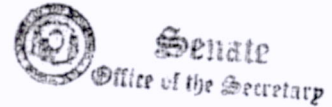


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Introduced by Senator Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE, GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, TO CLARIFY THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROVISION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6713 OR THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES DUE TO REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS EXERTING UNDUE INFLUENCE TO SECURE GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 13 of the 1987 Constitution states that: "the President, Vice President, Vice President, the Members of the Cabinet, and their deputies or assistants shall not, unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, hold any other office or employment during their tenure. They shall not, during said tenure, directly or indirectly, practice any other profession, participate in any business, or be financially interested in any contract with, or in any franchise, or special privilege granted by the Government or any subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof, including government-owned or controlled corporations or their subsidiaries. They shall strictly avoid conflict of interest in the conduct of their office."

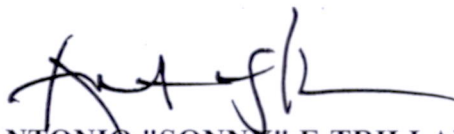
WHEREAS, Section 9 of Republic Act No. 6713 states that, "a public official or employee shall avoid conflicts of interest at all times". Further, Section 3.i. of the same law defines conflict of interest as one that "arises when a public official or employee is a member of a board, an officer or a substantial stockholder of a private corporation or owner or has a substantial interest in a business, and the interest of such corporation or business, or his rights or duties herein, may be opposed to or affected by the faithful performance of his official duty";

WHEREAS, several reports state that there are possible violations of Republic Act No. 6713 committed by some government officials who are in the position to exert undue influence in obtaining government contracts;

WHEREAS, government officials have the responsibility to conduct themselves with utmost integrity and decency. Hence, there is an urgent need to look into this matter as it affects the manner in which government officials perform their duties and mandate and thus, the quality of service they are rendering to the public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved by the Senate of the Philippines, to direct the Senate Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, to clarify the conflict of interest provision of Republic Act No. 6713 or the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees due to reports of public officials exerting undue influence to secure government contracts.

Adopted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Antonio F. Trillanes IV', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ANTONIO "SONNY" F. TRILLANES IV
Senator