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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR VILLAR

RESOLUTION

URGING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE ANTI-JUETENG EFFORTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ERADICATING THIS SOCIAL ILL WHICH EXPLOITS THE VULNERABILITIES OF THE POOR

Whereas, jueteng is a game of chance in the form of an illegal numbers game in which bettors pick two numbers between 1 and 37;

Whereas, jueteng is a complex network of cobradores (collectors), cabos (headmen) and operators, protected by another network of civilian, military and police officials, even judges, from the local level to the national level;

Whereas, jueteng breeds criminality and injustice;

Whereas, jueteng money is allegedly used to bribe local officials and members of the local police force, thus promoting graft and corruption;

Whereas, jueteng is estimated to be raking in more than P16 billion a year in Pampanga alone;

Whereas, a senior Catholic bishop, in a radio interview said that jueteng continues to thrive not only in Pampanga, but also in Luzon and Visayas, with at least 18 jueteng lords;

Whereas, the prelate added that since President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo took over in 2001, jueteng operations had gone up 300 percent; Now therefore be it

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to urge the Senate Committee on Local Government, and other appropriate committees, to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation on the anti-jueteng efforts of local government units with the end in view of eradicating this social ill which exploits the vulnerabilities of the poor.

Adopted,

MANNY VILLAR Senator