


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URGING THE SENATE TO DEFER APPROVAL OF THE ANTI-TERRORISM BILL (S.B. NO. 2137) UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS IN MAY, 2007

Introduced by Sen. Aquilino Pimentel, Jr.

WHEREAS, the world has proclaimed the anti-terrorism campaign of the government as a tremendous success;

WHEREAS, the success of the government in that direction has been achieved even in the absence of an anti-terrorism law;

WHEREAS, the election period covering the 2007 elections is about to begin that would culminate on the Election Day in May and, thereafter, several weeks more that cover the - usually hotly-contested-counting;

WHEREAS, the heat of the election campaign has often ended in a number of violent incidents;

WHEREAS, it is easy to see that people in power or unscrupulous individuals could conceivably use the anti-terror legislation as a tool to browbeat their electoral opponents;

WHEREAS, prudence dictates that the Senate should not allow them to have the opportunity to use the anti-terror legislation for purposes other than for which it is being crafted;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as the Senate hereby resolves to defer the APPROVAL of the Anti-Terrorism Bill (S.B. No. 2137) until after the election period mentioned above.

APPROVED,


AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR.