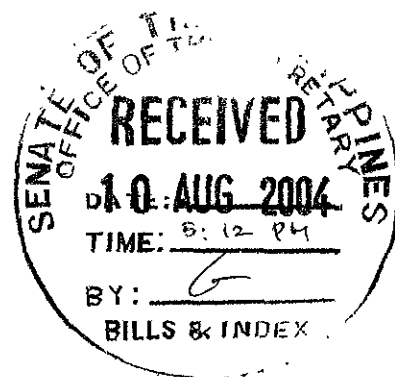


SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 38



**RESOLUTION CREATING AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
ON PRISON MANAGEMENT, VEHICLE REGISTRATION,  
FIREARMS REGISTRATION, CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE  
AND MANAGEMENT, AND THE USE OF INTELLIGENCE  
AND CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS, PROGRAMS AND  
ACTIVITIES**

Introduced by Senator Richard J. Gordon and Senator Edgardo J. Angara

WHEREAS, there had been fifty-six (56) journalists killed since the restoration of press freedom in 1986, yet only two (2) of these crimes had been solved;

WHEREAS, there had been seven (7) members of the Judiciary killed in the line of duty since 1999, whose assassinations remain unsolved up to this day;

WHEREAS, prisoners from the national and local penitentiaries are reportedly being employed to commit these wretched crimes and other unlawful acts;

WHEREAS, stolen vehicles and vehicles using stolen plate numbers are commonly used to perpetrate these crimes;

WHEREAS, according to the Firearms and Explosives Division of the Philippine National Police, eighty-five point eighty-seven percent (85.87%) or eleven thousand eight hundred eleven (11,811) of all firearms used in criminal activities from 1993 to June 2004 are unlicensed;

WHEREAS, the inefficiency of the national police force in solving these crimes has contributed to the audacity of these lawless elements in perpetrating their criminal activities;

WHEREAS, the re-enacted General Appropriations Act for FY 2003 in 2004 has assigned funds for intelligence and confidential programs and activities of the government;

WHEREAS, intelligence and confidential funds are not subject to the regular auditing requirements of the Commission on Audit, thus, opening the floodgates to abuse in the utilization of these funds;

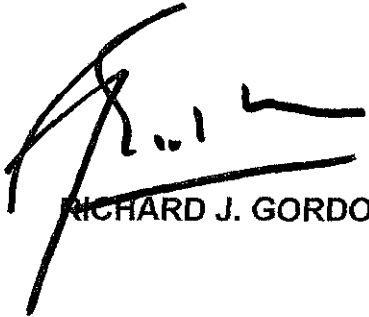
WHEREAS, during the Tenth Congress, a Senate Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence and Confidential Funds, Programs and Activities was created on 12 August 1997 and was subsequently reconstituted in the Eleventh Congress and the Twelfth Congress;

WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute and expand the jurisdiction of this Oversight Committee in the Thirteenth Congress to cover matters relating to prison management, vehicle registration, firearms registration, criminal intelligence and management in addition to its existing concerns to enable the Senate to investigate the efficiency of relevant institutions in the prevention of crimes and apprehension of criminals in aid of legislation;

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 Prison Management, Vehicle Registration, Firearms Registration, Criminal Intelligence and Management, and the Use of Intelligence and Confidential Funds, Programs and Activities.

Adopted.



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