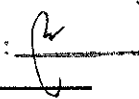


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**A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY INTO THE RECENT RESIGNATION OF 13 CAPTAINS AND 12 FIRST
OFFICERS OF THE PHILIPPINE AIRLINES (PAL) CAUSING THE CANCELLATION
OF SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC FLIGHTS AFFECTING A
NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AS WELL AS OUR TOURISM INDUSTRY**

Whereas, the Philippine Airlines, Asia's first airline, has a fleet of 38 aircraft and it flies to 46 domestic and international destinations;

Whereas, before the entry of new airlines such as Cebu Pacific, PAL controls 100% of the domestic air travel;

Whereas, in the last few days, 13 captains and 12 first officers flying its Airbus A319s and A320s resigned from the flag carrier;

Whereas, PAL management has refused this massive resignation due to lack of ample time to train new pilots to run the operations of the airlines and primarily because of existing contracts between PAL management and its pilots;

Whereas, it has been reported that the reasons for the massive exodus of these pilots were low salaries, as compared to other Asian neighbors, and insecurity of tenure;

Whereas, due to this massive resignation of pilots, several domestic and regional flights were cancelled affecting about 5000 passengers, our tourism industry, and also adversely affecting business and commerce;

Whereas, there is a need for an urgent inquiry on this current dispute towards a resolution of this case and a halt on flight cancellations which negatively affects travelers and businessmen;

Be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the appropriate senate committee to conduct an inquiry into the recent resignation of 13 captains and 12 first officers of the Philippine Airlines (PAL) causing the cancellation of several international and domestic flights affecting a number of passengers as well as our tourism industry.

Adopted,


RAMON BONG REVILLA, JR.