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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 RECENT COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) REPORT THAT
THE PHILIPPINE NAVY ENTERED INTO PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS WITHOUT
PUBLIC BIDDING

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 Republic Act No. 9184, Article 4, Section 10, otherwise known as "The Government Procurement Reform Act" provides: "All procurement shall be done through Competitive Bidding, except as provided for in Article XVI of this Act";

WHEREAS, in a news article posted on 25 January 2015, Rappler.com reported that the Commission on Audit (COA) found that the Philippine Navy approved supply contracts worth a total of ₱340.407 million in 2013 without any public bidding;

WHEREAS the COA report stated that the contracts involved were mostly "common and regularly used items needed in the day to day operation of the agency," and should have been included in the annual budget;

WHEREAS, state auditors also found that the Philippine Navy paid for the transactions through cash advances which is a practice prohibited by law;

WHEREAS, the government has a duty to ensure that its transactions are conducted in an honest and transparent manner in accordance with existing laws;

WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must provide for effective measures to safeguard government procurement processes;

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 of the Commission on Audit that the Philippine Navy entered into procurement contracts without public bidding;

Adopted,


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