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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED NEED TO CURTAIL THE
OPERATIONS OF SYNDICATES BY INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS BY
THE CREATION OF AN ONLINE DATABASE OF CRIMINALS AND
SYNDICATES, AND THEIR OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 provides: The maintenance of peace and order, the protection of life, liberty, and property, and promotion of the general welfare are essential for the enjoyment by all the people of the blessings of democracy;

WHEREAS, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, in its 4 March 2009 issue reported that robbers posing as maids is becoming a rampant modus operandi practiced by a group of con-artists in Metro Manila;

WHEREAS, the Manila Police District (MPD) reportedly said that a group of women robbers, who are believed to be part of a syndicate, would pose as housemaids and poison their employers before ransacking the household for cash and valuables;

WHEREAS, the MPD was able to capture one of the members of the syndicate after the employer of this fake house helper was poisoned, brought to the hospital, then robbed by the fake house helper;

WHEREAS, these robbers, by posing as household helpers, degrade a noble labor practice by sowing distrust among the public on household helpers;

WHEREAS, although the MPD is already conducting an investigation, it is imperative that these new operations by syndicates should be curtailed nationally by the State;

WHEREAS, the government should strengthen its information campaign against con-artists and syndicates operating in the Philippines by creating an online database containing information on their operations, locations, and other data, which would be accessible to the public;

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 reported need to curtail the operations of syndicates by increasing public awareness by the creation of an online database of criminals and syndicates, and their operations.

Adopted,


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