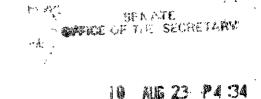
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P. S. Res. No. **139**

Introduced by Senator FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO

RESOLUTION

CREATING A SELECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE AND CONFIDENTIAL FUNDS, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the 2010 approved budget identifies Php 1.1 billion, more or less, for intelligence and confidential funds, programs and activities of the government, such as but not limited to those relating to national security, intelligence and counterintelligence activities.

WHEREAS, the intelligence and confidential funds are not subject to the regular auditing requirements of the Commission on Audit, thus, opening the floodgates to the misuse and abuse in the utilization of these funds.

WHEREAS, during the Tenth, Eleventh, Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congresses, a Senate Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence and Confidential Funds, Programs and Activities (the "Select Oversight Committee"), was created on 12 August 1997, 20 October 1998, 02 October 2001, 26 January 2005 and 17 August 2009, respectively.

WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute the Select Oversight Committee in the Fifteenth Congress to continue exercising its oversight functions over the use, disbursement and expenditures of intelligence and confidential funds granted to numerous government agencies.

WHEREAS, there is a need to reconstitute the Select Oversight Committee to enable the Senate to investigate the efficiency of such relevant institutions in the prevention of crimes and apprehension of criminals in aid of legislation and to assure that the appropriate departments and agencies provide informed and timely intelligence on public order and national security.

WHEREAS, Section 14, Rule X of the Rules of the Senate provides that "Whenever necessary, special committees shall be organized, the membership and jurisdiction of which shall be determined by the Senate President."

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to create a Select Oversight Committee on Intelligence and Confidential Funds, Programs and Activities.

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FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO