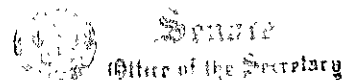


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**A RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, REGARDING INTERNET NEUTRALITY AND IF
THIS IS BEING PRACTICED BY INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS IN THE
PHILIPPINES**

Whereas, the Human Rights Council of the United Nations General Assembly declared that access to the internet is a human right;

Whereas, the Internet and Mobile Marketing Association of the Philippines (IMMAP) pegs the number of internet users in the country to be at 38 million out of a population of 100 million as of mid-2014;

Whereas, internet neutrality is the principle that internet service providers should treat all data on the Internet equally, allowing the free flow of any information without any external influence;

Whereas, Internet Service Providers can interfere with the flow of data by slowing down or speeding up traffic and communicators;

Whereas, interference on the flow of data are done through blocking, throttling and paid prioritization;

Whereas, if information are halted, slowed, or even tampered, our right to internet access is violated;

Whereas, consumers are charged for internet usage but they are faced with issues of uneven and irregular internet connections speed;

Whereas, the Philippines is ranked by Ookla, an internet metrics provider, as the 21st of 22 Asian countries in terms of download speed¹;

Whereas, despite slow speed of download, Philippines is 161st out of 202 countries in terms of fees of Internet connections because of its high cost²;

Whereas, internet neutrality is a consumer issue, but it is also one of the foremost free speech issues in the digital age;

Whereas, moreover, internet neutrality is a requirement of transparency;

Whereas, it becomes imperative that government regulators compel Internet Service Providers in the Philippines to practice internet neutrality.

Be it resolved, as it is hereby resolved, to call the appropriate Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, regarding internet neutrality and if this is being practiced by internet service providers in the Philippines.

Adopted,


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¹ 2015, May 19. List: Philippine ranks 21st of 22 Asian countries in Internet download speed. GMA News. Accessed: <http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/489762/scitech/technology/list-philippines-ranks-21st-of-22-asian-countries-in-internet-download-speed>

² *Ibid*.