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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID
OF LEGISLATION, ON THE REPORTED PROLIFERATION OF "CRUSH VIDEOS"
INVOLVING THE PERFORMANCE OF LEWD ACTS BY MINORS WHILE KILLING
SMALL HARMLESS ANIMALS

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article 2, Section 11 states: The State values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full respect for human rights";

WHEREAS, in a complaint submitted by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), it was alleged that a new fetish in the adult movie industry has emerged where minors were used to perform lewd acts while crushing live animals;

WHEREAS, these disturbing videos, known as "crush videos", are allegedly uploaded to the internet and sold to clients all over the world;

WHEREAS, crush videos show a girl or a team of young girls, who are either barefoot or wearing various foot wear, stepping on, crushing, and killing various animals such as puppies, monkeys, goats, ducks, rabbits, snakes, and frogs;

WHEREAS, PETA reported that in one video a group of girls were shown sitting on puppies until the animals suffocated to death, while in another video, rabbits were shown to be skinned alive by these young girls;

WHEREAS, it was further alleged that these videos were mainly produced in La Union, and that an information for violation of Republic Act No. 7610, also known as the Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act, has already been filed against one Dorma Ridon, who was the alleged mastermind behind the production of the crush videos;

WHEREAS, according to the information, the minors were paid by Ridon to torture the animals while performing lewd acts; PETA reported that despite the filing of the information, the case has been pending for two months already;

WHEREAS, the gravity of the crimes committed against the minors and the animals are so depraved and disturbing that the perpetrators of this crime deserve more than the penalty prescribed in Republic Act No. 7610 or those in Republic Act No. 8485 or the Animal Welfare Act;

WHEREAS, the legislature should enforce stricter penalties on persons who violate not just the rights of other human beings, but also that of animals;

WHEREAS, children who are forced or made to perform lewd acts while killing poor helpless animals suffer not just from sexual abuse but also from the trauma brought by their forced participation in the murder of small animals;

WHEREAS, the legislature should address the inadequacy of the Animal Welfare Act, which only prescribes a penalty of no less than six months to no more than two years or a fine of not less than P1,000 for cruelty against animals;

WHEREAS, child abuse coupled with animal cruelty should be meted out with stricter and harsher penalties in order to prevent the proliferation of such a sickening a depraved practice;

WHEREFORE, be it resolved by the Philippine Senate, to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported proliferation of "crush videos" involving the performance of lewd acts by minors while killing small harmless animals.

Adopted,

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