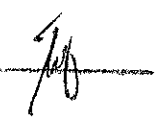


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SENATE

P. S. Resolution No. 616

Introduced by Senator M. A. Madrigal

RESOLUTION
URGING THE SENATE TO DEFER DELIBERATIONS ON
S.B. NO. 2137, OR THE ANTI-TERRORISM BILL, UNTIL
AFTER THE SENATE AS A BODY ACTS UPON THE ASEAN
CONVENTION ON COUNTER-TERRORISM

WHEREAS, on January 10-15, 2007, the Philippines hosted the 12th Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit, which was held in Cebu City;

WHEREAS, during the five-day event, the ASEAN leaders signed five covenants, among which is the *ASEAN Convention on Counter-Terrorism*;

WHEREAS, the *ASEAN Convention on Counter-Terrorism* is an international agreement in the nature of a treaty, being an original anti-terrorism accord among South East Asian countries, as no prior treaty as regards terrorism has been entered into by state-parties;

WHEREAS, it can not be considered an executive agreement, but as a formal treaty which would require the concurrence of the Senate as a pre-requisite for its effectivity;

WHEREAS, the Convention itself provides that it needs ratification based on internal procedures of the state before it can be considered binding;

WHEREAS, the issue of the *Convention's* Senate concurrence must first be debated and decided upon by the body before it discusses further *S.B. 2137 or The Anti-Terrorism Bill*, as the Convention may render superfluous, ineffective or nugatory certain provisions of the Anti-Terrorism Bill;

WHEREAS, the more prudent course of action to take is for the Senate to first defer consideration of *The Anti-Terrorism Bill* pending ratification of the *ASEAN Convention on Counter-Terrorism*;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as the Senate hereby resolves, to defer deliberations on S.B No.2137, or the Anti-Terrorism Bill, until after the Senate as a body acts upon *The ASEAN Convention on Counter-Terrorism*.

Adopted,



M. A. MADRIGAL