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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House Resolution No. 315

Introduced by **Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda**

**A RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR THE CREATION OF A STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE
CHANGE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

WHEREAS, the adverse and worsening impacts of climate change across various sectors have become more evident in recent years;

WHEREAS, due to its archipelagic nature and its location within the Pacific typhoon belt, the Philippines is highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change and, over the years, has suffered from numerous climate risks – both slow onset and extreme weather events, such as tropical cyclones, storm surges, increasing temperatures, and rising sea level, among others;

WHEREAS, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on the Global Warming of 1.5°C (2018) found that projected that climate-related risks to health, livelihoods, food security, water supply, human security, and infrastructure will increase with global warming of 1.5°C and further more with 2°C;

WHEREAS, the Philippines, in the 2019 Global Climate Risk Index by the Germanwatch, ranks fifth among countries most affected by climate change from 1998 to 2017. Within these two decades, the country lost an annual average of 0.5% of its Gross Domestic Product due to climate change impacts;

WHEREAS, the massive loss and damage of the Philippines from climate-related disasters in recent years shows that climate change is a clear and present threat to the country's national security, poverty reduction, and sustainable development pursuit;

WHEREAS, it is foreseen that climate change issues will continue to be a primordial concern among public and private sectors;

WHEREAS, it is important to signify the firm resolve of this House to be proactive in integrating considerations of climate change adaptation and mitigation into policy-making, budgeting, implementation and monitoring processes at national, sector and subnational levels as well as in ensuring the country's compliance with international commitments on climate change;

WHEREAS, it is also incumbent upon Congress, this House of Representatives in particular, to ensure that adequate responses are crafted and implemented at all levels to guard the country's poverty reduction and development goals against the effects of climate change;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives convert the current special committee to create a Standing Committee on Climate Change with the following jurisdiction:

All matters relating to policies, programs, strategies, practices, technologies, and innovation addressing climate change causes and impacts, including, but not limited to, avoidance and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, climate risk management to enhance adaptive capacity and reduce vulnerability to climate risks, all matters relating to adaptation and mitigation to enhance resilience and to promote sustainable development, the country's compliance with relevant international agreements, and cooperation with other countries.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, That the mandate given to the new standing committee under this Resolution shall be without prejudice to the performance of the duties and function by the existing committees of the House of Representatives;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, That in order to carry out the objectives of this Resolution, an initial sum shall be charged against the current appropriations of the House of Representatives under the current fiscal year. Thereafter, such amount as may be necessary for its continued operation shall be included in the succeeding General Appropriations Act.

Adopted .



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