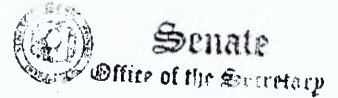


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**RESOLUTION**

**DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO THE STATUS OF THE PEOPLE'S TELEVISION NETWORK INC. (PTNI), ALSO KNOWN AS PTV, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF EVALUATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7306, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10390, AND ENSURING FISCAL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY.**

WHEREAS, Section 24 Article II of the 1987 Constitution states that "The State recognizes the vital role of communication and information in nation-building;"

WHEREAS, Section 10 Article XVI states that "The State shall provide the policy environment for the full development of Filipino capability and the emergence of communication structures suitable to the needs and aspirations of the nation and the balanced flow of information into, out of, and across the country, in accordance with a policy that respects the freedom of speech and of the press;"

WHEREAS, the People's Television Network Inc. (PTNI), popularly known as PTV, is the country's premier source of government news and information;

WHEREAS, the State endeavors to develop PTV as a medium for the development, promotion, and advancement of Filipino nationalism, culture, and values that serve as an instrument in the struggle for Filipino sovereignty, identity, national unity, and integration;

WHEREAS, there is a need to maintain a broadcast industry system that serves as a vital link for participative democracy and effective government information dissemination through developmental communication, free from any political or partisan influence and held accountable directly to the people;

WHEREAS, the evolution of technologies necessitates the move to develop the media and information environment constantly. The improvement in the production

and distribution of content generates a broader reach and provides opportunities for the public to engage and participate in various degrees of discussion;

**WHEREAS**, PTV envisions to have an improved media network with its modernization plan. The assessment of the capabilities of the network was initiated in the previous administration, that its determination and review must help chart the future of the network;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to promote and develop PTV to ensure that the challenges in its operation are appropriately addressed and introduce strategies which will guarantee its transformation as a premier and credible media presence;

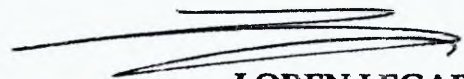
**WHEREAS**, a key aspect of good governance is the promotion of fiscal transparency and accountability;

**WHEREAS**, the exercise of the oversight authority of Congress is constitutionally vested in and plenary to the legislature, such that it is an integral part of check and balance;

**WHEREAS**, a report and assessment of priority programs and projects of PTV and a determination of its fiscal accountability and transparency are essential in the determination of its appropriate budgetary allocation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Senate of the Philippines, to direct the appropriate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the status of PTV, with the end in view of evaluating the implementation of Republic Act No. 7306, as amended by Republic Act No. 10390, and ensuring fiscal transparency and accountability.

*Adopted,*



**LOREN LEGARDA**