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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, REGARDING REPORTED DRUG
DEALINGS INSIDE CASINOS

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 9165 or the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, it is the policy of the State to safeguard the integrity of its territory and well-being of its citizenry;

WHEREAS, in an article posted on the Philippine Daily Inquirer website on February 24, 2014, Police Chief Inspector Roque Merdeguia of the Philippine National Police Anti-Illegal Drug Special Operations Task Force (AIDSOTF) stated that drug transactions are taking place inside casino quarters¹;

WHEREAS, Police Chief Inspector Roque Merdeguia said that as replacement for money, drugs are being sold in exchange for casino chips and that such acts constitute money laundering;

WHEREAS, according to a Dangerous Drugs Board survey in 2008, there are an estimated 1.7 million drug users in the Philippines²;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that drug enforcement agencies be more efficient, effective and stricter in implementing dangerous drugs laws and issuances in order to prevent the trade of illegal drugs in the country;

¹ Inquirer.net, PNP: Drug deals done inside casinos, <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/580386/pnp-drug-deals-done-inside-casinos>.

² Dangerous Drugs Board website, Facts on Drugs, <http://www.ddb.gov.ph/research-statistics/46-sidebar/58-facts-on-drugs>.

BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the proper senate committees to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, regarding the reported drug dealings inside casinos;

Adopted,



MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY
Senator