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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 333

A RESOLUTION, EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE HOUSE, FOR THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) IN THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (BARMM) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES, AND PROJECTS (PAPs) IN THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED AUTONOMOUS REGION

WHEREAS, the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), starting October 2019, will start to phase out some 6,000 employees of the now-defunct Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), with the exemption of those personnel in the education, health and social services sector;

WHEREAS, the last part of the phase-out process "is due in the last week of December 2019 when there will no more fund for them," according to Manila Times news article quoting Muslim Mindanao Interior and Local Government Minister and regional spokesman Naguib Sinarimbo;

WHEREAS, given the information cited above, it will be extremely difficult for the National Government to deliver its mandate of implementing nationally funded infrastructure in BARMM as provided by Article XIII, Sec 3 of the Bangsamaro Organic Law (BOL);

WHEREAS, there are other projects related to infrastructure that the National Government is also required to deliver, such as that of Task Force BangonMarawi and other similar National programs from other agencies, to include Official Development Assistance (ODA) covering the BARMM;
WHEREAS, it is difficult to expect the Bangsamoro Autonomous Government to deliver National infrastructure programs considering that Paragraph (i) of Section 8, Article XVI of BOL, BARMM is limited to a Minister of Public Works, and that Highways is a mandate of the national government through the Department of Public Works and Highways;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that in order to ensure national relevance and assistance to the BARMM, the House of Representatives is expressing its sense, through this resolution, that a National DPWH focused on implementing the National Infrastructure Programs, Activities and Projects(PAPs) be created in BARMM.

Adopted.

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