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Introduced by Hon. Robert Ace S. Barbers

A RESOLUTION URGING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE BASIS OF MERALCO IN INCORPORATING IN THE CONSUMERS' MONTHLY ELECTRIC BILLS, ADDITIONAL CHARGES FOR RENEWAL ENERGY, SYSTEM LOSS AND OTHER CHARGES, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF PROVIDING THE PUBLIC A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHARGES AND TO PROVIDE CONGRESS AN INSIGHT TO GUIDE IT IN CRAFTING RESPONSIVE LEGISLATION TO ADDRESS THE PERENNIAL PROBLEM OF HIGH ENERGY COST

WHEREAS, the current MERALCO bill still includes charges for System Loss which enables it to be complacent and turn a blind eye to the rampant and evident illegal connections in its electrical lines;

WHEREAS, such System Loss charge is a grave injustice to consumers who have no participation in nor knowledge of the extent and existence of such illegal connections;

WHEREAS, it is MERALCO's sole responsibility to disconnect all the illegal connections and initiate the prosecution of the perpetrators in court;

WHEREAS, aside from the System Loss charge, another charge for Renewal Energy has been added to the monthly electric bills of consumers without proper information, explanation and prior notice;

WHEREAS, MERALCO is only a franchised distributor of electricity coming from legitimate sources registered and accredited by the government, thus its distribution charges;

WHEREAS, other charges seem redundant and add substantial burden to the people;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to urge the Committee on Energy to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the basis of MERALCO in incorporating in the consumers' monthly electric bills, additional charges for renewal energy, system loss and other charges, with the end in view of providing the public a better understanding of the charges and to provide Congress an insight to guide it in crafting responsive legislation to address the perennial problem of high energy cost.

Adopted.

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