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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 REPORT THAT CARGO CONTAINING MEDICINE HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM A PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 27 provides: "The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them";

WHEREAS, on 5 January 2015, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* reported that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has advised the public to keep an eye out for vitamin and medicine products reported stolen from pharmaceutical company Abbott Laboratories (Philippines);

WHEREAS, allegedly among those taken in a cargo theft were ascorbic acid (Cecon) 500 mg chewable tablets with registration no. DRHR-1608, lot nos. 44783XP, 44784XP and 44785XP, and expiry date 25 August 2016;

WHEREAS, the report said that Mutivitamins + Iron (Iberet-Folic 500) film-coated tablets with registration no. DR-XY33496, lot no. 44757XP and expiry date, 15 August 2016, were also taken;

WHEREAS, also said to have been taken were Divalproex sodium (Epival) 250 mg enteric coated tablets with registration no. DR-XY34509, lot no. 44762XP, and expiry date 21 August 2016;

WHEREAS, the *Inquirer* quoted the FDA as saying that the lot numbers were not a guarantee of storage according to Good Storage Practices;

WHEREAS, the FDA also purportedly said that the safety, efficacy and quality of these lots are not assured and these present a safety risk and potential adverse health consequences;

WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must guarantee the safety of medicine stored as cargo in the Philippines in a bid to protect public health;

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 report that cargo containing medicine have been stolen from a pharmaceutical company in the Philippines.

Adopted,


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