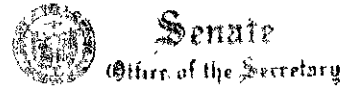


SIXTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC)
OF THE PHILIPPINES)
First Regular Session)



14 MAR 27 P2:44

SENATE
P. S. R. No. 586

RECEIVED BY: *f*

Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED DANGER CAUSED BY THE UPSURGE OF
MOSQUITOS IN COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 provides: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the same states, "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

WHEREAS, *the Philippine Star*, in its 22 March 2014 issue, reported that the Department of Health is probing the mosquito upsurge in Gagalangin, Tondo as well as in some villages in Pasig City;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) reported about the sudden increase in mosquito density in Gagalangin, Tondo in Manila as well as in some villages in Pasig City;

WHEREAS, DOH Undersecretary Ted Herbosa allayed fears of a possible increase in dengue and chikungunya cases, as mosquitoes reportedly proliferating in these areas were not *aedesaegypti*, but *culex*;

WHEREAS, according to Usec. Herbosa, *culex* are ordinary mosquitoes and they just bite;

WHEREAS, Usec. Herbosa reportedly said that the DOH-National Capital Region recorded sporadic reports on increase in mosquito population in these areas, as he noted that it is premature to assume there is an abnormal increase in mosquitoes;

WHEREAS, according to Usec. Herbosa, the increase in the population of mosquitoes is normal when weather is shifting from cold to warm;

WHEREAS, according to the report, Herbosa cited an abandoned construction site in Gagalangin where standing water teeming with mosquito larvae was found;

WHEREAS, in his Twitter account, DOH assistant secretary Eric Tayag posted that *culex* mosquitoes bite at night;

WHEREAS, Tayag reportedly said that an experiment showed that *culex* mosquitoes that feed on chicken blood laid more eggs and a swarm of mosquitoes indicates dirty communities, and that *Culex* thrive in dirty stagnant water;

WHEREAS, according to the report, experts have been doing fumigation, spraying insecticide and applying larvaecide in mosquito breeding sites in affected areas;

WHEREAS, there is a need for the DOH to help the local government to identify factors causing the mosquito upsurge;

WHEREAS, the DOH should also coordinate with the local government to stop the proliferation of mosquitoes especially in highly populated areas;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported danger caused by the upsurge of mosquitos in communities.

Adopted,

miriam defensor santia
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO
ocr

\lfd