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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 SOME 100 WORKERS AT THE CITY OF DREAMS MANILA
WILL BE SUSPENDED AMID PROFIT LOSSES

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution provides, in Article 2, Sections 9 and 10:

2 SECTION 9. The State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that
3 will ensure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people
4 from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full
5 employment, a rising standard of living, and an improved quality of life for all.

6 SECTION 10. The State shall promote social justice in all phases of
7 national development.

8 WHEREAS, wire news agency Reuters on 11 August 2015 reported that casino operator
9 Melco Crown Resorts Corporation, which runs the City of Dreams Manila, will be suspending
10 some 100 workers;

11 WHEREAS, Melco Crown Philippines reportedly attributed its decision to losses that
12 widened in June, owing to higher costs and a slowdown in the influx of clients;

13 WHEREAS, the City of Dreams Manila reportedly earned some ₱2.9 billion from April
14 to June 2015;

15 WHEREAS, the casino operator's filings with the Philippine Stock Exchange purportedly
16 show consolidated comprehensive loss of ₱1.82 billion from April to June 2015, 27 percent
17 higher than its ₱1.43-billion loss in the same period in 2014;

18 WHEREAS, the losses were allegedly due to gaming tax and license fees; inventories
19 consumed; employee benefit expenses; depreciation and amortization; other expenses; payments
20 to the Philippine parties; interest expenses; other finance fees; and amortization of deferred
21 financing costs;

22 WHEREAS, the firm allegedly said the employment of the affected employees will
23 resume when business improves;


24 WHEREAS, it is the duty of the government to protect workers from abusive practices of
25 their employers;

1 WHEREAS, Melco Crown Philippines is setting a precedent for other employers and
2 business owners to suspend workers when convenient, with utter disregard for these workers'
3 rights;

4 WHEREAS, the Congress, in consultation with the Department of Labor and
5 Employment and other concerned agencies, must strengthen existing legislation to prevent
6 unwarranted suspension of workers;

7 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
8 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that some
9 100 workers at the City of Dreams Manila will be suspended amid profit losses.

Adopted,


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