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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 361



Introduced by Hon. Anthony Peter "Onyx" D. Crisologo

**A RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND
HIGHWAYS TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF
LEGISLATION, ON THE POLICIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH) AND THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ENSURE THAT THE UTILITY POLES
AFFECTED BY ROAD WIDENING PROJECTS ARE RELOCATED
TO THEIR APPROPRIATE PLACES**

WHEREAS, in a report published last December 18, 2018 in GMA News Online, it stated that at least 1,600 electrical poles are causing obstruction in the streets of National Capital Region due to road widening projects.

WHEREAS, in the same published report, Meralco claimed that the delay in the relocation of their poles is usually caused by the late notification from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) of their road widening projects.

WHEREAS, the failure of relocation of the utility poles affected by road widening projects serves as a serious impediment to the flow of traffic, and imperils the lives of the motorists and the riding public.

WHEREAS, the location of utility poles should not inconvenience the general public and should be strategically placed in areas that will not affect our drivers and pedestrians.

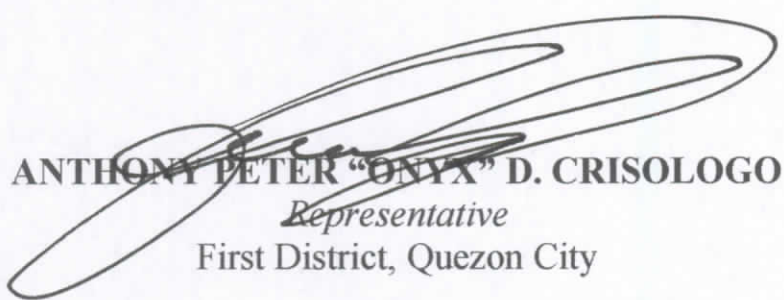
WHEREAS, it is imperative to ensure that the projects implemented by the government do not threaten public safety, and that utility companies abide by the rules of the government and diligently fulfill their responsibilities to avoid setbacks.

WHEREAS, utility poles remaining in their original location, even after road widening, defeat the purpose of the said project as they forbid the drivers to maximize the supposed additional space provided.

WHEREAS, there should be a clear policy on this matter, and an established delineation of duties and responsibilities of the DPWH, the local government units, and the concerned utility companies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to direct the Committee on Public Works and Highways to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the policies of the DPWH and the local government units to ensure that the utility poles affected by road widening projects are relocated from the newly constructed roads to their appropriate places.

Adopted,



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