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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 249



Introduced by **HON. LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.**

RESOLUTION
URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE DELAYED IRRIGATION
CONTRACTS OF THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the National Irrigation Administration (NIA), as the country's official irrigation authority, is mandated to help the country's program on rice self-sufficiency by infrastructure projects in line with irrigation and agricultural development;

WHEREAS, the Commission on Audit (CoA) has flagged 299 irrigation contracts worth P20.70 billion that have been delayed for up to 2,287 calendar days due to poor performance of contractors and other factors;

WHEREAS, the the 2018 CoA Report released this August 9 also revealed that liquidation damages were not imposed against contractors who defaulted in 44 contracts amounting to P12.24 billion;

WHEREAS, NIA has also failed to terminate or rescind 20 additional contracts which have incurred negative slippages worth P9.039 billion;

WHEREAS, the government had budgeted more than a quarter of a trillion pesos for irrigation projects from 2009 to 2019;

WHEREAS, irrigation coverage had increased at an annual average of only 1.63% over the past 20 years;

WHEREAS, annual reports by the COA on the NIA consistently flagged serious slippages in deliverables;

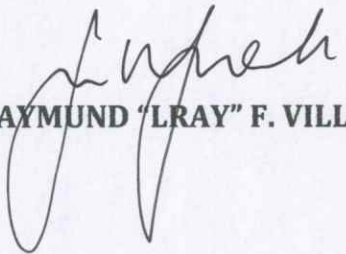
WHEREAS, in 2016, the state auditors reported "significant delays" in the implementation of 82 projects with a total contract cost of P4.54 billion;

WHEREAS, in 2017, COA reported that delays plagued 436 irrigation contracts and projects with an aggregate cost of P11.94 billion;

WHEREAS, there is a need fully address the recurring issue on considerable delays in the implementation of NIA projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to urge the House Committee on Health to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the delayed irrigation contracts of the National Irrigation Adminsitration (NIA).

ADOPTED,



LUIS RAYMUND "LRAY" F. VILLAFUERTE, JR.