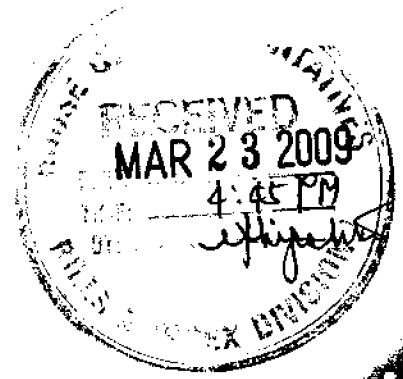


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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION AND COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED FAILURE OF THE GOVERNMENT SERVICE INSURANCE SYSTEM (GSIS) TO EFFECTIVELY PERFORM ITS MANDATE TO PROVIDE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS TO ITS MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), which covers all government workers regardless of their employment status, except employees who have separate retirement schemes under special laws, is mandated to provide and administer the following social security benefits for government employees: compulsory life insurance, optional life insurance, retirement benefits, disability benefits for work-related contingencies and death benefits. It is likewise mandated to provide to its active members the following loan privileges: salary, policy, emergency and housing loans;

**WHEREAS**, there are mounting complaints from government employees belonging to different departments and agencies such as, but not limited to, the Department of Education, Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Labor and Employment, and Department of Social Welfare and Development, of difficulties in transacting with the GSIS;

**WHEREAS**, employees of the House of Representatives (HOR) themselves have voiced out their frustrations on the difficulties they encounter when transacting with the GSIS, difficulties which they observe are born out of the ineptitudes of the GSIS like failure to update and reconcile records, and delay in the posting of premium contributions and loan payments. This is so even if the Human Resource Management Service of the HOR has already updated the GSIS with the service records of all HOR employees, and even if the HOR is regularly remitting its premium contributions with the GSIS;

**WHEREAS**, one clear manifestation of GSIS neglect of duty is the fact that numerous government employees, including those in the HOR, have time and again complained of difficulty in securing loans and other claims such as cash surrender value, maturity benefits, and separation benefits from the GSIS. They all tell the same story of waiting for at least three (3) months to one (1) year, or worse, for a longer period before their loan applications or claims are approved and released, and after going through the bureaucratic mill;

**WHEREAS**, while government employees have found it hard to avail of their own hard-earned money that is with the GSIS, the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), through its

so-called Philippine Economic Resiliency Plan (ERP), can so easily identify the GSIS as one of the possible sources of funding for the said plan;

**WHEREAS**, government employees find it incredulous that while they bleed before they can use their own money with the GSIS, the government can easily spare GSIS funds to fill the coffers of its "bail-out program" that will ultimately aid ailing private enterprises;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Committees on Government Enterprises and Privatization and Civil Service conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation on the following: the alleged failure of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) to effectively perform its mandate to provide social security benefits to its members; the complaints of government employees in various agencies on the very long processing period for loan applications and other claims such as cash surrender value, maturity benefits, separation benefits, and the use of the funds of government employees in the GSIS for the "stimulus funding" planned by NEDA.

*Adopted,*

  
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