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P. S. R. No. 1714

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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 THE CALOOCAN CITY GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED TO
APPROVE A MANDATORY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Sections 15 and 16 provide:

2 Section 15. The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the
3 people and instill health consciousness among them.

4 Section 16. The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a
5 balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.

6 WHEREAS, the *Manila Bulletin* on 11 October 2015 reported that the Commission on
7 Audit flagged the Caloocan City government for failing to approve a mandatory solid waste
8 management plan;

9 WHEREAS, state auditors charged that such failure is in violation of R.A. No. 7160, also
10 known as the "Local Government Code of 1991," which mandates cities to implement solid
11 waste disposal or environmental management systems and services;


12 WHEREAS, the Caloocan City Solid Waste Management Board has allegedly not yet
13 completed the preparation of the city's 10-year solid waste management plan that will ensure the
14 long-term management of solid waste;

15 WHEREAS, this has reportedly prompted the National Solid Waste Management
16 Commission to issue a warning for the Caloocan City government;

17 WHEREAS, Congress, in exercising its oversight function, must review the local
18 government compliance with the Local Government Code of 1991 and the Ecological Solid
19 Waste Management Act of 2000 to ensure that all local government units are implementing
20 programs to manage their solid waste;

- 1 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct
- 2 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that the
- 3 Caloocan City government has failed to approve a mandatory solid waste management plan.

Adopted,


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