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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 PAPAL SECURITY MEMBERS DID
NOT GET RIGHT AMOUNT OF THEIR ALLOWANCE

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 27 provides: "The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption";

WHEREAS, Inquirer.net, in a news article posted on 24 January 2015, reported that the Philippine National Police's (PNP) papal security members did not get the right amount of their allowance;

WHEREAS, a police officer assigned to the Police Security and Protection Group (PSPG) in Camp Crame accused his superior, Chief Superintendent Manuel Felix, of pocketing the budget allotted for his officers' allowances;

WHEREAS, the PSPG officer reportedly claimed that they did not receive in full the ₱2,400 allowance that the government promised to the 25,000 PNP personnel deployed during Pope Francis' visit from January 15 to 19;

WHEREAS, the police officer alleged that they only received the two tranches, ₱200 and ₱700, of the budget, on the first two days of the Pontiff in the country;

WHEREAS, according to the report, when he asked his colleagues from other units in Crame, they said they had received ₱2,400 allowance in total;

WHEREAS, another media source, The Daily Guardian, in a news article posted on 28 January, reported that Western Visayas cops claimed that their meal allowance was only ₱300;

WHEREAS, the PNP members who served for the papal visit's security and ensured an orderly flow of papal activities must acquire the exact amount of their allowance;

WHEREAS, the missing allowance funds must be probed to know where they went;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to conduct and inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that the papal security members did not get right amount of their allowance.

Adopted,


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