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Introduced by Senator Villar

RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY'S PROSECUTORIAL SERVICE CONSIDERING THE REPORTED LACK OF PROSECUTORS IN THE COUNTRY WHICH LEADS TO A LONG PERIOD OF TIME TO LITIGATE AND SETTLE CASES, AND WHY ULTIMATELY, FEW CASES ARE RESOLVED WITH THE END IN VIEW OF CHARTING POLICIES GEARED TOWARDS BETTER ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Whereas, the Bill of Rights guarantees to all persons the right to a speedy disposition of their cases before all judicial bodies;

Whereas prosecutors play a crucial role in the administration of justice, and the performance of their important responsibilities contribute to fair and equitable criminal justice and the effective protection of citizens against crime;

Whereas, the 2007 Summary of Organizational and Caseload Statistics for the National Prosecution Office of the Department of Justice showed how it was physically impossible for one prosecutor to handle his case load because the report revealed that one prosecutor had an average load of 454 trial cases, in addition to another set of 228 cases for preliminary investigation;

Whereas, the apparent lack of manpower to prosecute cases has resulted in the impairment of the constitutionally-guaranteed right to speedy disposition of cases;

Whereas, the rise in criminality can be seen as an offshoot of the inability to immediately prosecute cases as accused felons who can post bail are in essence given license to continue with their criminal designs and ways as it takes a long period of time to convict them;

Whereas, it is recommended that the number of prosecutors assigned per city or municipal trial courts be increased to such relevant number as may aid the resolution of this administrative barrier accordingly; Now therefore, be it

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, To urge the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the state of the country's prosecutorial service considering the reported lack of prosecutors in the country which leads to a long period of time to litigate and settle cases, and why ultimately, few cases are resolved with the end in view of charting policies geared towards better administration of justice.

Adopted,



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