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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY TO INQUIRE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED DEFECTIVE AMMUNITIONS BEING USED BY THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES (AFP), PARTICULARLY ON THE PROCUREMENT, STORAGE AND HANDLING THEREOF.

Whereas, The Armed Forces of the Philippines is the protector of the people and the State. Its goal is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory; (*Section 3, Art. II, 1987 Constitution*)

Whereas, In the recent military operation in Basilan where about 14 Marines were killed in action, initial reports from the field which are evidenced by video clips taken by a TV news crew pointed to instances of defective mortar ammunitions such as cases of misfires and duds; In other instances before, there were also reports of defective ammunitions for grenade launchers;

Whereas, As our soldiers must always be properly equipped at the very least, these reports should be looked into because these defective ammunitions pose a danger to our soldiers who have been risking their lives and limbs in the fulfillment of their duty;

Whereas, The much-delayed implementation of the AFP Modernization Program has severely hampered the capability of the AFP while various security threats to the country has not been significantly decreased;

Whereas, The inquiry should focus on three areas: (1) procurement process; (2) ammunition storage; and (3) handling of these ammunitions for the use of our soldiers in operations;

Whereas, There may even be a need to upgrade the capability of the Government Arsenal in manufacturing ammunition that can be used by the AFP;

Whereas, This representation has always maintained that not only should we give our soldiers the reason to fight; we must also give them the means to fight; *Now, therefore, be it*

Resolved, By the Senate, To Direct The Committee On National Defense And Security To Inquire, In Aid Of Legislation, On The Reported Defective Ammunitions Being Used By The Armed Forces Of The Philippines (AFP), Particularly On The Procurement, Storage And Handling Thereof.

Adopted,


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