

Audio visual presentation

THE CHAIRPERSON. Excuse me. Would you... would you... I don't know how this thing... Can you stop it first? I don't know how long this thing is going to continue, but aside from the guy looking like a koala bear... *(Laughter)*

May I ask the COMELEC something that I have observed, if I may be allowed as Chairman of this Committee, is he just making statements of what can be done or is he actually describing things that we done? Because to say that you can do this, you can do that, we've actually heard that in the past two years. Has he actually said any specific instance of something that was done? I have tried to listen but I cannot get it.

May I ask Mr. Jimenez, please? Did you hear any specific act that he claims was done by him and his colleagues?

MR. JIMENEZ. Again, sir...*(interrupted)*

THE CHAIRPERSON. I'm sorry. Congressman Piamonte, Congressman Dumpit, Congressman Barzaga, Congressman Agbayani and Congressman Pancrudo have joined us. Thank you very much. Congressman Jonathan dela Cruz

REP. GOLEZ. Mr. Chairman, before we get the answer from the COMELEC, just curious. Are we discussing this for academic purposes? Because if this is a formal inquiry, that statement cannot be accepted as...

THE CHAIRPERSON. I know that.

REP. GOLEZ. So, I'm just.... is this a hypothetical situation? What is going to be the value of the...

THE CHAIRPERSON. We are waiting for our colleagues who have complaints at 2:00 o'clock. And so we have played this tape upon the request of the Office of the Speaker because apparently it's all over town and the COMELEC has answers to it. I think we should give them a chance to answer. I myself can barely understand what that guy who looks like a koala bear is saying. May I... if we could just proceed?

REP. GOLEZ. Yeah, I'm just as curious about it.

THE CHAIRPERSON. Yeah. May I have some reactions from the COMELEC? What I noticed is I am not hearing any specific acts, specific transactions, specific acts of fraud. I'm hearing you can do this, you can do that.

In fact, I said that six months ago that you can do things with the unused ballot but, please, I know your throat is bad but...

REP. RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRPERSON. Yes, can you let him answer because I'm getting confused here.

REP. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Chairman, as a procedure in formal proceedings like this, showing tapes like this, there should be laying of the predicate. If there is a witness, for example, you can identify the witness. So, in other words, even before we should have shown this tape, there should have been a statement first who brought this tape here. Two...

THE CHAIRPERSON. It was brought by the Speaker... Office of the Speaker.

REP. RODRIGUEZ. Okay, the Speaker of the House. Who... who were supposed to be there, the one questioning, of course, the identity of the person will be... not revealed but who was making the questions, who were present when these were taken? In other words, there should be some qualification of what this is all about and who took this and the authenticity also of this tape. That's the first one.

THE CHAIRPERSON. Well, all of those things are questions you can ask as I am... I myself doubting. I told you I don't like people who were masks. But unless you want technicalities to get into the way...

(MS. SONIA Z. SANCHEZ TOOK OVER)