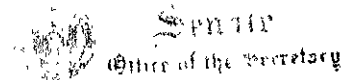


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RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE STRONG SENSE OF THE SENATE AGAINST WHAT APPEARS TO BE DEPLORABLE ACTS THAT ARE HAPPENING WITHIN THE AIRPORT TERMINALS, PARTICULARLY THE TANIM-BALA OR LAGLAG BALA MODUS OPERANDI THAT VICTIMIZES FLIGHT PASSENGERS, ESPECIALLY OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS

WHEREAS, it is enshrined under Article III, Section 6 of the Philippine Constitution states that one's right to travel shall not be impaired except in the interest of national security, public safety, or public health;

WHEREAS, air passengers have the right to be safe and secure not only during their flight but while they are still on the ground and within airport premises;

WHEREAS, about a month from the time the initial news came out regarding the "laglag bala" or "tanim-bala" incident, multiple reports of the same nature were documented, published, and shown via television, radio, and social media;

WHEREAS, the escalating incidence of "laglag bala" or "tanim bala" has resulted to paranoia among the flight passengers using the Philippine airport terminals, especially the Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) who are the usual unsuspecting victims of various forms of inconvenience by airport officials and personnel;

WHEREAS, the case of the 56 year old OFW from Hong Kong known as "Nanay Gloria" is just one among the many who have been exploited by this *modus operandi* and to date, despite the investigations that were reported to have been done, we have not yet seen any concrete results, including the identification of who the real culprits are;

WHEREAS, these incidents, which have been the subject of many Senate Resolutions filed, including Senate Resolution No. 1610 by this representation, infer that procedural lapses in security are being committed and it would seem that measures are not being taken in order to implement stricter policy in light of the escalating reports;

WHEREAS, the continuous perpetration of "laglag bala" or "tanim-bala" *modus operandi* at our Philippine airport terminals renders naught the efforts of the country to be removed from among the worst airports worldwide as well as within Asia;

WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to express its strong sense against what appears to be deplorable acts that are happening within the airport terminals, particularly the "tanim-bala" or "laglag bala" *modus operandi* that victimizes flight passengers, especially Overseas Filipino Workers;

Adopted,


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