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SENATE
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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY,
IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE PORO POINT CONTROVERSY,
IN LIEU OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the undersigned filed Senate Resolution No. 539, "Resolution to inquire, in aid of legislation, on the reported takeover, using arms and violence, and in defiance of a legitimate court order, of the operation of the San Fernando Seaport and surrounding areas by the DENR Environmental Management Bureau, and members of the La Union PNP and Coast Guards," which was referred on First Reading on 14 August 2006 to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources; and to the Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs;

WHEREAS, from the time of First Reading – 14 August 2006 – up to the present, 18 September 2006, or over 5 weeks now, the Committee on Environment has failed, despite repeated reminders, to set a date for public hearing;

WHEREAS, national interest requires early public hearing of the issue, which has caused the virtual closure of the Poro Point International Seaport for some two months now, thus throwing out of work the seaport workers and workers of the locators;

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Committee on Labor, Sen. Jinggoy Estrada, has manifested that he is ready, willing, and able to conduct the public hearing as soon as possible;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved by the Senate, to direct the Committee on Labor to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged Poro Point controversy, in lieu of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Approved,


MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO