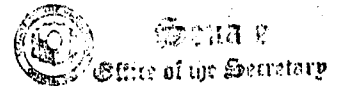


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**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY TO LOOK INTO, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO THE MARAWI SIEGE, TO INCLUDE THE LESSONS LEARNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (DND) AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FROM THIS INCIDENT, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF INSTITUTING POLICIES TO ENSURE THAT PAST SHORTCOMINGS, IF THERE ARE ANY, WILL NOT BE REPEATED SO SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES CAN BE AVOIDED AND/OR BETTER DEALT WITH IN THE FUTURE**

**WHEREAS**, the Marawi Siege, which lasted for five (5) months, left over 1,000 casualties including 165 government troops and 47 civilians, and resulted to the injury of around 1,700 troops.<sup>1</sup> It also displaced around 77,900 families or 367,990 individuals and caused massive destruction of public and private property;

**WHEREAS**, labeled as the country's *longest battle* in recent history, the government spent billions of pesos to sustain the military operations in Marawi. It has also exceeded the Zamboanga Siege and other past conflicts in terms of the number of ordnance used by the military<sup>2</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, news reports asserted that rehabilitating the city will cost billions of pesos, with the latest estimate amounting to seventy (70) to seventy-five (75) billion pesos<sup>3</sup>;

**WHEREAS**, such massive destruction of public and private property, disruption of peace and order, as well as the normal lives of Filipinos in the city, and the loss of lives and opportunities should be prevented from happening again anywhere else in the country;

**WHEREAS**, in this light, the Senate Committee on National Defense and Security, together with the Department of National Defense and Security, and other concerned government agencies, should work together to come up with an in-depth and comprehensive report on the circumstances which led to the siege, and the manner in accordance with which the government acted, in order to identify possible rooms for improvement and, if there is a need, to craft and formulate remedial legislation, guidelines and/or rules and regulation in order to introduce and/or strengthen much-needed policies.

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<sup>1</sup> De Villa, K. (21 October 2017). *Cost of War*. Retrieved from <http://business.inquirer.net/238985/cost-of-war>

<sup>2</sup> Kabiling, G. (18 October 2017). *Marawi conflict 'longest' battle in PH history*. Retrieved from <http://tempo.com.ph/2017/10/18/marawi-conflict-longest-battle-in-ph-history/>

<sup>3</sup> Salaverria, L. (08 April 2018). *Marawi Rehab Cost: P75B*. Retrieved from <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/980842/marawi-rehab-cost-p75b>

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to urge the Senate Committee on National Defense And Security to look into, in aid of legislation, the circumstances that led to the Marawi siege, to include the lessons learned by the Department of National Defense (DND) and other government agencies from this incident with the end in view of instituting policies to ensure that past shortcomings, if there are any, will not be repeated so similar circumstances can be avoided and/or better dealt with in the future.

*Adopted,*

  
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*Senator*