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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. _____

Submitted jointly by the Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Public Information and Mass Media on _____

Re : Senate Bill No. **1742** (Prepared by the Committees)

Recommending its approval in substitution of Senate Bill Nos. 148, 353, 380, 818 and 886.

Sponsors : Senators Roco, Revilla, Osmeña III, Santiago, Tatad, and Cayetano.

MR. PRESIDENT :

The Committees on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws; and Public Information and Mass Media to which were referred Senate Bill No. 148, introduced by Senator Osmeña III, entitled:

"AN ACT
TOTALLY LIFTING THE BAN ON POLITICAL PROPAGANDA
THROUGH MASS MEDIA"
Revised O. Sison

Senate Bill No. 353, introduced by Senator Santiago, entitled:

"AN ACT
ALLOCATING TO POLITICAL PARTIES FREE BROADCAST TIME
FOR POLITICAL ADVERTISING"

Senate Bill No. 380, introduced by Senator Tatad, entitled:

"AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 79 AND 85 OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 881
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE 'OMNIBUS ELECTION CODE OF THE
PHILIPPINES', PROHIBITING THE PUBLICATION AND
DISSEMINATION OF SURVEYS HAVING A DIRECT OR INDIRECT
RELATION TO ANY ELECTION DURING THE ELECTION PERIOD "

Senate Bill No. 818, introduced by Senator Cayetano, entitled:

"AN ACT
ABOLISHING THE ADVERTISING ~~AND~~ DURING ELECTION TIME
AND REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 11 (B) OF REPUBLIC
ACT 6646"
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and Senate Bill No. 886, introduced by Senator Roco, entitled:

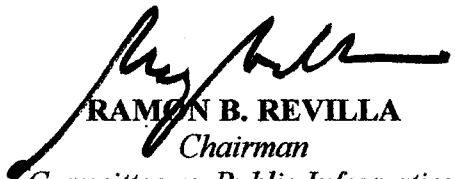
**"AN ACT
LIFTING THE BAN ON ELECTION PROPAGANDA FOR PARTIES AND
CANDIDATES SEEKING NATIONAL ELECTIVE OFFICES,
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE CERTAIN SECTIONS OF BATAS
PAMBANSA BLG. 881 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6646"**

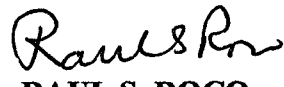
have considered the same and have the honor to report them back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached S. No. 1742, prepared by the Committees, entitled :

**"AN ACT
LIFTING THE BAN ON ELECTION PROPAGANDA FOR PARTIES AND
CANDIDATES SEEKING NATIONAL ELECTIVE OFFICES "**

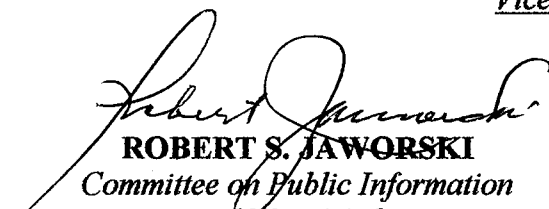
be approved in substitution of S. Nos. 148, 353, 380, 818 and 886 with Senators Osmeña III, Santiago, Tatad, Cayetano, Roco and Revilla as authors thereof.


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AN ACT
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CANDIDATES SEEKING NATIONAL ELECTIVE OFFICES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representative of the Philippines in Congress
assembled:

1 **SECTION 1. *Lawful Election Propaganda.***—Subject only to the observance of truth in
2 advertising, all political advertisements, whether on television, community antennae or cable
3 television, radio, newspapers, surveys, or whatever medium shall henceforth be allowed for all
4 political parties and for all candidates seeking national elective positions. Candidates for local
5 elective positions may also avail of the political advertisements provided herein except for the
6 purchase and sale of air time and print space which shall continue to be governed under the
7 provisions of Sections 90 and 92 of the Omnibus Election Code.

8 **SEC. 2. *Authority of the Commission to Promulgate Rules; Election Offenses.***—The
9 Commission shall promulgate the rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.
10 Violation of the rules and regulations of the Commission issued to implement this Act shall be an
11 election offense punishable under Section 264 of the Omnibus Election Code.

12 **SEC. 3. *Repealing Clause.***—Section 85 of the Omnibus Election Code and Sections 10
13 and 11 of Republic Act No. 6646 are hereby repealed. All laws, presidential decrees, executive
14 orders, rules and regulations, or any part thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are
15 hereby repealed or modified or amended accordingly.

1 **SECTION 4. *Separability Clause.***—If any provision, or part hereof, is held invalid or
2 unconstitutional, the remainder of this Act not otherwise affected shall be valid and subsisting.

3 **SECTION 5. *Effectivity.***—This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its
4 publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

5 Approved.

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