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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 WORKERS ARE AGAINST AN INCREASE IN
SOCIAL SECURITY PREMIUMS

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 9 provides: "The State shall promote a
2 just and dynamic social order that will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and
3 free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full
4 employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all";

5 WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 29 June 2015 reported that workers, especially
6 minimum wage earners, are urging Congress to stop the Social Security System (SSS) from
7 imposing a planned increase in monthly premiums;

8 WHEREAS, the SSS is reportedly planning to increase monthly premiums amid the
9 passage of a House bill that raised SSS pensions by ₱2,000 a month;

10 WHEREAS, workers interviewed by the *Bulletin* said that the planned SSS increase in
11 monthly contribution would put a huge dent on their meager income, and that even without the
12 premium hike, they already have difficulty in making ends meet;

13 WHEREAS, instead of passing on to members the burden of paying a higher monthly
14 premium, the SSS should look for other means to afford the pension increase;

15 WHEREAS, Congress should ensure that workers be given a favorable condition amid
16 the alleged SSS plan to increase pension contributions;

17 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
18 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that
19 workers are against an increase in social security premiums.

Adopted,


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