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Introduced by Senator Grace Poe

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ANENT NEW CASES OF ALLEGED PILFERAGE/ "BUKAS BAGAHE" INSIDE THE AIRPORT WITH THE END GOALS OF ADDRESSING LUGGAGE PILFERAGE AND ENSURING THE HIGHEST SAFETY AND SECURITY OF PASSENGERS IN PHILIPPINE AIRPORTS

WHEREAS, several reports from passengers alleging their luggage were opened at the airport surfaced in the beginning of January 2018;

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2018, a new case of alleged baggage pilferage surfaced, this time at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) Terminal 1;

WHEREAS, in a report on GMA's 24 Oras Weekend, a certain OFW named Mr. Ramon Segarra complained about the damaged lock and zipper of his luggage and the missing items inside it;¹

WHEREAS, a month earlier in January, Mr. Jovinal dela Cruz, a returning Overseas Filipino Worker (OFW), is a recent victim of luggage theft at the Clark International Airport in Pampanga;

WHEREAS, while administrative and criminal charges have been filed against the perpetrators who happened to be employees of a ground handling firm, this failed to serve as deterrent for future similar incidents to occur;

WHEREAS, continued pilferage at airports is a huge security threat and may lead to loss of confidence of potential tourists and investors;

WHEREAS, the State needs to protect its people, especially OFWs who work so hard, away from their families to earn a living;

¹ GMA News Online. (11 Feb 2018). Balikbayan complains of theft from luggage at NAIA. Retrieved from <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/news/metro/642969/balikbayan-complains-of-theft-from-luggage-at-naia/story/>

WHEREAS, the perpetrators need to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law for their crimes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, directing the Committee on Public Services to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, anent new case of alleged pilferage/ “bukas bagahe” inside the airport with the end goals of addressing luggage pilferage and ensuring the highest safety and security of passengers in Philippine airports.

Adopted,


GRACE POE