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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 980

Introduced by Representative Terry L. Ridon
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A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, INTO ORGANIZED DISINFORMATION OPERATIONS EXPLOITING PUBLIC CONCERNS ON RISING ELECTRICITY COSTS, INCLUDING THE ACTIVITIES OF PEANUT GALLERY MEDIA NETWORK, WITH THE END IN VIEW OF ENSURING ACCOUNTABILITY AND STRENGTHENING SAFEGUARDS AGAINST FAKE NEWS

WHEREAS, the spread of fake news and coordinated disinformation undermines public trust, distorts legitimate policy discourse, and exploits the vulnerabilities of Filipino households;

WHEREAS, rising electricity costs remain a legitimate and urgent concern that directly affects millions of Filipino families, and demands serious and responsible policy responses from government;

WHEREAS, this legitimate public concern is now being exploited by certain actors through the deliberate creation and dissemination of misleading content designed to inflame public sentiment using false or manipulated information;

WHEREAS, viral content attributed to Peanut Gallery Media Network (PGMN) purports to show a dramatic increase in electricity bills, but a closer examination reveals that the bills presented carry different Customer Account Numbers (CAN), specifically:

CAN: 2209188031, October 6, 2025 bill showing a total amount of P724.47; and

CAN: 0494824258, May 7, 2026 bill showing a total amount of P7,009.64;

WHEREAS, the use of different Customer Account Numbers in a single narrative presentation strongly suggests that the content may have been deliberately constructed to mislead the public, rather than to reflect an actual and continuous billing experience of a single household;

WHEREAS, absent any clear explanation, such content raises serious concerns of intentional deception, amounting to public disinformation;

WHEREAS, there is a need to determine whether entities engaged in such activities are part of organized disinformation operations designed to manipulate public perception on critical national issues;

WHEREAS, there is likewise a need to examine whether these entities are in compliance with existing laws and regulations, including those relating to taxation, registration, and lawful business operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, to direct the House Committee on Public Information to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, into alleged disinformation operations exploiting public concerns on rising electricity costs, including the activities of Peanut Gallery Media Network;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Committee shall summon and require the appearance of responsible officers, content creators, and other relevant persons behind the production and dissemination of such viral content, in order to determine the authenticity, intent, and accountability for the materials circulated;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Committee shall coordinate with relevant government agencies, including the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), and other regulatory bodies, to determine possible violations of existing laws;

RESOLVED, FINALLY, that the Committee shall recommend legislative and regulatory measures to deter and penalize the creation and spread of disinformation, strengthen public information safeguards, and protect Filipino consumers from misleading and deceptive content.

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