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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND CULTURE,
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC INFORMATION AND MASS MEDIA TO CONDUCT A JOINT
INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE PROPOSED CYBER
EDUCATION PROJECT (CEP) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
(DEPED).

WHEREAS, In April 2007, President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was in China to witness the signing of several multimillion-dollar loans, one of which is to finance the \$465.5-million Cyber Education Project (CEP) of the Department of Education (DepEd).

WHEREAS, CEP amounts to P26.48 billion, P22.77 billion or 86 percent will be financed through a loan from China and the remaining P3.71 billion, or 14 percent will be financed by the Philippine government.

WHEREAS, The CEP will use satellites to deliver educational services to 37,794 or 90 percent of public elementary and secondary schools throughout the country by linking all schools to a nationwide network that will provide 12 video channels, wireless wide area networking, local area networking and wireless internet connection.

WHEREAS, While additional investment in our ailing educational system is always welcome, serious doubts are raised concerning the wisdom of the CEP.

WHEREAS, Aside from being ambitious and costly, no studies have yet been

made regarding the effectiveness of TV-based instruction in basic education.

WHEREAS,

CEP miserably fails to address the lingering problems of Philippine education: lack of teachers, teacher training programs, textbooks, classrooms and other school facilities, and the deteriorating quality of education.

WHEREAS,

CEP can at most only be considered as an auxiliary tool in education, the value of which can be worthless in a context of inadequate facilities and ill-trained teachers making it a mere thoughtless spending of our limited financial resources and an added burden to our taxpayers.

NOW BE RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, To direct the Committee on Education, Arts and Culture, Committee on Science and Technology and Committee on Public Information and Mass Media to conduct a joint inquiry, in aid of legislation, into the proposed P26.48-billion Cyber Education Project (CEP) of the DepEd as to its methodology, content, cost, and technology to be utilized for such multi-billion peso project, as well as the source of financing.

Adopted,


EDGARDO J. ANGARA
Senator