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Honasan, Lacson, Lapid, Legarda, Madrigal, Revilla, Roxas and Zubiri

**RESOLUTION**

**MANIFESTING THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE FOR SENATE PRESIDENT JUAN PONCE ENRILE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESIDING OVER THE COMPLAINT FILED BY SENATOR MARIA ANA CONSUELO A.S. MADRIGAL AGAINST SENATOR MANUEL VILLAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Senate in Plenary tasked the Committee of the Whole to undertake the disposition of the complaint filed by Sen. Maria Ana Consuelo A.S. Madrigal against Sen. Manuel Villar;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to this mandate, the Committee of the Whole has been conducting public hearings presided over by the Senate President, Juan Ponce Enrile;

**WHEREAS**, the Committee of the Whole has conducted six (6) public hearings wherein a number of matters were decided on by the vote of the members present including the amendments to the Rules of Procedure proposed by the Minority;

**WHEREAS**, Senator Aquilino Pimentel Jr. characterized the conduct of Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, as "authoritarian", "despotic" and accused the Senate President of being a "dictator";

**WHEREAS**, the Petition for Certiorari filed by the Minority bloc, led by the Minority Floor Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr., made mention of the "unabashed display of dictatorial tendencies by the Chair of the Committee of the Whole, abetted by a majority of its members", referring to the Senate President himself;

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned Senators take strong exception to the above-quoted statement in the Petition which unfairly portrays the members as allowing themselves to be dictated upon and used as mere tools by the Chairman;

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned Senators strongly denounce the said statement and other pronouncements by the Minority bloc which portray us as members

who are part of a cabal whose common goal is to destroy the reputation of a fellow Senator to advance our own political interests;

**WHEREAS**, contrary to the accusations hurled against the Senate President and the members of the Majority in the Senate, we firmly believe that the proceedings of the Senate Committee of the Whole are being conducted to probe into the truth of the allegations in the sworn complaint against Senator Villar, and to show the public that the Senate as an institution must exact accountability even from its own members giving due respect to the right of the respondent to defend himself, clear his name, and thereby uphold the integrity of the Senate;

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned Senators firmly believe that the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole under the chairmanship of Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile has been fair, impartial, judicious and transparent;

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned Senators attest to the truth of the Senate President's statement that he has not, at any time, imposed his view on any member of the Committee of the Whole and that he has encouraged each and every Senator to decide and vote according to their conscience and individual appreciation of the facts and evidence to be presented as well as the defense of the respondent, independent of any force and pressure of any kind;

**WHEREAS**, the Senate President has repeatedly stressed that the matter of judging a colleague is addressed to the individual conscience of each and every Senator;

**WHEREAS**, the records of the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole reveal that every point of disagreement was afforded sufficient time for discussion and debate;

**WHEREAS**, the records of the proceedings will likewise attest that Senator Manuel Villar has been, and will continue to be, afforded every opportunity to present his defense and to refute and rebut the pieces of evidence to be presented against him in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Rules adopted by the Committee of the Whole and in keeping with the respondent's constitutional rights;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that, through this Resolution, the undersigned Senators manifest our full faith and confidence in Senator Juan Ponce Enrile as the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

Adopted ,

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Disposal



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5. Malladiyal

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
SENATE  
PASAY CITY

*Hon. Loren Legarda*  
SENATOR

May 25, 2009

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached photocopy of a document contains the signature of **SENATOR LOREN LEGARDA** as appearing in line no. 4 (right side) thereon, and that said signature is a faithful reproduction of its original copy. The signature is therefore authentic and duly executed by Senator Legarda. This certification is executed for whatever legal purpose it may serve.

  
Atty. **ANTONIO L. PAREDES, JR.**  
Officer-in-Charge



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Republic of the Philippines  
Senate, Pasay City

**Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago**

Chair, Committee on Foreign Relations, Committee on Economic Affairs, Legislative Oversight Committee on the Visiting Forces Agreement,  
Special Oversight Committee on Economic Affairs, Vice-Chair, Committee on Finance; Member, Commission on Appointments

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26 May 2009

Sen. Mar Roxas  
Fax 913-7583

Dear Mar,

This authorizes you to affix my signature on the "confidence" resolution in favor of Sen. Enrile as chair of the Committee of the Whole, provided that the following remarks shall appear near my name: "Concurring on the need to avoid personalities."

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO