

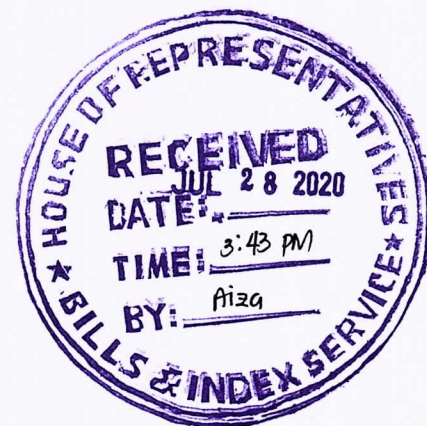
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RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DTTB (DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL TELEVISION BROADCASTING) MIGRATION PLAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY (DICT)

Whereas, the Committee of Legislative Franchises conducted 12 joint hearings with the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability on the franchise application of the ABS-CBN Corporation and, after the joint hearings were concluded, the committee formed a Technical Working Group (TWG), which then prepared a report entitled: FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, recommending the denial of the said franchise application; on July 10, 2020, the committee by a vote of 70-11 denied the franchise application of ABS-CBN Corporation;

Whereas, the said TWG Report contained the findings and recommendations on the following, among others: "V. ABS-CBN TV PLUS AND THE KBO PAY-PER-VIEW;" and, "VI. ABS-CBN AND AMCARA", which it exhaustively discussed;

Whereas, there is a need to investigate, in aid of legislation, the migration plan from analog to digital television in order to "*advance the interests and promote the welfare of the people.*" (1st par., sec. 2, **Proposed Internal Rules**, Committee on Legislative Franchises) and prevent the re-occurrence of serious violations committed in the ABS-CBN's TVPlus where, *inter alia*, demonstration tests resulted into a commercial roll-out despite the fact that the Conditional Access System (CAS) guidelines have not been issued; dummies such as Amcara Broadcasting Network, Inc. (ABNI), were resorted to in order to evade the effects of the cease and desist order (CDO) of May 5, 2020; telcos like Multi-Media Telephony Inc. (MMTI) and ABS-CBN Convergence Inc. were illegally allowed entry into the broadcast industry; and, payments were collected in a pay-per-view (PPV) arrangement despite the fact that ABS-CBN's franchise only allowed it to air free-to-air (FTA) broadcasts;

Whereas, the oversight responsibilities of the committee may likewise be invoked, as the basis for its continuing obligation "*to determine whether or not laws and*

*programs addressing subjects within its jurisdiction are being implemented and carried out in accordance with the intent of Congress, and whether or not they should be continued, amended or eliminated.” (2nd par., sec. 2, **ibid.**);*

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolve, to urge the Committee on Legislative Franchises to conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, into the status of the **FRAMEWORK OF THE DTTB (DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL TELEVISION BROADCASTING) MIGRATION PLAN** dated October 2017 of the Department of Information and Communications Technology in order to prevent the re-occurrence of the findings of the Committee on Legislative Franchises contained in the TWG Report, which was the basis of the vote on July 10, 2020, denying the franchise application of the ABS-CBN Corporation, and to advance the interests and promote the welfare of the people.

Adopted,


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