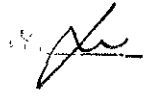


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Introduced by Senator Aquilino "Koko" L. Pimentel III

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**RESOLUTION**  
**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS AND OTHER PROPER SENATE COMMITTEES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS BOARD (GAB) PRIOR TO AND AFTER THE IBF INTERIM LIGHT FLYWEIGHT TITLE BOUT IN ARGENTINA WHERE FILIPINO BOXER JOHNRIEL CASIMERO AND HIS TEAM WERE ATTACKED BY ARGENTINE FANS AFTER WINNING THE SAID BOUT**

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 392 has charged the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) with the supervision and regulation of professional sports and the combatting and prevention of the existence and proliferation of illegal bookie joints and other illegal forms of gambling in professional sports and amusements games;

**WHEREAS**, the GAB shall exercise supervision and regulation over the operation and conduct of professional sports and their activities in order to promote and maintain orderly, honest and fair conduct of games; provide protection to the betting public and patrons, practicing licensees in the professional sport concerned; and make professional sports activities a stable base for revenue generation;

**WHEREAS**, on 11 February 2012, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Filipino boxer Johnriel Casimero, captured the IBF Light Flyweight title via a 10th-round stoppage of Argentine boxer Luis "El Mosquito" Lazarte;

**WHEREAS**, Casimero's victory was not well accepted in Lazarte's hometown and angry Argentine fans climbed the ring and attacked Casimero and his team, including Filipino promoter Sammy Gello-ani, referee Eddie Claudio, trainer Pingping Trepora and Oswaldo Bravo;

**WHEREAS**, Police officers on the scene failed to prevent the violence which ensued when the Argentinian fans threw bottles and chairs at the Casimero team and physically assaulted our countrymen;

**WHEREAS**, because of this regrettable incident, there appears a need to inquire into the desirability of legislation to enforce the obligation of the promoter to ensure peaceful and orderly fights, including the obligation to coordinate with the government authorities of the town or city where the contest will be held and ensure that the necessary number of agents of the law are present for the purpose;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to look into the safety procedures and protocol provided by the host organization and to protect the safety of our athletes participating in local and international competitions;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Senate Committee on Games and Amusements and other proper Senate Committees conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the actions taken by the Games and Amusements Board (GAB) prior to and after the IBF Interim Light Flyweight title bout in Argentina where Filipino boxer Johnriel Casimero and his team were attacked by the Argentine fans after winning the said bout.

Adopted,

  
**AQUILINO "KOKO" L. PIMENTEL III**