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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1017



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Introduced by **HON. GUS S. TAMBUNTING**

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**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INVESTIGATION IN AID OF  
LEGISLATION, ON THE LONG QUEUES ON THE IMMIGRATIONS LANES OF  
THE NINOY AQUINO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

**Whereas**, in 1988, the late Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago, then Bureau of Immigration Commissioner, introduced the express lane service at the NAIA, which served at a pay-boosting scheme with profits used to cover overtime and bonuses, helping staff of the Bureau secure wages of up to 50,000 pesos a month;

**Whereas**, since the order of the President to stop the payment of said overtime fees and bonuses at the beginning of the year, thousands of Immigration Officers have gone on leave, with more than thirty (30) resigning as of April this year;

**Whereas**, as the result of this mass leave and resignation, fewer Immigration Officers are left to man the Immigration stations at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport causing long lines and waiting time of about 1-2 or more hours, which in turn is very irritating and inconvenient to all passengers;

**Whereas**, the Bureau and the Department of Justice has been looking on ways to resolve the issue, and have begun reassigning personnel from other stations to man NAIA counters, with some outright refusing because of monetary considerations if they are from the provinces;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives direct the appropriate committee to immediately conduct an investigation in aid of legislation on how the Legislative branch of the government can help solve the present predicament of the Bureau of Immigration and prevent the problem from getting worse.

Adopted,

  
**GUS S. TAMBUNTING**