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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 REPORT THAT THE DERAILMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE
NATIONAL RAILWAYS IS CAUSED BY STOLEN PARTS

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 states, "The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy";

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* on 6 May 2015 reported that Philippine National Railways (PNR) operations have been halted as the system is checked for stolen parts;

WHEREAS, the inspection was scheduled after two cars of a southbound PNR train were allegedly derailed on April 29 between the EDSA and Nichols Stations;

WHEREAS, the news quoted PNR spokesperson Paul de Quiros as saying that the inspection will include the stretch of tracks between the Tutuban and Calamba stations;

WHEREAS, PNR management claims the derailment was caused by missing angle bars and rail clips used to support rails and rail joints;

WHEREAS, the State is mandated to ensure a safe, decent, and efficient public transportation system and, in the performance of such mandate, is duty-bound protect public transportation systems from disruptive activities such as theft of parts;

WHEREAS, Congress must study legislative measures that may be taken to prevent individuals or groups from stealing train parts;

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 report that the derailment of the Philippine National Railways is caused by stolen parts.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO