



THIRD REGULAR SESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 151

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO EXPEDITE THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL NO. 1395 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS “AN ACT PROVIDING MONETARY COMPENSATION FOR THE LOSS OR DESTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL, CULTURAL, COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES, AND OTHER PROPERTIES IN THE MAIN AFFECTED AREA (MAA) AND THE GREATER MARAWI AREA (GMA) DURING THE SIEGE OF 2017, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” AND COMPLEMENT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PHILIPPINES’ VERSION OF THE SAME MEASURE

WHEREAS, the damage and destruction caused by the Marawi Siege of 2017 have a long-term impact, not only on the development of the Province of Lanao del Sur but also on the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) as a whole;

WHEREAS, no less than the Constitution mandates Congress to give utmost priority to the enactment of measures that protect and enhance the right of all people to human dignity, and reduce social and economic inequalities through the enactment of measures calculated to alleviate the plight of those plagued and disadvantaged by the result of armed conflicts;

WHEREAS, corollary to its “Build, Build, Build” Program, the National Government should recognize the sufferings and hardships experienced by the civilians affected by the Marawi Siege, and perform its moral obligation by providing the victims of war with monetary reparations to compensate for the losses and damages that they have sustained;

WHEREAS, the Bangon Marawi Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan (BMCCRP) estimates that a total of 51.7 billion pesos is necessary to finance the full recovery and rehabilitation of Marawi City;

WHEREAS, there are pending bills in both chambers of Congress all providing for the monetary reparation of the loss and destructions suffered by the residents of Marawi City as a result of the Marawi Siege, particularly House Bill No. 3418 filed by Rep. Ansaruddin Abdul Malik “Hooky” A. Adiong, House Bill Nos. 3543 and 3992 sponsored by Reps. Yasser Alonto Balindong, Mujiv Hataman, and Amihilda Sangcopan, and the Senate’s version of the measure specifically Senate Bill No. 1395 under the auspices of Senators Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Ronald “Bato” M. dela Rosa, Francis “Tol” N. Tolentino, Christopher Lawrence T. Go, and Imee R. Marcos;

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2020, Senate Bill No. 1395 was referred to the Committee on Rules, the Committee on Finance and the Special Committee on Marawi City Rehabilitation, while on August 31, 2021, House Bill No. 9925, otherwise known as the “Marawi Compensation Act”, the substitute bill for this proposed measure was approved and adopted on Second Reading by the House of Representatives;

WHEREAS, as of September 1, 2021, Senate Bill No. 1395, is still pending at the Committee level in the Senate;

WHEREAS, the victims of the Marawi siege have been waiting for four years to be compensated for the damages and losses that they have sustained, and as the legal maxim goes, “justice delayed is justice denied” let alone, that the war that happened in Marawi is the deadliest and pernicious urban warfare that ever happened in the Philippines after the Second World War;

WHEREAS, with the recent development in the House of Representatives and recognizing the urgency of the matter, the BTA Parliament calls for the expeditious consideration of said Senate Bill No. 1395 comparable with the determination it devoted to cope with the aftermath of Typhoons Yolanda, Ondoy, Pepeng and other disasters experienced in the country:

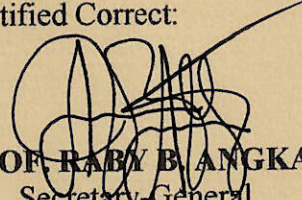
NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, to request the Senate of the Philippines to expedite the passage of Senate Bill No. 1395, otherwise known as “An Act Providing Monetary Compensation for the Loss or Destruction of Residential, Cultural, Commercial Structures, and Other Properties in the Main Affected Area (MAA) and the Greater Marawi Area (GMA) During the Siege of 2017, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes”, and complement the House of Representatives of the Philippines’ version of the same measure.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to forward this Resolution to the Senate of the Philippines for its information and favorable immediate action.

ADOPTED, Safar 6, 1443/September 14, 2021.

Certified Correct:


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