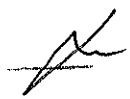


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A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE PREPARATIONS BEING DONE BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT FOR THE 25th SOUTHEAST ASIAN (SEA) GAMES

WHEREAS, the 25th Southeast Asian (SEA) Games is scheduled to be held in Vientiane, Laos from 9 to 18 December 2009;

WHEREAS, the Philippines had a dismal sixth place finish in the 24th SEA Games held in Thailand last 2007;

WHEREAS, there is a need to determine whether our athletes in training are being fully supported by the government, through the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC);

WHEREAS, the PSC is a government-run organization and the government's funding arm in sports aimed at promoting sports in the country and Mr. Harry Angping, former Manila Congressman and former president of the Amateur Softball Association of the Philippines, was appointed the new chair of the PSC on 30 January 2009;

WHEREAS, the POC is a private, non-governmental organization composed of, and that serves as the mother organization of, all National Sports Associations (NSAs) in the Philippines, headed by Mr. Jose "Peping" Conjuangco Jr.;

WHEREAS, a "word war" has erupted in the media between and among the leaders and members of the PSC, POC and NSAs, such that the POC has charged the PSC of discriminating against NSAs closely affiliated with the POC president;

WHEREAS, the International Olympic Committee has likewise indicated to the PSC to settle the contentious issues within the NSAs, but seemingly to no avail;


WHEREAS, the internal squabbling between the PSC and POC, and among NSAs is definitely not doing the country any good in its preparation for the upcoming 25th SEA Games;

WHEREAS, given that there is only six months left until the 25th SEA Games, it is urgent that we look into these matters to determine whether our athletes are receiving the training, support and funding needed to bolster our chances of performing well in the upcoming SEA Games;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Senate of the Philippines direct the Senate Committee on Games, Amusement and

Sports to investigate, in aid of legislation, and look into the level of preparedness of the Philippines for the 25th Southeast Asian (SEA) Games.

Adopted.


PIA S. CAYETANO
Senator