


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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE
ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF BUREAU OF CUSTOMS PERSONNEL IN THE
SMUGGLING OF FROZEN MEAT PRODUCTS IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, according to a news report in the 29 August 2006 issue of the *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, last 26 August 2006, the Philippine National Police's anti-smuggling task force reportedly seized four trucks full of frozen meat from China just as they were leaving a port in Manila;

WHEREAS, according to Senior Supt. Francisco Don Montenegro, the frozen meat products were reportedly intended to be sold at prices much lower than the prevailing market value;

WHEREAS, the police reportedly estimated the cost of the shipment full of frozen pork and chicken at P11.2 million;


WHEREAS, the PNP's Anti-Smuggling Task Force is reportedly looking into the possibility that customs personnel were in cahoots with the people involved in the shipment of these smuggled goods, considering that the seals of the container vans were still intact, showing that they did not pass through the supposed 100 percent examination at the Bureau of Customs;

WHEREAS, charges of violating tariff laws are reportedly being prepared against the shipment's consignees and brokers;

WHEREAS, there is a need to review our anti-smuggling laws, policies, and programs in order to strengthen the capabilities of government agencies in stamping out smuggling in the country; now be it

RESOLVED, that the proper Senate committee should conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged involvement of Bureau of Customs personnel in the smuggling of frozen meat products in the country.

Adopted,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO