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House Resolution No. 286

Introduced by Honorable FREDERICK W. SIAO

RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, BY
THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, ON THE APPARENT FAILURE OF
MARINA AND THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD TO ENSURE THE
SEAWORTHINESS OF M/V LITE FERRY 16 THAT CAUGHT ABLAZE WHICH
RESULTED IN THE LOSS OF LIVES AND PROPERTIES AND THE ACTUAL DELAY IN
THE RESCUE OF PASSENGERS WHO WERE ADRIFT AT OPEN SEA

WHEREAS, M/V Lite Ferry 16, operated by Danilo Lines, Inc. caught ablaze four (4) miles off the port of Dapitan, Zamboanga del Norte which resulted in the death of three passengers and caused grave injuries and the untoward loss of cargoes of countless passengers and freighters;

WHEREAS, it was reported by some of the ship passengers that the fire extinguishers of the ship were empty, the water hoses do not function and worse, the life vests that were provided to the passengers are of substandard quality and most, if not all, does not fit at all;

WHEREAS, the Philippines which is an archipelago is constantly besieged by poor implementation of safety standards that should ensure the well-being of ship passengers and cargoes;

WHEREAS, it was reported by some of the passengers that even after suffering three hours adrift at the cold merciless sea waiting for help and rescue, the Philippine Coast Guard was nowhere in sight;

WHEREAS, MARINA should have been more strict, circumspect or judicious in accrediting and classifying or certifying the seaworthiness of all marine vessels;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives call for an immediate investigation, in aid of legislation, by the Committee on Transportation, on the apparent failure of MARINA and the Philippine Coast Guard to ensure the seaworthiness of M/V Lite Ferry 16 that caught ablaze which resulted in the unfortunate loss of lives and properties and the actual delay in the rescue of passengers who were adrift at open sea.

Adopted,


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