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Opposition Senators Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr., Benigno S. Aquino III, Rodolfo G. Biazon, Panfilo M. Lacson, Loren B. Legarda, M.A. Madrigal and Manuel A. Roxas II, asked the Supreme Court today to allow Senator Antonio F. Trillanes IV to attend senate sessions in a motion to intervene in Mr. Trillanes' petition (GR No. 79817).

The opposition senators said that barring Senator Trillanes from attending the senate sessions impairs their right to check excesses of government and the senate majority and their capacity to block treaties prejudicial to national interest.

Senator Trillanes should be allowed to perform his duties as a senator even under guard, they said.

The senators cited four constitutional articles namely; Article II (Section 1), Article III (Section 14,(2) ), Article III (Section 1) and Article VI (Section 1). They also used the doctrine of separation of powers to support their motion.

The motion to intervene was filed by young lawyer Elmar Jay Martin de Jaresco in behalf of the senators. # # #

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