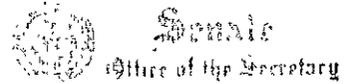


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RESOLUTION
URGING THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATE OF THE PHILIPPINE SOYBEAN
INDUSTRY WITH THE END IN VIEW OF STRENGTHENING SOYBEAN PRODUCTION
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Whereas, the first two paragraphs of Section 1 Article XII of the 1987 Constitution states that:

“The goals of the national economy are a more equitable distribution of opportunities, income, and wealth; a sustained increase in the amount of goods and services produced by the nation for the benefit of the people; and an expanding productivity as the key to raising the quality of life for all, especially the underprivileged.”

“The State shall promote industrialization and full employment based on sound agricultural development and agrarian reform, through industries that make full and efficient use of human and natural resources, and which are competitive in both domestic and foreign markets. However, the State shall protect Filipino enterprises against unfair foreign competition and trade practices.”;

Whereas, the soybean, often referred to as the miracle crop, provides a sustainable source of protein and oil worldwide because of properties which allows its use in a variety of applications from animal feed and human consumption, to road fuel and other industrial uses¹;

Whereas, with the present challenge of climate change, soybean -- a legume that is short-term and sun-thriving, has a great potential to adopt to extreme climate and, at the same time, be a source of healthy and nutritious food for the future;

Whereas, soybean is one of the most versatile among high value crops and its large-scale production locally could help solve chronic problems of hunger and malnutrition;

Whereas, the Philippines currently has a very small soybean industry and actually imports most of this crop to address its demands, especially for the poultry industry, instead of sourcing it domestically;

¹ <http://soynewuses.org/>

Whereas, a robust soybean industry would generate employment, increase farmers' productivity and income, and offer stable prices of raw materials to processors;

Whereas, the State, through its various government agencies, should aid Filipino farmers to achieve an increase in soybean yield by providing for research facilities and data readily available to them and assisting them in the effective processing and marketing of soya-based products in the local and international markets resulting to greater income;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Committee on Agriculture and Food to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the state of the Philippine soybean industry with the end in view of strengthening soybean production while establishing a viable product processing industry for the same.

Adopted,


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Senator