Resolution

URGING THE COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE FRANCHISES TO CALL AN AD
HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY POSSIBLE LEGISLATION WHICH SHALL RE-
ORGANIZE AND REGULATE THE CABLE ANTENNA TELEVISION (CATV)
SYSTEMS NATIONWIDE IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THE INTERESTS’ AND
PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE

205, Series of 1987, entitled: REGULATING THE OPERATION OF CABLE
ANTENNA TELEVISION (CATV) SYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES, AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES, exercising her legislative powers under the 1986 Freedom
Constitution (Proclamation No. 3, Series of 1986, Mar. 25, 1986), when the same
had already expired as of February 2, 1987, which day the 1987 Constitution took
effect, driving some sectors to doubts its validity;

Whereas, Executive Order 205 allowed the CATV operators to expand their
operations nationwide, securing only franchises from the local government units and
certificates of authority from the NTC, which current situation now requires legislation
to regulate the CATV industry, which is classified as mass media;

Whereas, there is also a need to pass a general law, by virtue of the committee’s
general jurisdiction, which is “over all matters directly and principally relating to the
grant, amendment, extension or revocation of franchises (Sec. 1, Proposed Internal
Rules, Committee on Legislative Franchises)” in order “to advance the interests and
promote the welfare of the people (1st, sec. 2, ibid.),” including, among others, the
required programming protective of the Filipino culture, a total ban on the entry of
dual citizens and foreigners in the CATV industry, and the insidious use of Philippine
Depositary Receipts to circumvent the strict requirements of Section 11(1), Article
XVI, 1987 Constitution which provides that: “The ownership and management of
mass media shall be limited to citizens of the Philippines, or to corporations,
cooperatives or associations, wholly owned and managed by such citizens;”

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, as it is hereby resolve, to urge the Committee
on Legislative Franchises of the House of Representatives to call an AD Hoc
Committee, to study the possible legislation which shall re-organized and regulate the cable antenna television (CATV) systems nationwide in order to advance the interests and promote the welfare of the people, with inputs from the CATV industry stakeholders, including, but not limited to the National Telecommunications Commission, the CATV operators, other resource persons, who are experts, and the general public.

Adopted,

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