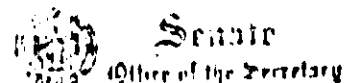
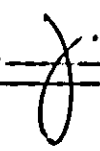


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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE**  
**TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,**  
**ON THE ALLEGED USE OF PROHIBITED ACTIVE FISHING GEARS IN CEBU**

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 16 provides:

2 The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced  
3 and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

4 WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) issued Fisheries Administrative Order  
5 No. 246 (FAO 246) banning the use of active fishing gears particularly the Danish Seine (hulbot-  
6 hulbot) and Modified Danish Seine (buli-buli) in Philippine waters;

7 WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), the  
8 use of hulbot-hulbot and buli-buli contributes to the destruction of marine habitats and other  
9 fishery resources;

10 WHEREAS, on 7 July 2014, the Supreme Court issued a resolution restraining the  
11 Malabon Regional Trial Court Branch 170 from prohibiting the DA and BFAR from  
12 implementing FAO 246;

13 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe, Cebu Police Station certified on 27 August 2015 that a  
14 concerned citizen together with barangay officials arrested around 50 fishermen for unauthorized  
15 fishing and use of active fishing gears;

16 WHEREAS, according to the arresting citizen, some fishermen continue to use hulbot-  
17 hulbot and buli-buli despite the prohibition against it;

18 WHEREAS, the Philippine Fisheries Code, Section 124 mandates the law enforcement  
19 officers of the DA, the Philippine Navy, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine National Police  
20 (PNP), PNP-Maritime Command, law enforcement officers of the LGUs and other government  
21 enforcement agencies to enforce fishery laws, rules and regulations;

22 WHEREAS, the law enforcement agencies should effectively carry out their mandated  
23 functions;

1           WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the State that laws are duly implemented;

2           WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
3 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the allegation of  
4 continued use of prohibited active fishing gears.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  
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