

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS
First Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 829



Introduced by

BAYAN MUNA Representatives **CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE**,
FERDINAND R. GAITE and **EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT**,
ACT TEACHERS Party-List Representative **FRANCE L. CASTRO**,
GABRIELA Women's Party Representative **ARLENE D. BROSAS**
and **KABATAAN** Party-List Representative **SARAH JANE I. ELAGO**

RESOLUTION

**URGING THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO DETERMINE THE
PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS, AND SAVINGS IN THE GENERAL
APPROPRIATIONS ACT THAT WERE REPROGRAMMED, REALLOCATED AND
REALIGNED THROUGH REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11469**

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Congress passed RA 11469, otherwise known as the Bayanihan to Heal As One Act, granting emergency powers to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte that were deemed necessary and proper to carry out measures to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis;

WHEREAS, one of the powers granted to the President under Section 2 (v) is to direct the discontinuance of appropriated programs, activities or projects of any agency of the Executive Department in the FYs 2019 and 2020 General Appropriations Act (GAA) which remain unobligated, and the savings generated therefrom to augment the allocation for any item directly related to support operations and response measures, which are necessary and beneficial to address the COVID-19 emergency;

WHEREAS, Section 2 (w) authorized the President to utilize and appropriate any unutilized or unreleased balance in the special purpose fund, and any unspent, unutilized or unreleased money or funds sourced from collections or receipts for COVID-19 measures;

WHEREAS, according to Section 2 (x), Congress grants the President powers to reprogram, reallocate and realign the savings from the other FY 2020 GAA-appropriated items in the Executive Department to fund measures that address or respond to the COVID-19 situation in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, under Section 2 (y), the President is authorized to allocate cash, funds, investments and transfers held by any government-owned and -controlled corporations and national government agencies to address the COVID-19 emergency;

WHEREAS, Section 3 of RA 11469 requires the President to submit a weekly report to Congress that includes the amount and utilization of the funds sued, augmented, reprogrammed, reallocated and realigned pursuant to the Act;

1 **WHEREAS**, the weekly reports do not specifically identify programs, activities, and projects, as
2 well as savings that were reprogrammed, reallocated and realigned in accordance with RA 11469;
3

4 **WHEREAS**, Article VI, Section 24 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution granted the House of the
5 Representatives the power of the purse or the power to authorize the spending of money from the
6 National Treasury;
7

8 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative for Congress to determine, particularly:

- 9 1. the discontinued appropriated programs, activities or projects of any agency of
10 the Executive Department in the FYs 2019 and 2020 GAA which remain
11 unobligated, and the savings generated therefrom;
- 12 2. the unutilized or unreleased balance in the special purpose fund, and any
13 unspent, unutilized or unreleased money or funds sourced from collections or
14 receipts;
- 15 3. the savings from the other FY 2020 GAA-appropriated items in the Executive
16 Department; and
- 17 4. the allocated cash, funds, investments and transfers held by any government-
18 owned and -controlled corporations and national government agencies

19 that were all reprogrammed, reallocated and realigned to carry out measures to respond
20 to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.

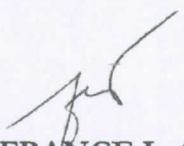
21
22 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives, through its
23 Committee on Appropriations, determine the programs, activities and projects, and savings in the
24 General Appropriations Act that were reprogrammed, reallocated and realigned through Republic
25 Act no. 11469.

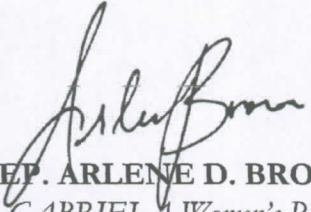
1 *Adopted,*

2
3
4
5 
6
7 **REP. CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE**
8 *Bayan Muna Partylist*

9
10
11 
12
13 **REP. FERDINAND R. GAITE**
14 *Bayan Muna Partylist*

15
16 
17 **REP. EUFEMIA C. CULLAMAT**
18 *Bayan Muna Partylist*

19
20 
21 **REP. FRANCE L. CASTRO**
22 *ACT Teachers Partylist*

23
24 
25 **REP. ARLENE D. BROSAS**
26 *GABRIELA Women's Party*

27
28 
29 **REP. SARAH JANE I. ELAGO**
Kabataan Partylist