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Introduced by Senator Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr.

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE, IN
AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED BIGTIME ONION AND VEGETABLE
SMUGGLING SYNDICATES IN THE COUNTRY

Whereas, Section 12, Article XII of the 1987 Constitution provides that "The State shall promote the preferential use of Filipino labor, domestic materials and locally produced goods, and adopt measures that help make them competitive.";

Whereas, agriculture remains an important sector in the Philippine economy and stability and competitiveness of prices of agricultural goods, such as onions and vegetables, are primary concerns of the national government;

Whereas, local onion and vegetable farmers have blamed the problem of unabated smuggling for the depressed farm-gate buying prices of their produce;

Whereas, the Katipunan ng mga Samahang Magsisibuyas ng Nueva Ecija (KASAMNE SMKB INC) has compiled a masterlist of alleged big time onion and vegetable smugglers in 2004, as follows:

List of 2004 Bigtime Onion & Vegetables Smugglers					
<i>Name of Importers Apprehended by BOC</i>	<i>Customs Broker / Dummy's Name</i>	<i>With Import Permits</i>	<i>1st Batch</i>	<i>2nd Batch</i>	<i>3rd Batch</i>
			<i>No Import Permits / Smuggling</i>		
		<i>9-Jun-04</i>	<i>23 July '04</i>	<i>10 Sept '04</i>	<i>20 Sept '04</i>
Lorenzo "Apiak" Tan:	Lilybeth B. Valenzuela				
1. Jocarlmak Trading	Lilybeth B. Valenzuela	20	41	-	2
2. Mc Master Int'l Sales	Lorenzo Tan	10	-	-	-
3. Lowilruf Manufacturing	Lorenzo Tan	10	-	-	-
Note: All import illegal activities centered at MICP.					
"Apiak" Group Members:					
4. AGR Trading	Lilia Cruz	-	8	-	6
5. Southfield Agri Products	"	-	-	-	-
6. Bana Trading	Anthony Bana	-	12	-	4
7. Almarine Enterprises	Edith Escama	-	20	-	8

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Henry O: Customs Broker	Gerlyn Lagleva				
1. Asia Lucky Five, Inc.	Henry O	8	-	-	-
2. Asia Golden Sun, Inc.	Henry O	8	-	-	-
3. Asia Link Marketing, Inc.	Henry O	8	-	-	-
4. Asia Foodstuff, Inc.	Henry O	6	-	-	-
5. Universal Pacific Import	Gerlyn Lagleva	4	-	-	-
6. Asia Golden Luck, Inc.	Gerlyn Lagleva	6	8	-	-
7. Asia Golden Ark	Gerlyn Lagleva	-	12	-	-
8. Cyrus Logistics, Inc	Gerlyn Lagleva	-	4	-	-
9. Airwinds Freight	Gerlyn Lagleva	-	3	-	-
Note: All import illegal activities centered at Manila South Harbor					
Henry Group Members:					
8. Pearl River Enterprises	Emmanuel Santos	10	16	10	-
9. Hypertrade Enterprises	Emmanuel Santos	10	4	-	-
10. Touchdown Trading	Rannie Santos	-	10	-	-
11. E.C. Guido Trading	Luis Udquin	10	12	-	-
12. D'Welpers Trading Int'l.	Luis Udquin	10	11	-	2
Total 40 ft. Reefer Vans Apprehended:		120	161	10	22

List of 2004 Bigtime Onion & Vegetables Smugglers					
Name of Importers Apprehended by BOC	Customs Broker / Dummy's Name	4 th Batch	5 th Batch	6 th Batch	Seize
		Y.O. Permit w/ carrots	Fruit & Onion	Y.O. Permit w/ carrots	40 ft.
			w/ carrots		
		27 Sept '04	8-Oct-04	18-Oct-04	
Lorenzo "Apiak" Tan:	Lilybeth B. Valenzuela				
1. Jocarlmak Trading	Lilybeth B. Valenzuela	2	2	-	47
2. Mc Master Int'l Sales	Lorenzo Tan	-	-	-	0
3. Lowilruf Manufacturing	Lorenzo Tan	-	-	-	0
Note: All import illegal activities centered at MICP.		Apiak Tan sub-total:			47
"Apiak" Group Members:					
4. AGR Trading	Lilia Cruz	2	-	8	24
5. Southfield Agricul'l Products		-	-	2	2

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		27 Sept '04	8-Oct-04	18-Oct-04	
6. Bana Trading	Anthony Bana	-	-	-	16
7. Almarine Enterprises	Edith Escama	-	-	-	28
8. Armanca Enterprises	"	-	2	-	2
Apiak Group sub-total:					72
Henry O: Customs Broker	Gerlyn Lagleva				
1. Asia Lucky Five, Inc.	Henry O	-	-	-	0
2. Asia Golden Sun, Inc.	Henry O	-	-	-	0
3. Asia Link Marketing, Inc.	Henry O	-	-	-	0
4. Asia Foodstuff, Inc.	Henry O	-	-	-	0
5. Universal Pacific Import	Gerlyn Lagleva	-	-	-	0
6. Asia Golden Luck, Inc.	Gerlyn Lagleva	-	-	-	8
7. Asia Golden Ark	Gerlyn Lagleva	-	-	-	12
8. Cyrus Logistics, Inc	Gerlyn Lagleva	-	-	-	4
9. Airwinds Freight	Gerlyn Lagleva	-	-	-	3
Note: Most import illegal activities centered at South Harbor.	Henry O sub-total:				27
Henry O Group Members:					
8. Pearl River Enterprises	Emmanuel Santos	-	-	18	44
9. Hypertrade Enterprises	Emmanuel Santos	-	-	-	4
10. Touchdown Trading	Rannie Santos	2	-	-	12
11. E.C. Guido Trading	Luis Udquin	-	-	-	12
12. D'Welpers Trading Int'l.	Luis Udquin	-	-	-	13
Henry O Group sub-total:					85
Fruits & Garlic Importers:					
1. Oriental Fresh Connections	Pears & Quinces	-	1	-	1
2. Unicomm Ingredients	Pastry base (20 ft)	-	1	-	1
Fruits & Garlic Importers sub-total:					2
Total 40 ft. Reefer Vans Apprehended:		6	6	28	233

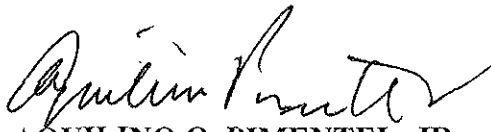
Whereas, President Gloria Macapagal- Arroyo has announced and reinvigorated the campaign against smuggling and has set a two-month deadline to the Commissioner of the Bureau of Customs to break up smuggling syndicates;

Whereas, government efforts to substantially raise tax revenues will suffer unless Malacanang will exert the political will in prosecuting and jailing big time smugglers and tax evaders;

Whereas, the dire fiscal status of the economy requires the vigorous implementation of the credible campaign against smuggling and provide stiffer penalties for violators of anti-smuggling laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee to investigate, in aid of legislation, the alleged bigtime onion and vegetable syndicates in the country;

Adopted,


AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR.