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**MINORITY RESOLUTION No. 203**

**INTRODUCED BY REP. BIENVENIDO "BENNY" M. ABANTE, JR.  
AND THE MINORITY BLOCK**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MINORITY  
FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH TO CONDUCT  
INVESTIGATION ON THE ALLEGED OVERSTOCKING, UNUSED,  
EXPIRED MEDICINES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IN AID  
OF LEGISLATION, WITH THE VIEW OF INSTITUTING FISCAL  
REFORMS WITHIN THE AGENCY, RELATIVE TO THE INVENTORY,  
USE, CONTROL AND DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICINE BY THE  
AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, following news reports stating that that in 2018, the Department of Health (DOH) had about P3 billion worth of overstocked medicine remaining at the DOH, as verbally confirmed by Health Undersecretary Enrique Domingo in an interview with ANC's Early Edition;

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 Commission on Audit (COA) report stated that as of January 2018, the DOH had in its warehouses about P294.7 million worth of medicines and medical supplies with expiry dates on various days in January 2019, including P72.3 million worth of undistributed medicines languishing at the DOH regional offices with less than a year before its expiration;

**WHEREAS**, it is not news that medicines available to the public costs higher in the Philippines, to the detriment and prejudice of the Filipino people and the offered resolution of the DOH that it will prioritize the distribution of the remaining medicine is not enough and that the DOH owe the Filipino public an explanation as to what happened to this medicine and why it did not reach its intended beneficiaries;

**WHEREAS**, this worrisome development maybe considered a misuse of public funds, if not, outright graft and corruption on the part of DOH officials who are

46 tasked to implement the rules and regulations relative to the procurement, inventory,  
47 use, control and distribution of medicine;  
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49 **WHEREAS**, in line with the President's objective to rid government agencies of graft  
50 and corruption and institute fiscal responsibility, as well as the upcoming House  
51 deliberation on General Appropriations Act of 2020, there is a need for the House to  
52 determine whether this overstocking of medicine is merely oversight or endemic in  
53 the institution itself and prevalent within the government;  
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55 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the House of Representatives  
56 direct the House Committee on Health to conduct an investigation and inquiry, in aid  
57 of legislation, on the reports stating that that in 2018, the DOH had about P3 billion  
58 worth of overstocked medicine remaining at the DOH, as verbally confirmed by  
59 Health Undersecretary Enrique Domingo, with the view of instituting fiscal reforms  
60 within the agency relative to the inventory, use, control and distribution of medicine  
61 by the DOH.  
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67 **BIENVENIDO "BENNY" M. ABANTE, JR.**

