back from this pandemic. It is high time that the necessary solutions will be implemented to solve this problem once and for all.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives, to urge the Department of Transportation and Philippine Ports Authority to take immediate actions against port congestion in the port of Manila, and make immediate recommendations to the Committee of Transportation for short-term and long-term plans to address this issue.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Virgilio S. Lacson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

VIRGILIO S. LACSON

Manila Teachers Party-list