

7 JUN 17 2007

SENATE

RECEIVED

P. S. Res. No. 258

Introduced by Senator JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI

RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE
TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION ON THE FAILURE OF THE
NATIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9003,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
ACT OF 2000," PARTICULARLY THE FORMULATION OF A NATIONAL
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK AND THE SETTING-UP OF
MODERN SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9003 was enacted in 2000 to adopt a systematic, comprehensive and ecological solid waste management program;

WHEREAS, RA 9003 created a National Solid Waste Management Commission which shall oversee the implementation of solid waste management plans and prescribe policies to achieve the objectives of RA 9003.

WHEREAS, until today, the National Solid Waste Management Commission has yet to come up with a comprehensive framework for an efficient and ecologically-compliant waste management system for Metro Manila and the rest of the country;

WHEREAS, Metro Manila's garbage which is now estimated at 7,000 metric tons per day is being dumped at the Rodriguez Land-fill facilities in the Province of Rizal;

WHEREAS, the said waste management facility is an open land-fill facility and not ecologically-compliant as envisioned in RA 9003;

WHEREAS, Governor Ynares of Rizal has publicly announced that after December 31, 2007, Metro Manila's garbage will no longer be allowed to be dumped at Rodriguez land-fill;

WHEREAS, because of the Commission's ineptness and inefficiency, Metro Manila is now confronted with a serious garbage crisis which could cause an unprecedented ecological disaster far worse than the Payatas tragedy in 2000 and possibly as chilling as the plague which visited the city of Surat, in Western India, in 1994;

WHEREAS, after seven (7) years since the enactment of RA 9003, only a handful of local government units have been able to set-up ecologically-compliant solid waste management facilities;

WHEREAS, the cumulative damage to the environment, the threat to public health, and the significant social impact caused by the presently inefficient and unsanitary system of garbage disposal and collection are unquantifiable;

WHEREAS, the Commission has miserably failed to fulfill its mandate for the closure of "open dumpsites" in 2004 and the "controlled dumpsites" by 2006 and to establish fully operational sanitary landfills by 2006 throughout the country;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the appropriate Committee of the Senate of the Philippines conduct an investigation on the failure of the National Solid Waste Management Commission to implement certain provisions of Republic Act No. 9003, otherwise known as "Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000", particularly the formulation of a National Solid Waste Management Framework and the setting-up of modern solid waste management facilities in the country.

Resolved, further, that the National Solid Waste Management Commission, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Metro Manila Development Authority, the National Economic Development Authority and other concerned government agencies be invited to the investigation.

Adopted,



JUAN MIGUEL F. ZUBIRI