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Introduced by **REP. STRIKE B. REVILLA**

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 48, S. 2001**

WHEREAS, Section 9, Article XIII of the 1987 Constitution mandates the State to undertake a continuing program of urban land reform and housing to provide affordable and decent housing and basic services to underprivileged and homeless citizens in urban centers;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 4156 provides for the purposes and specific powers of the Philippine National Railways (PNR) as follows:

(a) To acquire and hold the assets of the Manila Railroad Company of the Philippine Islands, and to succeed to, or acquire, maintain and operate such grants, concessions and franchises as are now held and enjoyed by the said Manila Railroad Company of the Philippine Islands;

(b) To own or operate railroad, tramways, and other kinds of land transportation, vessels and pipelines, for the purpose of transporting, for consideration, passengers, mail and property between any points in the Philippines; and

(c) As an auxiliary to its main purpose, to own and/or operate powerhouses, hotels, restaurants, terminals, warehouses, timber concessions, coal mines, iron and other mineral properties and to manufacture rolling stock, equipment, tools and other appliances; to construct and operate in connection with its railroad lines, toll viaducts, toll tunnels.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Republic Act No. 7279, otherwise known as the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992 provided for the identification of sites for socialized housing and its disposition to its beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo issued Executive Order No. 48 in 2001 declaring non-core properties of the PNR as socialized housing sites and providing for the disposition of the same to bonafide occupants;

WHEREAS, the PNR is still evaluating the list of its non-core properties which was a subject of a study of the Asian Development Bank;

WHEREAS, the Joint Task Force of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council and the Philippine National Railways (PNR) have identified 1,165 hectares of land owned by the PNR as non-core properties, and thus subject to EO 48;

WHEREAS, the Joint Task Force has identified 13.5 hectares of land in Bacoor, Cavite as non-core properties of the PNR and allocated the land to 1,631 beneficiary families;

WHEREAS, after 18 years since the issuance of EO 48, only 228 out of the 1,631 beneficiary families of Bacoor, Cavite have been given Certificates of Land Award, with 1,403 beneficiary families still waiting for their certificates;

WHEREAS, there is a need to expedite the implementation of EO 48 to provide informal settler families a chance to have a home they can call their own;

WHEREAS, during the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress, the Committee on Housing and Urban Development conducted hearings on the implementation of Executive Order No. 48 (s.2001) but due to lack of material time, the committee was not able to finish its review of EO 48; Now therefore, be it:

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the House of Representatives to direct the Committee on Housing and Urban Development to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, to review the implementation of Executive Order No. 48 (s. 2001).

ADOPTED.



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