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**Senate**  
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RESOLUTION No. 18

RESOLUTION CREATING AN OVERSIGHT  
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, the 1987 Constitution, Article XI, Section 1 states that "Public office is a public trust. Public officers and employees must, at all times, be accountable to the people, serve them with utmost responsibility, integrity, loyalty and efficiency; act with patriotism and justice, and lead modest lives";

WHEREAS, public offices are entrusted with public funds to be used in providing basic services for the people, therefore, public expenditures should be subject to scrutiny to ensure they are properly utilized;

WHEREAS, various allegations of misuse of funds have resulted in a growing negative perception of our people of public offices;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute the Oversight Committee on Public Expenditures to exercise its functions over the use and disbursement of public funds granted to government agencies;

WHEREAS, the Rules of the Senate, Rule X, Section 14 provides "When necessary, special committees shall be organized, the membership and jurisdiction of which shall be determined by the Senate President": Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate*, That the Oversight Committee on Public Expenditures is hereby constituted. The Chairman shall be the Chairman of the Finance Committee and this committee shall be composed of the Chair and six (6) members to be appointed by the Senate President: *Provided*, That members of the minority shall be represented by at least one (1).

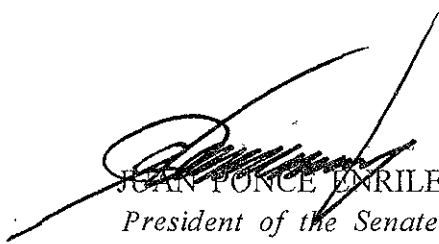
*Resolved, further*, That the Oversight Committee shall, in aid of legislation, perform the following functions, among others:

1. Require the submission of expenditure reports from government agencies to ensure transparency;
2. Review and evaluate expenditure reports vis-a-vis budget;
3. Approve the budget for the program of the oversight committee and all disbursements from the budget, including compensation of all personnel;
4. Assess inherent weaknesses in existing laws and initiate necessary remedial legislation or executive measures; and
5. Other duties which may be necessary to attain its objectives.

*Resolved, furthermore,* That the Oversight Committee is hereby empowered to require government agencies and Government-Owned and -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) to submit expenditure reports and all pertinent data that will be necessary in ensuring transparency and accountability.

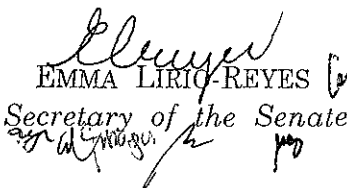
*Resolved, finally,* That the Oversight Committee shall adopt its internal rules of procedure; conduct hearings and receive testimonies and reports; write or summon by *subpoena ad testificandum* any public official, private citizen or any other person to testify before it, or require any person by *subpoena duces tecum* to produce before it such records, reports, documents or other materials as it may require; and generally, exercise all the powers necessary to attain the purpose for which it is created. The Oversight Committee shall be assisted by a Secretariat to be composed of personnel and may retain consultants. The Secretariat shall be headed by an executive director, who has sufficient background and competence on policies and issues related to government budget and expenditures. To carry out its powers and functions, the initial sum needed shall be charged against the current appropriations of the Senate. Thereafter, such amount necessary for its continued operation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

Adopted,



JUAN PONCE ENRILE  
*President of the Senate*

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on September 1, 2010.



EMMA LIRIO-REYES  
*Secretary of the Senate*