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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 CONTINUING PROBLEM  
CONCERNING METRO MANILA'S CLOGGED DRAINAGE SYSTEM CAUSING  
FLOODING IN SEVERAL STREETS AND THOROUGHFARES

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

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 16 states: "The State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature";

WHEREAS, GMA News reported last 17 July 2009 that clogged drainage systems in Metro Manila are causing rampant floods to the detriment of pedestrians, commuters and vehicle users passing through the flooded streets and thoroughfares;

WHEREAS, floods due to clogged drainage have been a continuing problem in Metro Manila despite alleged reports of improvement in the drainage infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the report also claimed that some of the frequently flooded streets include the Carlos Palanca Street, Espana Street, and the area surrounding the Manila City Hall, among others;

WHEREAS, according to the city engineer, the drainage tubes installed in these flooded areas are already too old;

WHEREAS, drainage operations conducted within the area revealed that the drainage system is heavily clogged with plastic bags, plastic bottles, and various other types of garbage and human refuse;

WHEREAS, the garbage-clogged manholes and draining tubes manifest a serious lack of discipline among the city's inhabitants;

WHEREAS, inasmuch as new infrastructure is needed to achieve a marked improvement in the city's drainage and flooding situation, the problem cannot be fully arrested if the inhabitants will continue with improper garbage and waste disposal;

WHEREAS, the local government should come up with programs that will instill discipline, and emphasize and teach proper garbage disposal to the city's inhabitants who are ultimately the ones who will suffer from drainage and flooding problems;

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 continuing problem concerning Metro Manila's clogged drainage system causing flooding in several streets and thoroughfares.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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