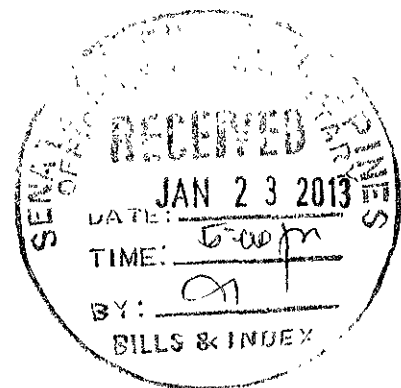


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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel, III

**A RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND
AMUSEMENT OF THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN
INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE
RULES OF THE PHILIPPINE BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE
GAMES ARE BECOMING VIOLENT**

WHEREAS, Section 17 Article II of the Constitution states that the State shall give priority to education, science and technology, arts, culture and sports to foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation and development;

WHEREAS, Section 13 (35) Rule 10 of the Rules of the Senate provides that the Senate Committee on Games and Amusement covers all matters relating to games and amusement, such as lotteries, jai-alai, horse racing, dog-racing, wrestling, boxing, basketball and all other sports, as well as matters relating to amateur sports development;

WHEREAS, in a Philippine Star news article by William Esposito, Esposito said that Commissioner Rudy Salud must be called to task over the evolution of PBA's rules and how players and questionable referees glaringly abuse the rules;

WHEREAS, in the same news article it was also said that not even the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) games nor the National Basketball Association (NBA) games tolerate such dirty or rough plays, as practiced in PBA;

WHEREAS, if players will get used to playing with these rules it will make us lose games in international tournaments¹;

WHEREAS, if the situation continues it will condition our young peoples' minds that rough and dirty tactics are good methods to adopt in order to attain a goal²;

WHEREAS, in a television interview, sports analyst Ronnie Nathanielz said that PBA will have to reassess its policies on officiating as players have become more physical during games;

WHEREAS, law suits for damages by PBA players against the PBA may even result because the PBA has been allowing harmful rules to be adopted in the pro league³;

WHEREAS, these more physical and rough PBA games can result to a PBA players' career to end;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENT CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RULES OF THE PHILIPPINE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE GAMES ARE BECOMING VIOLENT.

Adopted,


AQUILINO "KOKO" L. PIMENTEL, III

¹ <http://www.philstar.com/opinion/2013/01/13/896324/rough-brand-pba-basketball>

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