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RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICES TO INQUIRE IN AID OF LEGISLATION ON THE PRESENT STATE OF BANDWIDTH AVAILABILITY AND BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY DEPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRY WITH THE END IN VIEW OF COMING UP WITH POSSIBLE GOVERNMENT SUPPORT THAT WILL HASTEN ITS COMMERCIALIZATION IN BOTH THE TELECOMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BENEFITS IT CAN BRING TO THE ECONOMY

WHEREAS, the state recognizes the vital role of communication and information in nation building;

WHEREAS, with the rapid acceleration of technology-based services today, it is greatly anticipated that demand for the use of bandwidth will definitely skyrocket considerably;

WHEREAS, broadband technology will be a new telecommunication channel that is capable of delivering better voice, data, video and other multimedia application transmission and reception at a very high speed that can reach over 500 times faster than the existing narrowband system currently being utilized by telecom companies;

WHEREAS, there are countless applications and benefits in using the broadband technology that range from faster internet connection, better TV resolution display, video and data together that puts interactivity to television program to virtual private networks (VPNs), a dedicated data service channel that provide employees gain remote access and secured connectivity to corporate network among others;

WHEREAS, broadband technology is the main vehicle in making the up and coming technology in telecommunications known as convergence of all telecommunication medium over a single device a reality;

WHEREAS, with the advent of electronic commerce law in our country, all that is needed now is a reliable broadband network to support its operation, without which e-commerce activity will not come into its full realization;

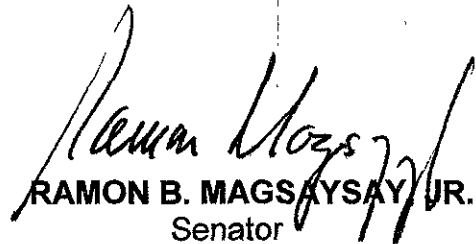
WHEREAS, the insufficiency of the existing narrowband telecom infrastructure in delivering a fast multimedia signals and other bandwidth hungry applications, limited fiber infrastructure and a lackluster attitude by new players to invest on setting-up another nationwide fiber backbone brought about by some needless government regulations, hampers the potentiality for growth and development of broadband technology-based services;

WHEREAS, at present there are only few number of companies offering broadband services like cable, Digital Subscriber Line (DSL), and satellite; however, such services are not yet economically viable;

WHEREAS, by means of providing proper government support to make the deployment of broadband technology an affordable industry, our country can leverage the potentiality of becoming an ideal site for foreign investments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved to direct the Committee on Public Services to inquire in aid of legislation on the present state of bandwidth availability and broadband technology deployment in the country with the end in view of coming up with possible government support that will hasten its commercialization in both the telecommunication and information technology industry and take advantage of the benefits it can bring to the economy.

ADOPTED,


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Senator