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## Introduced by Senator Franklin M. Drilon

## RESOLUTION

## DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES, AMUSEMENT AND SPORTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED INVOLVEMENT IN JUETENG OPERATIONS OF THREE RELATIVES OF A TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AND THE CONTINUING PROLIFERATION OF THIS ILLEGAL NUMBERS GAME IN THE COUNTRY

**WHEREAS**, jueteng has continued unabated and is reported to have become a P 30-Billion-a-year industry in the country;

**WHEREAS**, Archbishop Oscar Cruz, a leading crusader against jueteng, has criticized that more public officials are now "willing recipients and grateful beneficiaries of gambling payolas";

**WHEREAS**, newspaper reports allude to three relatives of a top government official as the top beneficiaries of "jueteng funds" in the country;

**WHEREAS**, the Philippine Daily Inquirer has reported that the three top beneficiaries have the code names "M1", "M2" and "JS7" and that they receive a combined total of Thirteen Million Pesos (P13,000,000.00) a month per province as jueteng pay-offs;

**WHEREAS**, the report mentioned that the three beneficiaries are able to influence the appointments to key police positions in provinces with huge jueteng payola and, in exchange, they get a substantial cut of whatever the police officials receive as protection money from jueteng operators;

**WHEREAS,** it is imperative to investigate these reports and determine the participation of these influential personalities in the continuing operations of jueteng in the country;

**WHEREAS,** jueteng is a pernicious activity of the Filipinos inasmuch as it dissipates their energy and resources and is the source of graft and corruption in government;

WHEREAS, contrary to the claim of those who profit generously from jueteng, this numbers game is not a victimless crime but rather, it destroys the very moral fiber of our society as it corrupts our policemen and local officials, not to mention those holding very sensitive and influential positions in the national government : Now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, To direct, as it hereby directs, the Senate Committee on Games, Amusement, and Sports to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported involvement in jueteng operations of three relatives of a top government official and the continuing proliferation of this illegal numbers game in the country.

Adopted,

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FRANKLIN M. DRILON Senator