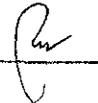


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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON TRADE AND COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PREPAREDNESS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN CHARGE OF LIVESTOCK AND MEAT REGULATION IN PROTECTING THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY AND ULTIMATELY THE FILIPINO CONSUMERS IN LIGHT OF THE FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE OUTBREAK IN ASIA.**

**Whereas, Article II Section 15** states that “[t]he State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them”;

**Whereas, Article XIII Section 12** states that “[t]he State shall establish and maintain an effective food and drug regulatory system and undertake appropriate health, manpower development, and research, responsive to the country's health needs and problems”;

**Whereas, foot-and-mouth disease (FMD)** is an infectious and sometimes fatal viral disease that affects cloven-hoofed animals such as but not limited to cattle, water buffalo, sheep, goats, pigs, and deer;

**Whereas, previous FMD outbreaks** have resulted in the slaughter of millions of animals and have caused trade bans on the meat of the affected animal in certain countries;

**Whereas, it is reported that according to animal health experts,** the FMD virus can survive for hours outside its host, especially in temperate climates;

**Whereas, FMD is a plaque in animal farming** since it can be transported on almost any object, such as farming equipment, clothing, feeds etc., that has been in contact with contaminated saliva or discharge;

**Whereas, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** is reported to have called on Asian governments to tighten livestock monitoring and initiate preventive vaccination for FMD following an unprecedented FMD outbreak in South Korea;

**Whereas, an outbreak of FMD can cause a serious economic threat to our livestock industry and may cause a domino effect on our already volatile market and non-stop rising of prices of commodities;**

**Whereas, considering the ease of transmission of the virus and the resulting economic havoc it can cause to the country,** it is essential that the government ensure a tight regulation and monitoring is in place on the livestock industry to prevent an FMD outbreak in the country and to ultimately protect the Filipino consumers;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED,** to direct the Senate Committees on Trade and Commerce and Agriculture and Food, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the preparedness of the Department of Agriculture and other government agencies in charge of livestock and meat regulation in protecting the livestock industry and ultimately the Filipino consumers in light of the foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in Asia.

Adopted,



Manny Villar