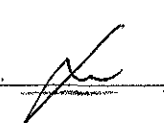


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED NEED TO STUDY WHETHER THE AUTHORITY OF THE METRO MANILA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY ON TRAFFIC REGULATIONS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC-DIRECTING STRUCTURES SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 states: "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, there were various complaints on the congestion of traffic along the intersection of EDSA and Quezon Avenue allegedly caused by the taxi bay and U-turn area in the middle of the said intersection;

WHEREAS, the U-turn area and taxi bay were allegedly built by the Metro Manila Development Agency (MMDA) under the term of Bayani Fernando;

WHEREAS, the complaints alleged that instead of easing traffic flow, the construction of the taxi bay and U-turn slot have aggravated the problem of congested traffic in the area;

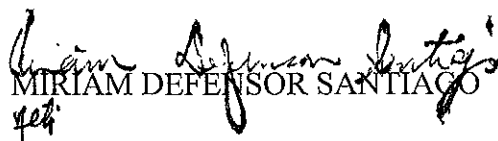
WHEREAS, it was also alleged that buses are now allowed to pass through that area instead of taking a different route, causing heavier traffic than usual;

WHEREAS, the State should ascertain whether the decisions of the MMDA on the construction of U-turns and other infrastructures have undergone consultations from professionals and other erudite on matters relating to traffic regulations;

WHEREAS, the State should study the possibility of transferring the power of the MMDA on creating public infrastructures and road signs to the local government or to other government agencies, such as the Department of Public Works and Highways;

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 study whether the authority of the Metro Manila Development Agency on traffic regulations and the construction of traffic-directing structures should be transferred to another government agency or to the jurisdiction of the local government.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO