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Introduced by Senator Rodolfo G. Biazon

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY TO
CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE WIRETAPPING OF
THE
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

Whereas, On 06 June 2005, Press Secretary Ignacio "Toting" Bunye presented to the Malacañang Press Corps two (2) Compact Discs (CDs) containing alleged conversations between certain individuals;

Whereas, It was admitted by Secretary Bunye during the same press conference that one of the voices in the tapes belonged to President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo;

Whereas, Although Secretary Bunye retracted this admission a few days after, no less than President Arroyo herself admitted during her televised message to the nation on 27 June 2005 that indeed, her voice was among those recorded in the tapes;

Whereas, Following the presentation made by Secretary Bunye to the media of the alleged taped conversations, the Minority Floor Leader in the House of Representatives made a Privilege Speech on the subject matter that was subsequently referred to five (5) House Committees;

Whereas, During the public hearings of these five House Committees, the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP) as well as the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) denied having the capability to wiretap telephone conversations;


Whereas, Based on these denials, the question of who tapped President Arroyo remains unanswered and the possibility that the MILF, the CPP-NPA-NDF, the Abu Sayyaf, the terrorists or other sectors that are categorized as 'power grabbers' could have done it, presents itself;

Whereas, The fact that no less than the President of the Republic, the Commander-In-Chief of its armed forces could be wiretapped presents a clear and present danger and constitutes a very serious threat to national security;

Whereas, There is a need to study existing laws to provide for security of communications in the highest command authority of the government; *Now Therefore, Be It Resolved*

By The Senate, To Direct The Committee On National Defense And Security To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, On The Wiretapping Of The President Of The Republic.

Adopted,


RODOLFO G. BIAZON
Senator