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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

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RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,  
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PROLIFERATION OF DOUBLE-DEAD MEAT  
IN THE MARKET

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 15 provides that, "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, according to the 21 May 2008 issue of *The Philippine Star*, more than three tons of double-dead meat were seized from ambulant vendors at the MC Market at EDSA, Balintawak in Quezon City;

WHEREAS, according to the National Meat Inspection Service (NMIS), about three tons of pork and 63 kilograms of buffalo meat were being sold by around 10 stall owners outside the market for about P80 to P90 per kilo;

WHEREAS, double-dead meat also known as hot meat come from already dead animals, which has a grayish tint to it, an indication that the blood had spread throughout the flesh because it did not undergo normal slaughter procedures;

WHEREAS, double dead meat is widely considered to be harmful to consumers' health since the animals most likely died from various illnesses before being butchered and sold;

WHEREAS, the continued proliferation of these double-dead meat or hot meat, which is deemed unfit for human consumption, pose a health hazard to unsuspecting consumers, especially those who may be attracted to buy such meat due to its relatively low price;

WHEREFORE, be it hereby resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the proliferation of double-dead meat in the market.

Adopted,

MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  
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