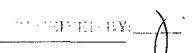


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SENATE P. S. R. No. **1614**



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 DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING WORSENS TRAFFIC ALONG EDSA

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

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 21 September 2015 reported that government vehicles illegally parked near the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) central office at the corner of Quezon Avenue and EDSA in Quezon City cause traffic congestion in the area;

WHEREAS, the illegally parked government vehicles are allegedly assigned to DILG-attached agencies, including the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and local government units;

WHEREAS, the *Star* reported that the Highway Patrol Group (HPG) is incapable of clearing the area because some of the vehicles belong to top police officials;

WHEREAS, the DILG is one of the main agencies tasked to resolve the worsening traffic condition in Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, the Congress, in reviewing the proposed 2016 budget of the DILG, must inquire into how the agency intends to address the lack of parking areas in its central office;

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 Department of Interior and Local Government Unit central office building worsens traffic along EDSA.

Adopted,

MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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