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RESOLUTION NO. 7

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS, PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS, AND GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT A JOINT INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS, PARTICULARLY FLOOD CONTROL PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND OTHER RELATED AGENCIES

WHEREAS, Section 21, Article VI of the 1987 Constitution authorizes the House of Representatives, or any of its duly constituted committees, to undertake inquiries in aid of legislation on issues of public interest;

WHEREAS, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., in his 2025 State of the Nation Address (SONA), stated: "Recently, I inspected the effects of the southwest monsoon, cyclones Crising, Dante and Emong. I clearly saw for myself that many flood control projects were failures – they crumbled, and then, there were others that were existing just in the imagination";

WHEREAS, the President further declared: "Huwag na po tayong magkunwari. Alam naman ng buong madla na nagkakarackat sa mga proyekto. Mga kickback, mga initiative, errata, SOP, for the boys. Kaya sa mga nakikipagsabwatan upang kunin ang pondo ng bayan at nakawin ang kinabukasan ng ating mga mamamayan, mahiya naman kayo sa inyong kapwa Pilipino!";

WHEREAS, the President directed the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the Regional Project Monitoring Committee to provide a comprehensive list of all flood control projects undertaken over the past three years, and to identify those that had failed or were non-existent;

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive also directed: "Second, the Regional Project Monitoring Committee shall examine that list of projects and give a report on those that had been failures, those that were not finished, and those that were alleged to be ghost projects";

WHEREAS, the Chief Executive further emphasized: "And third, we will publish this list. We will make this list public. This is so that people who witness the constructions of these projects can freely scrutinize the list and share what they know that will help in our investigations.";

WHEREAS, Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez expressed support for President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.'s call for a budget overhaul to keep flood control projects free from corruption, undertaking a congressional review of all infrastructure projects and related funds, and proposing measures such as real-time public reporting, mandatory performance standards, and a national infrastructure audit framework to prevent misuse of public funds;

WHEREAS, following the SONA, Speaker Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez expressed his commitment to support the President's call for a budget overhaul to guarantee that flood

control projects remain free from corruption, and has undertaken a comprehensive congressional review of all infrastructure projects and the implementation of related funds;

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2025, the House Committee on Public Accounts initiated a formal review of flood control and drainage projects implemented under the DPWH, in direct response to the President's call and under the leadership of the Speaker of the House, marking a broader initiative to promote transparency and accountability in infrastructure spending;

WHEREAS, the Chairperson of the House Committee on Public Accounts recalled that the President made reference to substandard and ghost projects, "raket sa mga proyekto, kickbacks, SOP, for the boys", and other errata initiatives, and directed that the list of flood control projects be provided to determine which have been started, completed, failed, left unfinished, or were mere ghost projects;

WHEREAS, particular focus shall be given to ghost projects, bloated contracts, chronic underspending, and abuse of discretion in the realignment of funds and procurement;

WHEREAS, the Speaker outlined specific measures in response to the President's call, including real-time public reporting of project progress and fund utilization, mandatory compliance with performance standards by contractors and agencies, and the establishment of a national infrastructure audit framework to prevent the misuse of public funds;

WHEREAS, as stated by the President, there is a need to obtain a report on flood control projects undertaken in the last three years, indicating which had been started, completed, delayed, failed, left unfinished, not started at all, were substandard, and which were mere ghost projects;

WHEREAS, there is a need to seek answers from government infrastructure agencies on: (1) the necessity of flood management and control systems; (2) the existence of regional river basin and river system master plans; (3) the impact of climate change, environmental risks, and human activities on flood control systems;

(4) the project cycle of flood control initiatives; and (5) a report on flood control projects implemented in the last three years;

WHEREAS, there is a need to determine the implementation impact of flood control projects included in the National Expenditure Program (NEP) as compared to those initiated through congressional initiatives, including whether feasibility and detailed studies exist for both types of proposals, the attendant risks of delay, and the actions taken by the Department if it has discretion to suspend implementation in the absence of such studies, as well as to ascertain the origination of the said congressional initiatives or programs;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to obtain a report on the status of flood control projects during the most recent typhoons, determining whether the facilities failed, identifying the areas where they proved effective, and establishing whether the Department assumes accountability for the occurrence of flooding;

WHEREAS, for areas in NCR and Manila, it is necessary to assess whether flooding impacts are related to the Manila Bay reclamation project;

WHEREAS, a request was made for a list of contractors who handled the largest flood control projects nationwide and by region over the past three years, including information on whether any failed to deliver or were involved in anomalous projects;

WHEREAS, within this list, it is important to identify which projects were completed, delayed, failed, substandard, or classified as ghost projects;

WHEREAS, it is also necessary to determine whether the Department has undertaken blacklisting of contractors due to delays, failures in standard implementation, or involvement in ghost projects related to flood control;

WHEREAS, for the House Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability, it is essential to determine whether rackets, kickbacks, or SOPs for the boys are occurring at any level of government;

WHEREAS, persons with personal knowledge of these activities shall be invited to blow the whistle, participate in future hearings, and expose conspiring contractors, government officials, employees, and private individuals involved in such activities: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the House of Representatives, To authorize the Committees on Public Accounts, Public Works and Highways, and Good Government and Public Accountability to conduct a joint inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the implementation of infrastructure projects, particularly flood control projects undertaken by the Department of Public Works and Highways and other related agencies.*

*Resolved, further, That this joint inquiry by these Committees be hereinafter be known as the "House Infra Comm."*

Adopted,

  
FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ  
*Speaker*

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on August 20, 2025.

  
REGINALD S. VELASCO  
*Secretary General*