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Introduced by Senator FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS TO LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ALLEGED BRIBERY SCANDAL IN THE NATIONAL PROSECUTION SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENACTING REMEDIAL MEASURES TO ADDRESS THE SAME

WHEREAS, the recent bribery scandal in the National Prosecution Service of the Department of Justice involving state prosecutors has brought to fore a very serious issue concerning the administration of justice itself.

WHEREAS, justice, as succinctly put to be "the moral rightness based on law, fairness and equity," is one of the key concepts in every society that must be safeguarded, ensured and preserved.

WHEREAS, the allegations of bribery and influence peddling in the National Prosecution Service, consists of the country's prosecutors, are too disturbing to be ignored especially since these have purportedly resulted in the acquittal of cases involving heinous crimes as defined by law.

WHEREAS, reports show that almost 80% of all cases filed in court have been dismissed, specifically illegal drugs cases being handled by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency.

WHEREAS, such statistics is equivalent to a two-is-to-one ratio of dismissal and acquittal as against conviction relating to illegal drugs alone.

WHEREAS, the vast powers granted by law to public prosecutors must thus be looked into and, if warranted, be tempered with appropriate legislation to limit or even to avoid their office's vulnerability to money and fortune.

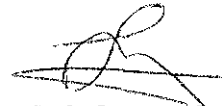
WHEREAS, the whole National Prosecution Service, its organization structure, and internal rules and regulations must be reviewed and accordingly provided appropriate safeguards to thwart any possibility of bribery or influence peddling.

WHEREAS, in high deference to the concept of justice as exemplified by the blindfolded lady carrying a weighing scale -- law, fairness and equity --

the Senate must look into the alleged bribery in the National Prosecution Service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Senate Committee on Justice and Human Rights look into, in aid of legislation, the alleged bribery scandal in the National Prosecution Service of the Department of Justice with the end in view of enacting remedial measures to address the same.

Adopted.



FRANCIS G. ESCUDERO