

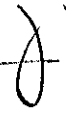
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SENATE  
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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION  
DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE  
TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION,  
ON THE REPORT THAT ₱113 MILLION IN EXPENSES OF THE PRESIDENTIAL  
COMMISSION ON GOOD GOVERNMENT WERE UNACCOUNTED FOR IN 2014

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 28 provides: "Subject to reasonable  
2 conditions prescribed by law, the State adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure  
3 of all its transactions involving public interest";

4 WHEREAS, the *Philippine Star* on 15 August 2015 reported that the Presidential  
5 Commission on Good Government (PCGG) has failed to account for over \$2.540 million  
6 (₱113.616 million) in undocumented expenses incurred in 2014 and charged against the  
7 recovered ill-gotten wealth of the Marcos family;

8 WHEREAS, the news cited the Commission on Audit (COA) report, which said such  
9 expenses would be disallowed in audit and that the PCGG would have to reimburse the amount if  
10 it fails to submit documents and explain how the money was used;

11 WHEREAS, state auditors repeatedly said that for 2014, the undocumented transactions  
12 from the retained fund amounted to more than \$2,540,619.06 (₱13,616,484.36) excluding  
13 accrued interest and expenses;

14 WHEREAS, the COA claimed that the PCGG's balance in its foreign currency savings  
15 account where recovered Marcos wealth amounting was kept, showed only \$6,753.783.29 by 31  
16 December 2014, down from \$9,294,402.35 in 1 January 2014;

17 WHEREAS, Congress must strengthen mechanisms for the disbursement of sequestered  
18 funds and ensure the transparent and judicious use of funds;

19 WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct  
20 the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the report that ₱113  
21 million in expenses of the Presidential Commission on Good Government were unaccounted for  
22 in 2014.

Adopted,

  
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO  
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