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Introduced by SENATOR SONNY ANGARA

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON SPORTS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED UNLIQUIDATED FUNDS RELEASED TO THE PHILIPPINE OLYMPICS COMMITTEE (POC) AND THE UNJUST IMPOSITION OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CANDIDATES FOR POC PRESIDENT THEREBY LIMITING THE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER MEMBERS

WHEREAS, it is a policy of the State to encourage sports to foster self-discipline, teamwork and excellence for the development of a healthy and alert citizenry;

WHEREAS, under Section 7 (c) of Republic Act No. 6847 (RA 6847), otherwise known as the Philippine Sports Commission Act (PSC Act), the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) was created to, among others, plan and oversee a program to enable the Philippines to bid for and to host the Olympic Games at the earliest practicable time;

WHEREAS, the PSC Act also recognized the role of the Philippine Olympic Committee, Inc. (POC) as the National Olympic Committee (NOC) for the Philippines responsible for activities pertaining to the country's participation in the Olympic Games, Asian Games, Southeast Asian Games and other international athletic competitions;

WHEREAS, it is widely acknowledged and recognized that POC and its leadership has great and far reaching influence on the state of sports in the country, the development of athletes representing the country in the Olympics and other international competitions as well as the stature of the country in international sports;

WHEREAS, national athletes competing in international competitions are beneficiaries and recipient of substantial financial aid and support from the State, through, among others, the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), and thus, it is only appropriate for the State to ensure that such financial aid and support is responsibly utilized to attain such purpose;

WHEREAS, there are reports that, for 2010 to 2016, funds amounting to ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND PESOS (PhP 129,600,000.00), were released by the PSC to the POC yet remain not fully liquidated;

WHEREAS, it has been further alleged that the democratic election processes within the POC are under attack and that interested candidates from member National Sports Associations are being prevented from participating as candidates because of, among others, the allegedly unreasonable eligibility requirements imposed in the Amended By-Laws of the POC;

WHEREAS, the issue has become more pressing considering the expiration of the terms of the incumbent officials this year and the upcoming elections scheduled on November 25, 2016;

WHEREAS, there is a need to resolve this issue immediately as the continuous turmoil within the POC would hinder development of Philippine sports - a source of national pride and inspiration and an instrument for national-building;

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Philippine Senate to direct its committee on sports to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the alleged unliquidated funds received by the POC from the PSC and on the issue of the alleged unjust and arbitrary disqualification of candidates for the position of the POC president, and, further, to provide a copy of this resolution to the Philippine Sports Commission, Philippine Olympic Committee, Inc., the various National Sports Associations and other agencies and entities which may shed light on these issues.

Adopted,


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