

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines

Senate

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RESOLUTION NO. 21

RESOLUTION CREATING A SELECT OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE AND
CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS

WHEREAS, during the Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Congresses, a Senate Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence and Confidential Funds, Programs and Activities (the "Select Oversight Committee"), was created on 12 August 1997; 20 October 1998; 02 October 2001; 26 January 2005; 17 August 2009; and 24 August 2010, respectively;

WHEREAS, in light of the recent threats to national security, such as the deadly standoff between government security forces and more than 200 members of the Moro National Liberation Front in Zamboanga City, and in vigilant response to the rapidly changing and expanding global threat environment, the importance of timely intelligence consolidation among security agencies cannot be overstated;

WHEREAS, there is therefore a need to reconstitute the Select Oversight Committee to enable the Senate to oversee the efficiency of such relevant institutions in the production of accurate and timely intelligence to better deal with the threats to national security, and to assure that the appropriate departments and agencies provide informed and timely intelligence on public order and national security;

WHEREAS, the intelligence and confidential funds are not subject to the regular auditing requirements of the Commission on Audit, thus, opening the floodgates to the misuse and abuse in the utilization of these funds;

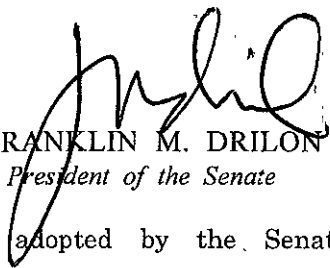
WHEREAS, the 2013 approved budget identifies P1.4 billion, more or less, for intelligence and confidential funds, programs and activities of the government such as, but not limited to, those relating to national security, intelligence and counterintelligence activities;

WHEREAS, there is thus a need to reconstitute the Select Oversight Committee in the Sixteenth Congress to continue exercising its oversight functions over the use, disbursement and expenditures of intelligence and confidential funds granted to numerous government agencies, and to provide vigilant legislative oversight over the conduct of aforesaid intelligence activities, sources, methods, and programs;

WHEREAS, Section 14, Rule X of the Rules of the Senate provides that: "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, as it is hereby resolved, To create a Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence and Confidential Funds.

Adopted,



FRANKLIN M. DRILON
President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on January 21, 2014.



OSCAR G. VABES
Secretary of the Senate