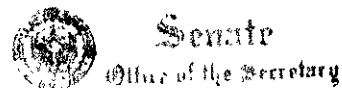


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE RECENT COMMISSION ON AUDIT (COA) REPORT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) FAILED TO PROPERLY UTILIZE FUNDS THAT WERE INTENDED FOR CALAMITY RELIEF ASSISTANCE IN 2013

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 5 provides: “The State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them”;

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 13, Section 11 also provides: “The State shall adopt an integrated and comprehensive approach to health development which shall endeavor to make essential goods, health and other social services available to all the people at affordable cost. There shall be priority for the needs of the underprivileged, sick, elderly, disabled, women, and children. The State shall endeavor to provide free medical care to paupers”;

WHEREAS, in its recently released report for 2013, the Commission on Audit (COA) said that the emergency purchases made by the Department of Health (DOH) out of the regular fund for Yolanda Relief Assistance amounting to ₱89.265 million were not obligated in the year of incurrence;

WHEREAS, state auditors also claimed that the low and slow utilization of donations and grant funds received for disaster response from 2004 to 2013, amounting to ₱96.282 million did not fully attain the purpose of providing immediate relief and health needs for the families affected by calamities;

WHEREAS, the government has a duty to protect the lives and welfare of citizens, especially in times of calamity and disaster;

WHEREAS, Congress, through relevant legislation, must ensure efficient and immediate relief assistance to victims of calamities;

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 recent Commission on Audit (COA) report that the Department of Health (DOH) failed to properly utilize funds that were intended for calamity relief assistance in 2013.

Adopted,

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