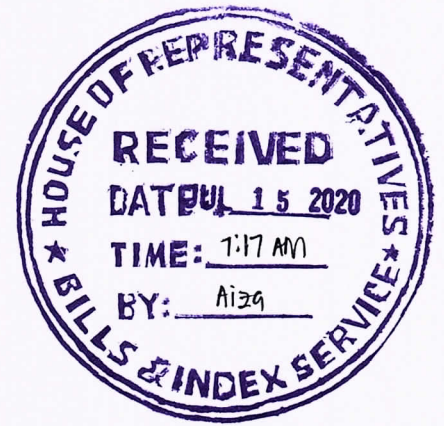


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House Resolution No. 1046



Introduced by Honorable Deogracias Victor 'DV' B. Savellano

RESOLUTION

FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CALL OUT TO THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE WHATEVER BENEFITS TO THE FISHER FOLK SECTOR, THEY SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE TO THE SALT PRODUCERS AS BOTH ARE ECONOMICALLY LINKED

WHEREAS, salt producing was once a thriving industry in the Philippines and the country was almost 100% self-sufficient when it came to salt;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No.8172 or the Act for Salt Iodization Nationwide (ASIN) was passed in 1995 which required that all food-grade salt in the Philippines be iodized;

WHEREAS, it thus became illegal to sell non-iodized salt causing a lot of salt producers without the facilities to iodize their salt to lose their livelihood as their means of survival became illegal;

WHEREAS, as according to Kabayan Representative Congressman Ron Salo, who is hoping to make an exemption in the ASIN Law, "We were basically 100% self-sufficient with respect to salt before the passage of the law. Then later on, we started importing [salt] because our farmers were not able to comply with the iodization requirement. Now I understand that almost 80% [of the country's salt] is now being imported.....";

WHEREAS, benefits provided to the fisher folk by government agencies such as the Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Trade and Industry and the Cooperative Development Authority should also be provided to the still remaining and existing salt producers;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to call out to the various government agencies that provide whatever benefits to the fisher folk sector, they should also provide to the salt producers as both are economically linked.

Adopted,

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