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Introduced by Senator Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay

**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN**  
**INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED DYSFUNCTIONAL**  
**AND DEFECTIVE NEW METRO RAIL TRANSIT (MRT) COACHES**

**WHEREAS**, according to news reports, the newly acquired Metro Rail Transit (MRT) coaches are allegedly not working and bore defects<sup>1</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, the then Department of Transportation and Communications bought 48 coaches from Chinese firm Dalian Locomotive and Rolling Stock Corp. for P3.8 billion. All the coaches were expected to have been delivered by January 2017<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the delayed delivery of the coaches had prolonged the suffering of thousands of commuters daily<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, in September 2015, Senators Binay and Poe inspected the prototype of the coaches who does not have an engine at the time of the inspection<sup>4</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, even the require test runs to ensure safety and compatibility of the coaches to the MRT system were also allegedly not met as stated by Metro Rail Transit Holdings Inc, (MRTH), President, Robert Sobrepeña<sup>5</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, the Metro Rail Transit-3 (MRT-3) management hopes to expand the train system's daily capacity to 800,000 passengers by the end of next year following the upgrade of its power supply and the arrival of new trains<sup>6</sup>;

<sup>1</sup> Philstar News Website, 'New MRT-3 coaches not working', <http://www.philstar.com/headlines/2017/02/13/1671768/new-mrt-3-coaches-not-working>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> GMA News Website, No new coaches for EDSA MRT this year; delivery delayed, <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/509834/news/nation/no-new-coaches-for-edsa-mrt-this-year-delivery-delayed>

<sup>4</sup> Inquirer News Website, Grace Poe, Nancy Binay inspect new MRT Coach, <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/720532/grace-poe-nancy-binay-inspect-new-mrt-coach>

<sup>5</sup> CNN Philippines News Website, MRTH: new Coaches a danger to the public, <http://cnnphilippines.com/metro/2016/01/21/mrt-new-coaches-danger-mrth.html>

<sup>6</sup> Inquirer News Website, MRT eyes bigger capacity, faster trains in 2017, <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/842420/mrt-eyes-bigger-capacity-faster-trains-in-2017>

**WHEREAS**, an inquiry to this matter is necessary in order to improve the MRT's provision of safe and efficient public transport to thousands of Filipinos everyday;

**BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** to direct the proper Senate committees in aid of legislation on the alleged dysfunctional and defective new Metro Rail Transit (MRT) coaches.

Adopted,



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