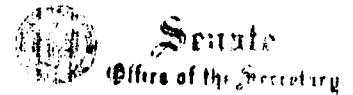
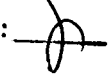


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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED PILFERAGE/SMUGGLING AT THE GOVERNMENT ARSENAL IN LIGHT OF THE SEIZURE OF PHP 6 MILLION-WORTH OF HIGH-POWERED FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION BELONGING TO THE GOVERNMENT ARSENAL PURPORTEDLY INTENDED TO BE SOLD FOR ABU SAYYAF GROUP AND WAR LORDS IN ARMM

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2016, four (4) men who are allegedly supplying high-powered guns to Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) and war lords in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) were arrested;¹

WHEREAS, Php6M-worth of high-powered firearms and ammunition were seized by the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) operatives in Barangay West Crame, San Juan City. The seized items include M203 grenade launchers, M14 and M16 rifles and thousands of ammunition;²

WHEREAS, according to PNP Chief Ronald Dela Rosa, Unding Kenneth Isa, Hja Risdimona Isa, Aljamer Akarab Mandih, Hurbin Alhi Sahibul, and some ASG members have been in Manila since August 2016 to buy a cache of guns, explosive components, and ammunition upon orders of an unidentified ASG commander. The contraband will supposedly be used in the alleged strengthening of the ASG's armaments in their fight against government forces in Sulu and Basilan as well as the intensification of their kidnapping and bombing operations;³

WHEREAS, most of the ammunitions were identified by the Philippine National Police (PNP) to be from the Government Arsenal. The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), through Public Affairs Chief Colonel Edgard Arevalo, admitted that there is a possibility that some soldiers are involved in gun smuggling (pilferage);⁴

¹ Roxas, T., September 27, 2016. P6M worth of high-powered firearms for Abu Sayyaf seized in San Juan. GMA News Online. Retrieved from <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/582854/news/metro/p6m-worth-of-high-powered-firearms-for-abu-sayyaf-seized-in-san-juan>

² *Ibid.*

³ *Ibid.*

⁴ Roxas, T., September 27, 2016. P6M worth of high-powered firearms for Abu Sayyaf seized in San Juan. GMA News Online. Retrieved from <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/582854/news/metro/p6m-worth-of-high-powered-firearms-for-abu-sayyaf-seized-in-san-juan>

WHEREAS, there is an immediate and imperative need to conduct an investigation regarding this matter to put an end the pilferage and/or smuggling of high-powered firearms and ammunition, especially those involving government arsenal, and to strengthen Republic Act No. 10591, the Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act, and other existing laws, as well as to institute remedial legislation to severely punish the dastardly crime of selling armaments and ammunition from the Government Arsenal to terror groups, private armed groups and other enemies of the State.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, *as it is hereby resolved by the Philippines Senate*, to direct Committee on National Defense and Security of the Senate to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged smuggling of, or pilferage from, the government arsenal, of high-powered firearms and ammunition, in light of the seizure of PHP 6 million-worth of high-powered firearms and ammunitions belonging to the Government Arsenal and purportedly intended for sale to the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) and war lords in the ARMM Region with end in view of strengthen Republic Act No. 10591, the Firearms and Ammunition Regulation Act, and other existing laws, as well as to institute remedial legislation to severely punish the dastardly crime of selling armaments and ammunition from the Government Arsenal to terror groups, private armed groups and other enemies of the State.

Adopted,


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