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Introduced by Senator JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA

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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON CIVIL SERVICE AND GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROPRIETY OF THE INTEGRATION OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICE UNDER THE COMMISSION ON INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND ITS EFFECTS TO THE EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, the Telecommunications Office (TelOf) is a line agency of the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) created by virtue of Republic Act No. 51 passed by the First Congress of the Republic of the Philippines in 1946;

WHEREAS, TelOf is mandated, among others, to "develop, formulate and recommend plans, policies, programs, standards, specifications and guidelines to provide telecommunications facilities, including telecommunications system for purposes of augmenting limited or inadequate existing private telecommunication services";

WHEREAS, there are four thousand four hundred and seventy one (4,471) rank-and-file employees in the TelOf;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 269, "Creating The Commission on Information and Communications Technology" was issued on January 12, 2004;

WHEREAS, the said Commission "shall be the primary policy, planning, coordinating, implementing, regulating and administrative entity of the executive branch of government that will promote, develop, and regulate integrated and strategic ICT systems and reliable and cost-efficient communication facilities and services";

WHEREAS, the Telecommunications Office, together with the National Computer Center, Telecommunications Policy and Planning Office, National Telecommunications Commission, Philippine Postal Corporation, and all other operating units currently existing under DOTC which directly support communications shall compose the Commission;

WHEREAS, no consultation with the representatives of the National Telecommunications Employees Union, the sole bargaining unit of the rank-and-file employees, was conducted regarding the said reorganization;

WHEREAS, it is important to immediately address the concerns of TelOf employees to ensure the development of information structure and continuous provision of basic telecommunication services to the underserved and unserved areas of the country;

Now therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, to direct the Senate Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the propriety of the integration of the Telecommunications Office under the Commission on Information and Communications Technology and its effects to the employees

  
JINGGOY EJERCITO ESTRADA  
Senator