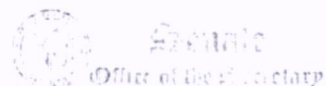


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RESOLUTION
AMENDING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE GOVERNING INQUIRIES IN AID OF
LEGISLATION FOR THE PROVISION OF PROTECTIVE CUSTODY TO
LEGISLATIVE WITNESSES

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 16(3), in part reads, "*Each House may determine the rules of its proceedings xxx*";

WHEREAS, it has been the long-standing practice of the Senate to provide protective custody to legislative witnesses who come before its committees to give testimony and/or submit object or documentary evidence;

Whereas it is best to reflect in its rules of procedure this long-standing practice of the Senate;

WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation for this purpose;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to amend the *Senate Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation* by inserting a new section 17-A therein, which shall read as follows:

Section 17-A. Protective Custody. Upon request by the Chairman of the concerned committee, the Senate thru its President, may provide

protective custody under the Office of the Sergeant-At-Arms, to any witness who may appear before the same committee to submit any object or document required for submission, or give required testimony during the course of an investigation in aid of legislation. The witness shall be released from custody within a reasonable period of time after the committee hearings have terminated;

RESOLVED further that the Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, as amended hereby, shall take effect after seven (7) days following its complete publication in a newspaper of general circulation, and which shall remain in force until amended or repealed. A copy of the Rules of Procedure Governing Inquiries in Aid of Legislation, as amended, shall be posted on the official website of the Senate of the Philippines.

Adopted,


Vicente Sotto III
Senator