

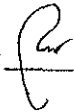
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RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF "BOTCHA" OR HOT MEAT BEING SOLD IN THE MARKET DESPITE HEALTH HAZARDS POSED ON FILIPINO CONSUMERS

Whereas, the Philippine Constitution upholds that, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them." (Art. II, Sec. 15);

Whereas, Section 31 of Republic Act No. 9296 (An Act Strengthening The Meat Inspection System In The Country, Ordaining For This Purpose A "Meat Inspection Code Of The Philippines" And For Other Purposes) mandates, "XXX food animals that is sold, transported, distributed, offered or received for distribution in commerce that has not passed through ante-mortem inspection. Carcasses or parts thereof are considered "hot meat" XXX";

Whereas, hot meat, or commonly referred to as *botcha* is usually the meat of a dying or sick animal – pig or chicken in particular;

Whereas, *botcha* meat is priced very cheap compared to legally slaughtered meat to willing meat vendors and unsuspecting consumers;

Whereas, the transport and consumption of *botcha* is hazardous as it may spread diseases to other animals such as foot-and-mouth disease, hog cholera, avian influenza or bird flu which have the potential to wipe out the entire livestock and poultry population;

Whereas, the Department of Health has warned that people who eat *botcha* or double-dead meat could contract all sorts of illnesses such as diarrhea and sepsis, which may sometimes even lead to death;

Whereas, although numerous raids and buy bust operations have been conducted, *botcha* meat dealers remain fearless because they can easily pay off the paltry fines when caught;

Whereas, the indiscriminate selling of *botcha* in public markets is a serious public health issue that must be addressed urgently: Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Trade and Commerce and other appropriate committees, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the proliferation of "botcha" or hot meat being sold in the market despite health hazards posed on Filipino consumers.

Adopted,



MANNY VILLAR
Senator