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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) REPORT THAT THE NATIONAL PARKS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (NPDC) FAILED TO COLLECT OR USED WITHOUT AUTHORITY MILLIONS IN RENT FROM CONCESSIONAIRES IN 2013

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 27, provides: "The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption";

WHEREAS, the Constitution also states in Article 2, Section 28: "Subject to reasonable conditions prescribed by law, the State adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its transactions involving public interest";

WHEREAS, state auditors have alleged that the National Parks Development Committee (NPDC) has failed to collect or used without authority millions in rent from concessionaires in 2013;

WHEREAS, in its recently released report on the NPDC, the Commission on Audit (COA) said the agency had receivables from concessionaires pertaining to unpaid rental fees, penalties, and other charges totalling ₱37,728,688.88 as of December 2013;

WHEREAS, the COA attributed the uncollected amount to the NPDC's failure to demand payment and impose penalty provisions in the contracts or memorandums of agreement (MOAs);

1 WHEREAS, state auditors also reportedly found that collections from rental fees, interest
2 income, and proceeds from sales of scrap materials amounting to ₱23,504,022.40 were not
3 remitted to the Bureau of Treasury;

4 WHEREAS, they further charged that ₱8,938,959.82 of the said collections were used for
5 various expenses without authority from the Department of Budget and Management;


6 WHEREAS, the COA claimed that the NPDC actions contradict provisions in the
7 General Appropriations Act of 2013;

8 WHEREAS, losses incurred due to inefficiencies of income-generating agencies deprive
9 the state of revenue, which may be used to improve the services it provides the Filipino people;

10 WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must mandate all government
11 agencies to improve efficiency in collection of fees, and integrate penalties for late payment,
12 including the termination of the contracts or MOAs for defaulting concessionaires;

13 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
14 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the recent
15 Commission on Audit (COA) report that the National Parks Development Committee (NPDC)
16 failed to collect or used without authority millions in rent from concessionaires in 2013.

Adopted,


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