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RESOLUTION No. 55

RESOLUTION CREATING A SELECT OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2003, Republic Act No. 9184 entitled: "An Act Providing for the Modernization, Standardization and Regulation of the Procurement Activities of Government and for Other Purposes", also known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act of 2003", was enacted into law. Pursuant to the said law, a Joint Congressional Oversight Committee was created to oversee the implementation of the law. However, said Joint Congressional Oversight Committee became *functus officio* upon the lapse of the 5-year period of its lifespan;

WHEREAS, recent Senate investigations have shown repeated and persistent abuses by government agencies and institutions as well as Government-Owned and -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) in the conduct of their procurement activities and have brought to light loopholes and weaknesses in the procurement system;

WHEREAS, it is stated in Article XI, Section I of the 1987 Constitution 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, government agencies and institutions as well as GOCCs are entrusted with funds to be used in providing services for the people, therefore, the procurement activities of all government agencies and institutions as well as GOCCs should be subject to monitoring, review and scrutiny to ensure the same are above board and are done in accordance with the law;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute a Select Oversight Committee on Government Procurement for the Senate to be able to monitor, review and scrutinize the procurement activities of government agencies and institutions as well as GOCCs and to exercise its functions over such procurement activities;

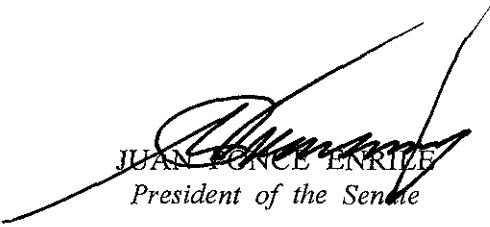
WHEREAS, Section 14, Rule X of the Rules of the Senate provides: "Whenever necessary, special committees shall be organized, the membership and jurisdiction of which shall be determined by the Senate President": Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the Select Oversight Committee on Government Procurement is hereby created and constituted. The Select Oversight Committee shall be composed of the Chairman and 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 Select Oversight Committee shall, in aid of legislation, perform the following functions, among others:

1. Monitor, review and scrutinize government procurement activities to determine if the same are in compliance with the Government Procurement Reform Act of 2003 and other relevant laws;
2. Require the submission of reports on the procurement activities of government agencies and institutions and GOCCs to ensure transparency and public accountability;
3. Approve the budget for the program of the oversight committee and all disbursements from the budget, including compensation of all personnel;
4. Evaluate and assess inherent weaknesses in existing laws and initiate necessary remedial legislation or executive measures; and
5. Other powers, functions and duties as may be necessary to attain its objectives.

Adopted,



JUAN PONCE ENRILE
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on August 10, 2011.



EMMA LIRIO REYES
Secretary of the Senate