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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS AND PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED IRREGULARITY ATTENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DILG'S PATROL 117 STREET WATCH PROGRAM UNDER THE EMERGENCY NETWORK PROJECT WHICH IS BEING PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT ANNUALLY WITHOUT BEING FULLY OPERATIONALIZED WITH THE END-IN-VIEW OF RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE WANTON UTILIZATION OF SCARCE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES**

Whereas, in the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the tenets of clean government, integrity in public service and the taking of positive steps towards eradication of graft and corruption are given significance, viz:

1. Section 27, Article II, states "[t]he State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption";
2. Section 28, Article II, provides "[s]ubject to reasonable conditions prescribed by law, the State adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its transactions involving public interest."

Whereas, it has been a perennial objective of the government to promote thrift use of government resources;

Whereas, it has been concluded by the Commission on Audit and as reported that "the Php 1.37 billion Emergency Network Philippines (ENP) project funded by the Austrian government four years ago is bleeding the national government treasury dry, although it has yet to be fully implemented";

Whereas, as envisioned the program is supposed to be an advanced state of the art project that deals heavily with communication and relay equipment system to prevent, control and manage crimes, disasters and calamities;

Whereas, in the most recent report of the COA, it yielded the information that while the funds had not been provided in the appropriation of the Department of

Interior and Local Government for full operation, the national government has been paying the commitment fees and interest at an average of Php 69 million yearly;


Whereas, as of December 31, 2006, with only four (4) out of sixteen (16) call centers to be established under the project, the government has spent already Php 271,682,171.56 in fees and increasing interest expenses;

Whereas, the COA in the report of 2005, recommended that the DILG formulate a specific course of action to maximize the use of the ENP equipment and the department continues to ignore the positive recommendation of the Commission;

Whereas, a review of the Patrol 117 Street Watch Program under the Emergency Network Project must be made to make it responsive to the needs of the citizens and to prevent further dissipation of government resources: Now therefore be it

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES TO URGE THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND INVESTIGATIONS AND PUBLIC ORDER AND ILLEGAL DRUGS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED IRREGULARITY ATTENDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DILG'S PATROL 117 STREET WATCH PROGRAM UNDER THE EMERGENCY NETWORK PROJECT WHICH IS BEING PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT ANNUALLY WITHOUT BEING FULLY OPERATIONALIZED WITH THE END-IN-VIEW OF RECOMMENDING APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE WANTON UTILIZATION OF SCARCE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES.**

Adopted,

  
**MANNY VILLAR**