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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION INTO THE ALLEGED SHIPMENT OF PHP 6.8 BILLION WORTH OF “SHABU” SMUGGLED INTO THE COUNTRY AND THE POSSIBLE LACK OF COORDINATION AMONG THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS, THE PHILIPPINE DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE

WHEREAS, about a ton of crystal methamphetamine, or “shabu,” worth PHP 6.8 billion slipped through the Manila International Container Port (MICP);

WHEREAS, the discovery came in a follow-up operation in a warehouse in Cavite after authorities seized 500 kilograms of narcotics worth PHP 4.3 billion inside two lifters at the international container port in Manila three days earlier;

WHEREAS, the shipment, consigned to SMYD Trading, was declared to contain magnetic lifters and was red-tagged by the Bureau of Customs. This means that despite undergoing a “nonintrusive examination,” its content still managed to slip past authorities;

WHEREAS, despite the steadfast war on drugs by the administration, drug syndicates seem to have maintained links with government officials or employees who willingly facilitate the entry of contrabands into the country;

WHEREAS, we need to address the apparent lack of coordination among the government agencies tasked to eliminate illegal drugs trade in the country, namely the Bureau of Customs, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency and the Philippine National Police;

WHEREAS, there is a need to urgently investigate the matter immediately and enact necessary measures to stifle the persistent malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance of government officials;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, to direct the appropriate Senate Committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation into the alleged shipment of PHP 6.8 billion worth of “shabu” smuggled into the country and the possible lack of coordination among the Bureau of Customs, the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency and the Philippine National Police

Adopted,

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