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RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATUS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL PERTINENT LAWS THAT PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF WELFARE OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWs), PARTICULARLY, THE LAWS AGAINST ILLEGAL RECRUITMENT

WHEREAS, despite the passage of Republic Act No. 8042, otherwise known as "Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipino Act of 1995," incidents of illegal recruitment continue to rise unabated;

WHEREAS, numerous reports disclosed that in 2003, 866 cases of illegal recruitment were reported, but in particular, during the first half of 2004, there were already 457 reported incidents of illegal recruitment;

WHEREAS, it had been reported that of out of the total number of 866 incidents of illegal recruitment in 2003, only 10 cases were solved, while out of 457 cases of illegal recruitment reported the first half of this year, only 1 has been solved;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that government enact measures to ensure that Filipino labor, whether local or overseas, must at all times be protected from unscrupulous recruiters and syndicates who employ nefarious means to entice our countrymen to work under onerous and exploitative conditions pursuant to the constitutional guarantee for the protection of the right of workers and the promotion of their welfare (Section 18, Article II and Section 3, Article XIII, 1987 Constitution);

WHEREAS, there is a need to harmonize all this pertinent laws for the protection of labor, particularly those against illegal recruitment, necessitating the need to review these laws, determine the existence of possible conflict in legislative intent, and reconcile the same to make them more effective and attuned to present labor conditions;

WHEREAS, it is likewise imperative that there be better coordination between and among agencies engaged in the anti-illegal recruitment drive to be able to effectively and efficiently abate illegal recruitment activities;

WHEREAS, it may be necessary to consider the passage of remedial legislation so that the problems of illegal recruitment are addressed and that full protection and promotion of the welfare of OFWs are provided. *Now, therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, Urging The Committee On Labor, Employment And Human Resources Development To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, On The Status Of The Implementation Of All Pertinent Laws That Provide For The Protection And Promotion Of Welfare Of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), Particularly The Laws Against Illegal Recruitment.

Adopted,



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Senator