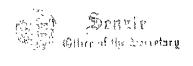
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Introduced by Senator Manny Villar	

RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND COMMERCE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE/S TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY AND ASSESSMENT, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (LPG) INDUSTRY WITH THE INTENTION OF FORMULATING A NATIONAL FRAMEWORK THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF THE SECTOR AND TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE CONSUMING PUBLIC AND PROTECT THEIR GENERAL WELFARE

Whereas, it necessary that the government must monitor and supervise the business and operations of the liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) industry in order to ensure the safety of the consuming public and protect their general welfare;

Whereas, the LPG Industry is a key component of the Philippine downstream oil industry and LPG is a widely used fuel commodity, and accounts for a significant portion of total Philippine oil demand;

Whereas, while it has been reported that the LPG Industry benefited from the liberalization and deregulation of the downstream oil industry as such policy attracts new oil companies and makes the market conditions more competitive, a growing concern among consumers has developed due to the proliferation of unfair and unsafe trade practices among participants after deregulation;

Whereas, among the concerns in the LPG industry, are the so-called "abnormalities in the market" resulting from the deregulation of the sector including illegal refilling and patent violations;

Whereas, there is a need to formulate a comprehensive framework for the monitoring and supervision of the LPG Industry under a deregulated market environment and the same aimed at enforcing necessary sanctions to safeguard consumer and worker rights, protecting the environment, and preserving public welfare;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Committee on Trade and Commerce and other appropriate committee/s to conduct an inquiry and assessment, in aid of legislation, on the liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) industry with the intention of formulating a national framework that would address the concerns of the sector and to ensure the safety of the consuming public and protect their general welfare.

Adopted,

Manny Villar