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House Resolution No. 499



Introduced by the Honorable Precious Hipolito Castelo

A RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMITTEE ON GOOD GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED SLASHED DAILY MEAL ALLOWANCE OF PRISONERS

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 19, Paragraph 2 of our Philippine Constitution provides that: "The employment of physical, psychological, or degrading punishment against any prisoner or detainee or the use of substandard or inadequate penal facilities under subhuman conditions shall be dealt with by law";

WHEREAS, Article 10 (1) of the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights provides that: "All persons deprived of their liberty shall be treated with humanity and with respect for the inherent dignity of the human person";

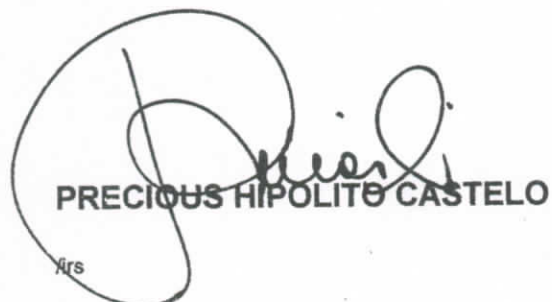
WHEREAS, last October 3, 2019, Commission on Audit (COA) Director IV Irma Besas said that the Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) has not been compliant with safety regulations in the catering services it availed for the daily food rations of prisoners;

WHEREAS, the caterer itself, a certain Angelina Bautista, made a statement to the effect that only PhP39.00 is spent for each prisoner's daily meals, nearly half of the supposed PhP60.00 allotted under the BuCor budget;

WHEREAS, it is within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability to investigate all matters directly and principally relating to malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance in office committed by officers and employees of the government and its political subdivisions and instrumentalities inclusive of investigations of any matter of public interest, on its own initiative or upon the order of the House;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives to direct the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the alleged slashed daily meal allowance of New Bilibid Prison (NBP) inmates.

ADOPTED,


PRECIOUS HIPOLITO CASTELO
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