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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 THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT)
SUFFERED A TICKET SHORTAGE

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, PhilStar.com, in an article posted on 29 January 2015, reported that LRT suffered a ticket shortage;

WHEREAS, according to the Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA), the shortage of stored value and single journey tickets in LRT Lines 1 and 2 followed the implementation of the fare increase in January 2015;

WHEREAS, the LRTA reportedly said that the implementation of the new fares doubled the usage of single journey tickets (SJT) that resulted in an increased level of ticket production;

WHEREAS, SJTs are reportedly processed or encoded by the tellers before they can be used by the passengers, resulting in long queues at the ticket booths;

WHEREAS, the LRTA further noted that a shortage of stored value tickets (SVTs) was also recorded as they are prioritizing the distribution of SJTs;

WHEREAS, LRTA administrators reportedly advised passengers to avail themselves of SJTs at Line 1 station booths and SVTs at Line 2 station booths;

WHEREAS, the LRTA appealed for public understanding for the inconvenience caused by the shortage of tickets;

WHEREAS, the government must ensure that public modes of transportation, such as the Light Rail Transit, are efficiently managed for the convenience of the riding 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 report that the Light Rail Transit (LRT) suffered a ticket shortage.

Adopted,

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