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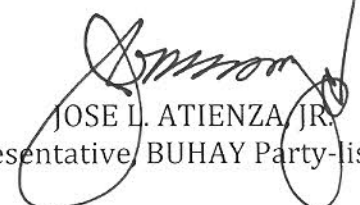
EXPLANATORY NOTE

House Bill No. 4049, filed by this representation on March 4, 2014, seeks to amend Section 9 of Republic Act No. 7306 or the Establishment of the People's Television Network, Incorporated to include the live broadcast of plenary sessions and committee hearings of the Senate and the House of Representatives in their entirety.

The Committees on Public Information and Appropriations have approved Substitute Bill 6466 in recognition of the need to provide the public with a first-hand view of the Senate and House proceedings, especially the deliberations and passage of crucial pieces of legislation.

This is also timely as President Duterte announced during his first State of the Nation Address that to better manage public information, he is asking Congress to pass a law creating the People's Broadcasting Corporation, a world-class government channel at par with international government broadcasting networks.

As such, passage of this bill is urgently sought.


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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7306 ENTITLED "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S TELEVISION NETWORK, INCORPORATED, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FOR ITS SOURCES OF FUNDING AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

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

SECTION ONE. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 7306 is further amended as follows:

"SEC 9. *Functions of the Network.* – The Network shall have the following functions:

"(a) x x x;

"(b) x x x;

"(c) x x x;

"(d) x x x;

"(e) x x x;

"(f) x x x;

“(g) x x x;

“(h) to show live proceedings of the sessions and committee hearings of the Senate and the House of Representatives from gavel to gavel. Such live proceedings must be shown without editing nor commentary;

SEC 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified.

SEC 3. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication.

Approved.