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Resolution

Directing The Senate Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports to Conduct An Investigation, In Aid of Legislation, Into the Implementation of the Anti-Jueteng Law Amidst the Rampant Operations of Jueteng and Other Forms of Illegal Gambling

Whereas, according to *Krusadang Bayan Laban sa Jueteng* or KBLJ, founded by Dagupan-Lingayen Archbishop Oscar Cruz, "more areas in the country have been infiltrated by jueteng and other gambling activities and more public officials are protecting them while receiving payolas from their operators";

Whereas, the findings of KBLJ show that the operations of jueteng and other forms of illegal gambling are more rampant now under the Arroyo administration than during the previous administration;

Whereas, KBLJ claims that the past three years of jueteng operations have yielded P13 billion in total profits for the gambling syndicates and that the amounts of jueteng payoffs have likewise increased;

Whereas, this assessment indicates the dismal failure of the present administration to effectively implement Republic Act 9287, otherwise known as An Act Increasing the Penalties for Illegal Numbers Games, Amending Certain Provisions of Presidential Decree 1602, and for Other Purposes, which was signed on April 2, 2004;

Whereas, RA 9287 was enacted in response to the observation of government officials and law enforcement agencies that the drive against jueteng was ineffective because of the weakness of the old anti-gambling law;

Whereas, the Department of Interior and Local Government and the Philippine National Police must disprove the criticisms against them over the "lip service" implementation of the law by informing the Senate whether any gambling lord has been charged and convicted under RA 9287;

Whereas, jueteng cannot thrive in a province if it is not tolerated by the provincial governor and the provincial PNP commander or either of them. Thus, this only proves that people in the government are benefiting from it in the form of protection money and many provincial PNP commanders are not doing anything to stop jueteng;

Whereas, there is a need to review the implementation of RA 9287 which is mandated to impose harsh fine and prison sentences on violators, in order to protect the moral integrity of this country.

Now therefore, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved, to direct the Senate Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports to Conduct An Investigation, In Aid of Legislation, Into the Implementation of the Anti-Jueteng Law Amidst the Rampant Operations of Jueteng and Other Forms of Illegal Gambling

Adopted,



AQUILINO Q. PIMENTEL, JR.