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Introduced by Representative Alfred Vargas

RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMITTEES ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD, GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES, AND OVERSIGHT ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES MODERNIZATION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROGRAMS AND POLICIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) AND TO KNOW THE REASON OF NON-FULFILLMENT OF ITS MANDATE IN PROVIDING FOOD SUFFICIENCY IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) is the primary line agency of the government, tasked with ensuring that farmers and fisher folks produce the needed quantity and quality suitable for the needs of the Filipino nation;

WHEREAS, despite policy support and budgetary allocations, the Department of Agriculture (DA) as well as its bureaus and attached agencies failed to achieve its mandate;

WHEREAS, the country has over the years in the recent past, experienced rice and fish shortages that accounted for the alarming rise in inflation;

WHEREAS, given these shortages, the country has again, been forced to import rice and fishes from neighboring countries, the quality of which are low as the rice were weevil-infested and fishes were formalin-preserved;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) should have exerted its efforts at increasing the productivity of our farmers and fisher folks through the provision of support like high-quality, pest-resistant seedlings and equipment that will speed up work in the farms and water bodies;

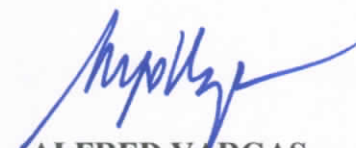
WHEREAS, despite policy recommendations made by the Congressional Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization, levels of productivity remain stagnant if not declining further;

WHEREAS, unlike other ASEAN countries like Thailand and Vietnam have implemented agricultural policies that boosted their food production efforts, our country has

instead experienced deficits that put to shame the fact that we are an archipelagic country with agricultural farms to commit to rice and vegetable production;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to urge the Committees on Agriculture, Government Enterprises and Oversight Committee to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation into the programs and activities of the Department of Agriculture (DA) to provide policy inputs to address the situation.

Approved,



ALFRED VARGAS