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SENATE
P. S. R. No. 1710

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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 COMMISSION ON AUDIT REPORT QUESTIONING PROCUREMENT
TRANSACTIONS MADE BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES
FOR A TOTAL OF ₱24.9 BILLION

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution provides, in Article 2, Sections 27 and 28:

2 Section 27. The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public
3 service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption.

4 Section 28. Subject to reasonable conditions prescribed by law, the State
5 adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its transactions
6 involving public interest.

7 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 12 November 2015 reported that the Commission on
8 Audit (COA) red-flagged various and weapons equipment upgrade of the Armed Forces of the
9 Philippines (AFP) for not observing procurement protocol;

10 WHEREAS, the COA claimed that the military violated provisions of Republic Act No.
11 9184 or the Government Procurement Reform Act as it did not undergo public bidding when it
12 acquired weapons and equipment worth ₱24.9 billion under the AFP Modernization Program;


13 WHEREAS, the Department of National Defense (DND), however, insisted that the
14 military observed proper procurement protocol in the following transactions approved by the
15 Government Procurement Policy Board:

- 16 • The acquisition of eight Bell 412 helicopters from Canada, through a government-to-
17 government transaction made through an executive agreement with Canada;
- 18 • The purchase of 12 FA-50 fighter jets from South Korea was made through negotiated
19 mode of procurement as stated in R.A. No. 9184;
- 20 • The acquisition of C4I/GIS computer systems through direct contracting; and
- 21 • The purchase of portable radio and technical forensic upgrades through negotiated
22 procurement;

1 WHEREAS, the Congress, through relevant legislation, must seek to improve compliance
2 with procurement protocol to avert corruption in the military and other government agencies;

3 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
4 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the Commission on
5 Audit report questioning procurement transactions made by the Armed Forces of the Philippines
6 for a total of ₱24.9 billion.

Adopted,


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