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Introduced by Senator FRANKLIN M. DRILON

**JOINT RESOLUTION  
EXTENDING THE FRANCHISE OF ABS-CBN CORPORATION  
UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 2022**

1 WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7966 grants ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation a  
2 franchise to "construct, install, operate and maintain, for commercial purposes and in  
3 the public interest, television and radio broadcasting stations in and throughout the  
4 Philippines, through microwave, satellite, or whatever means including the use of any  
5 new technologies in television and radio systems, with the corresponding technological  
6 auxiliaries or facilities, special broadcast and other broadcast distribution services and  
7 relay stations;"

8 WHEREAS, enacted into law on 30 March 1995, Republic Act No. 7966 provides  
9 that the franchise of ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation shall be for a term of twenty-  
10 five (25) years from the effectivity of the Act, or until 30 March 2020;

11 WHEREAS, the twelve (12) bills filed in the House of Representatives seeking  
12 to renew the franchise of ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation remain pending in the  
13 Committee on Legislative Franchises;

14 WHEREAS, on 10 February 2020, the Solicitor General filed a *quo warranto*  
15 petition at the Supreme Court to forfeit the legislative franchise of ABS-CBN  
16 Corporation and its subsidiary, ABS-CBN Convergence, for alleged violations of the  
17 terms and conditions of its franchise;

18 WHEREAS, on 12 February 2020, Senator Grace Poe filed Proposed Senate  
19 Resolution No. 322 to inquire into, in aid of legislation, the operations of ABS-CBN  
20 Broadcasting Corporation to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of  
21 its franchise;



1           WHEREAS, since there are only twelve (12) session days left before the next  
2 adjournment of Congress on 14 March 2020, both the Senate and the House of  
3 Representatives need additional time to review, assess and determine whether or not  
4 ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation shall be granted the renewal of its franchise: Now,  
5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS  
7 ASSEMBLED, To extend the franchise of ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation until 31  
8 December 2022.

*Adopted,*



FRANKLIN M. DRILON  
Senator