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	COMMITTEE REPORT NO16			
Prepared and	submitted by the Committee on Finance on NOV - 4 2019			
Re: Senate	e Joint Resolution No9			
Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Joint Resolution Nos. 6 and 7.				
Sponsor:	Senator Sonny Angara			

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on Finance, to which was referred the following Senate Joint Resolutions:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 6, introduced by Senator Imee Marcos, entitled:

"JOINT RESOLUTION

EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 65 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11260, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2019"

and Senate Joint Resolution No. 7, introduced by Senator Sonny Angara, entitled:

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has considered the same and has the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached Senate Joint Resolution $No. ___9$ be approved in substitution of Senate Joint Resolution Nos. 6 and 7, entitled:

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with Senators Imee Marcos and Sonny Angara as authors thereof.

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S. Jt. Res. No. 9 (In Substitution of S. Jt. Res. Nos. 6 and 7)

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JOINT RESOLUTION

EXTENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE 2019 APPROPRIATIONS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES AND CAPITAL OUTLAYS TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 65 OF THE GENERAL PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 11260, THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF FISCAL YEAR 2019

WHEREAS, the General Appropriations Act for fiscal years 2014 to 2017 consistently provided that the appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) and Capital Outlays (CO) were available for release and obligations for a period extending to one (1) fiscal year after the fiscal year in which said items were appropriated;

WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2018, Joint Resolution No. 3 was adopted extending the availability of the 2018 appropriations for MOOE and CO to December 31, 2019, amending for the purpose Section 61 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 10964, the General Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2018;

WHEREAS, in Republic Act No. 11260, the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for 2019, the validity of MOOE and CO has been limited to one (1) year as provided by Section 65 of the General Provisions of the said GAA, which reads:

"SEC. 65. Availability of Appropriations. All appropriations authorized in this Act shall be available for release and obligation for the purpose specified, and under the same special provisions applicable thereto, until December 31, 2019.

A report on these releases and obligations shall be submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate of the Philippines, the House Committee on Appropriations and the Senate Committee on Finance, either in printed form or by way of electronic document."

WHEREAS, the late passage of the 2019 General Appropriations Act and the election ban on the implementation of infrastructure projects and social services in view

of the May 13, 2019 National and Local Elections resulted in the delay of the implementation of infrastructure projects and basic social services;

WHEREAS, there are appropriations that have not been released and allotment issued that have not been obligated which shall automatically lapse depriving the people and the country of the much-needed MOOE and CO to fund priority projects, financial assistance program, aid, and relief activities as well as for the maintenance, construction/repair, and rehabilitation of schools, hospitals, roads, bridges and other essential facilities of the national government;

WHEREAS, the President, under Section 5 of Executive Order No. 91, mandated the implementation of an operational cash budget for Fiscal Year 2019 which requires that all appropriations should be obligated by December 31, 2019 but allows the implementation of and payment for MOOE, as well as other CO, and infrastructure projects to extend until June 30, 2020, and December 31, 2020, respectively;

WHEREAS, it is clearly imperative that Section 65 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 11260 should be amended such that the validity of the MOOE and CO appropriations be extended for another fiscal year for the benefit of the people and for the welfare of the nation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Philippines and the House of Representatives, To extend the validity and period of availability of the Fiscal Year 2019 appropriations for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses and Capital Outlays to December 31, 2020, amending for the purpose Section 65 of the General Provisions of Republic Act No. 11260, otherwise known as the General Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2019.

Resolved, Further, To extend the obligation, delivery, inspection, acceptance and payment of obligations for MOOE and CO until December 31, 2020.

Adopted,