

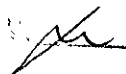
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Introduced by Senator Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES IN THE SENATE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, *IN AID OF LEGISLATION*, INTO THE SAFETY STANDARDS AND PRACTICES BEING IMPLEMENTED IN THE COUNTRY'S BOXING EVENTS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING THE SAFETY OF OUR FILIPINO BOXERS

WHEREAS, on 3 February 2012, Filipino boxer Karlo Mequinto died of cardiorespiratory arrest after slipping into coma for five days due to subdural hematoma he sustained from his bout against Mark Joseph Costa in Kalocan City last 28 January 2012;

WHEREAS, reports reveal that there is a noticeable absence of basic emergency equipment during the unfortunate event as evidenced by the lack of an oxygen tank, cervical collar or neck brace, and slant board on standby;


WHEREAS, with this unfortunate circumstance, boxing fans began raising issues on the preparedness and competence of the organizers, promoters and paramedics in handling medical emergencies such as that of Karlo Mequinto's case;

WHEREAS, there is a need to review and investigate this unfortunate incident in order to institute legislative measures to address this issue and give justice to the tragic death of Karlo Mequinto;

WHEREAS, it is not the first time that a Filipino boxer sustained injuries borne by the sport of boxing as Zeta Celestino Oliveros "The Dream" Gorres also suffered from subdural hematoma during his bout with Colombian boxer Luis Melendez on November 13, 2009 in Las Vegas, Nevada, U.S.A.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to direct the appropriate committees in the Senate to conduct an inquiry, in Aid of Legislation, into the safety standards and practices being implemented in the country's boxing events with the end in view of ensuring the safety of our Filipino boxers.

Adopted,


MANUEL "LITO" M. LAPID
Senator