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SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. **158**

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**RESOLUTION CREATING AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE AND CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS,  
PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

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Introduced by Senator Richard J. Gordon

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WHEREAS, the re-appropriated national budget for the fiscal year 2005 has identified approximately P1.264 Billion for intelligence and confidential programs and activities of the government, such as but not limited to those relating to national security, intelligence and counterintelligence activities;

WHEREAS, 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, during the Tenth Congress, a Senate Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence and Confidential Funds (the "Oversight Committee"), Programs and Activities was created on 12 August 1997 and was subsequently reconstituted in the Eleventh Congress and the Twelfth Congress;

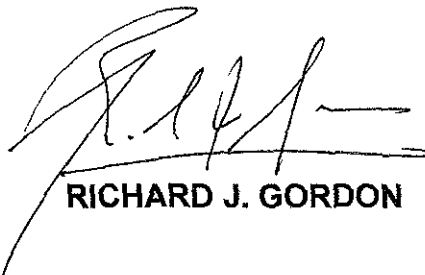
WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute the Oversight Committee in the Thirteenth Congress to continue exercising its oversight functions over the use, disbursement and expenditure of intelligence and confidential funds granted to numerous government agencies, particularly in the wake of controversies involving a former police asset's claim of irregularities in the payment of her agent's fees from government intelligence funds;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute the Oversight Committee to enable the Senate to investigate the efficiency of such relevant institutions in the prevention of crimes and apprehension of criminals in aid of legislation, and to assure that the appropriate departments and agencies provide informed and timely intelligence on public order and national security;

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."

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to create, as it hereby creates, an Oversight Committee on Intelligence and Confidential Funds.

Adopted.

  
RICHARD J. GORDON