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COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD
Joint with the
COMMITTEES ON WAYS AND MEANS *and* FINANCE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING/
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION**

FOR: SEN. SONNY ANGARA, *Chair, Committee on Ways and Means; Vice-Chair, Committee on Finance*
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Please be informed that the Committee on Agriculture and Food, jointly with the Committees on Ways and Means and Finance, will conduct a Public Hearing/Inquiry, In Aid of Legislation, on "**The National Food Authority and the Supply and Price of Rice,**" to be held on **Tuesday, 27 February 2018, 9:00 a. m.,** at the **Sen. Recto Room, 2/F Senate of the Philippines, GSIS Bldg., Pasay City.**

The Committees will mainly discuss issues raised in the following Resolutions:

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 593, introduced by Sen. Binay, entitled:

"RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE COUNTRY'S RICE SUPPLY, WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF INTRODUCING NEW POLICIES AND REVIEWING EXISTING MEASURES AND PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE RICE SELF SUFFICIENCY"

and

Proposed Senate Resolution No. 608, introduced by Sen. Villar, entitled:

"RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE STATUS OF THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY'S ROLE IN ENSURING THE STABILITY OF SUPPLY AND PRICE OF RICE"

As related issues, the Committees will take into consideration the following Bills and Resolutions:

Senate Bill No. 1476, introduced by Sen. Recto, entitled:

"AN ACT

REPLACING QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON RICE WITH TARIFF AND CREATING THE RICE COMPETITIVENESS ENHANCEMENT FUND, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 8178, AS AMENDED, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

S. B. No. 53, authored by Sen. Pangilinan, entitled:

"AN ACT

ESTABLISHING A STRATEGIC FOOD SECURITY RICE RESERVE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

S. B. No. 834, authored by Sen. Recto, entitled:

"AN ACT

RESERVING TO GOVERNMENT THE EXCLUSIVE AUTHORITY TO IMPORT RICE TO FURTHER ENSURE FOOD SECURITY AND PROTECT DOMESTIC PRODUCERS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE PRESIDENTIAL DECREE NO. 4, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 'THE NATIONAL GRAINS AUTHORITY ACT,' AS AMENDED"

P. S. R. No. 143, authored by Sen. Poe, entitled:

"RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED NEED TO SUPPORT THE LIFTING OF QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON RICE TO BETTER ATTAIN NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY AND TO REVIEW FOR THIS PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8178, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE AGRICULTURAL TARIFFICATION ACT OF 1996"

P. S. R. No. 146, authored by Sen. Recto, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROPOSED RESCISSION OF THE QUANTITATIVE IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON RICE, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING ACCESSIBLE RICE SUPPLY IN THE COUNTRY AND PROTECTING THE INTERESTS AND WELFARE OF FILIPINO RICE FARMERS"

and

P. S. R. No. 380, authored by Sen. Villar, entitled:

"RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FOOD TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PRESENCE OF IMPORTED RICE WITHOUT THE NECESSARY IMPORT PERMIT AT THE VARIOUS PORTS IN THE COUNTRY AND THE TIMING OF RICE PROCUREMENT BY THE NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY (NFA)"

Your presence in this Public Hearing is earnestly requested.



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