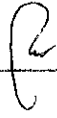


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RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES AND THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, EMPLOYMENT AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED ACTS OF TAXI OPERATORS IN CHARGING EXORBITANT BOUNDARY RATES AND ADOPTING OTHER SIMILAR SCHEMES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAFEGUARDING THE DAILY WAGES OF TAXI DRIVERS AND PREVENTING ANY DIMINUTION THEREOF

Whereas, Paragraph four of Article XIII section three of the 1987 Constitution provides that:

"The State shall regulate the relations between workers and employers, recognizing the right of labor to its just share in the fruits of production and the right of enterprises to reasonable returns to investments, and to expansion and growth.";

Whereas, Article II section ten of the same makes it the policy of the state to "*promote social justice in all phases of national development*";

Whereas, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board has granted the joint petition of the Philippine National Taxi Operators Association and R&E Taxi to adjust flagdown rates from P30 to P40 and from P2.50 to P3 per succeeding kilometer;

Whereas, there are more than 22,000 taxi units in Metro Manila alone and majority of these are operated on a boundary system which will be increased with the implementation of the new taxi meter rates;

Whereas, according to the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board, the taxi drivers are forced to overcharge or manipulate their meters because of the high payment (boundary) for the use of taxi;

Whereas, it has been reported that the minimum taxi boundary rate is P800 per day with big taxi companies operating 24-hours a day imposing a P1,600 boundary rate, drivers of newer taxi units on the other hand are even burdened with a boundary of P2,000 for a 24-hour operating period;

Whereas, aside from this, the drivers shoulder the fuel expense of the taxi unit with some operators requiring their units to refuel from their own private gas refilling system which cost more than the average in commercial gas stations,

Whereas, other schemes such as a mandatory charging for the purchase of Sampaguita and Ilang-ilang garlands from the operator at a higher cost and the system of charging the cost for damage caused by the ordinary operation of the taxi unit to the drivers;;

Whereas, without any intervention from government agencies, the approved increase in taxi meter rate will only serve the benefit of the operators and not those of the ordinary driver whose regular take home pay will continually be diminished through the aforesaid practices;

NOW, WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines to direct the Senate Committee on Public Services and the Senate Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resource Development, to conduct an investigation in aid of legislation on the alleged acts of scrupulous taxi operators of charging exorbitant boundary rates and adopting other similar schemes, for the purpose of safeguarding the daily wages of taxi drivers and preventing any diminution thereof.

Adopted,



MANNY VILLAR