Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Legislative Franchises to which was referred House Bill No. 9384, authored by Reps. Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez and Yedda Marie K. Romualdez, entitled:

“AN ACT AMENDING SECTION 1 OF THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF DAVAO UNDER REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11538, ENTITLED “AN ACT GRANTING THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF DAVAO A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING STATIONS IN DAVAO CITY”

has considered the same and recommends its approval with the following amendments:

1) On page 1, line 7, after the word “AND”, delete “/OR”
2) On same page, line 8, after the word “frequencies”, delete “AND/”
3) On same page, line 9, after the word “AND”, delete “/OR”
4) On same page, after line 14, insert a new section to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.”
5) The title of the bill is amended to read as follows:

“AN ACT
EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE FRANCHISE GRANTED TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT
OF DAVAO, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11538, ENTITLED
“AN ACT GRANTING THE CITY GOVERNMENT OF DAVAO A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN RADIO BROADCASTING
STATIONS IN DAVAO CITY”

with Reps. Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Yedda Marie K. Romualdez and Franz E. Alvarez as authors thereof.

Respectfully submitted:

FRANZ E. ALVAREZ
Chairperson
Committee on Legislative Franchises

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
QUEZON CITY
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Section 1 of the Republic Act No. 11538, entitled “An Act Granting the City Government of Davao a franchise to construct, install, operate and maintain radio broadcasting stations in Davao City”, to include television broadcasting including digital television system.

The inclusion of television broadcasting station and digital television system in their franchise shall provide adequate public service time to enable the government to reach the population on important public issues. This bill shall also provide at all times sound and balanced programming, assist in the functions of public information and education, and conform to the ethics of honest enterprise.

For these reasons, the passage of this proposed measure is earnestly sought.

Signed,

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE

HOUSE BILL No. 9384

Introduced by:
REP. FERDINAND MARTIN G. ROMUALDEZ & REP. YEDDA MARIE K. ROMUALDEZ

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 11538 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION. 1. Nature and Scope if Franchise. – Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and applicable laws, rules and regulations, there is hereby granted to the City Government of Davao, hereunder referred to as the grantee, its successors or assignees, a franchise to construct, install, establish, operate, and maintain for commercial purposes and in the public interest, radio AND/OR TELEVISION broadcasting stations in Davao City, where frequencies AND/or channels are still available for radio AND/OR TELEVISION broadcasting, INCLUDING DIGITAL TELEVISION SYSTEM, through microwave, satellite or whatever means, including the use of any new technology IN TELEVISION AND radio systems, with the corresponding technological auxiliaries and facilities, special broadcast and other program and distribution services and relay stations.”

Approved,