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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 429

Submitted by the Committee on Public Services on JAN 26 2016

RE : H. B. No. 6053

Recommending its approval with amendment.

Sponsor : Senator Osmeña III

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Public Services to which was referred H. B. No. 6053, introduced by Representatives Robes, Teodoro, Salvacion, *et. al*, entitled:


**"AN ACT
RENEWING FOR ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE (25) YEARS THE
FRANCHISE GRANTED TO ZOE BROADCASTING, INC.
AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO.7297,
ENTITLED, "AN ACT GRANTING THE ZOE
BROADCASTING NETWORK, INC. A FRANCHISE TO
CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN RADIO
AND TELEVISION BROADCASTING STATIONS
THROUGHOUT THE PHILIPPINES, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES" AS MENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7968"**

has considered the same and has the honor to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that the attached H. B. No. 6053 be approved with amendment, to wit:

1. On page 3 line 18, after the word "circulation" delete the words "in the Philippines."

Respectfully submitted:

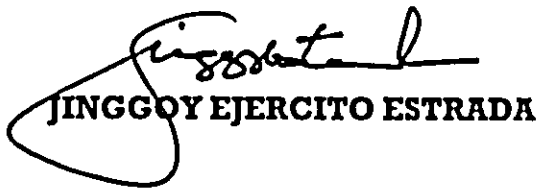

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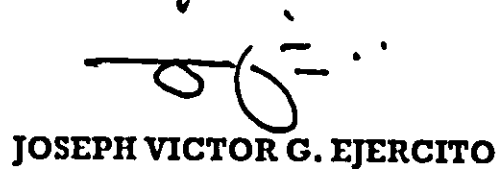

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H. No. 6053

BY REPRESENTATIVES ROBES, TEODORO, SALVACION, CAMINERO, UNABIA,
BELLO (S.), ARNAIZ, DELA CRUZ AND TAMBUNTING

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ACT NO. 7968

*As it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled.*

- 1 SECTION 1. *Renewal of Franchise.* - Subject to the provisions of the
2 Constitution, the immediately succeeding section and applicable laws, rules
3 and regulations, the franchise granted under Republic Act No. 7297, entitled
4 "An Act Granting the ZOE Broadcasting Network, Inc. a Franchise to
5 Construct, Install, Operate and Maintain Radio and Television Broadcasting
6 Stations Throughout the Philippines, and for Other Purposes", as amended by
7 Republic Act No. 7968, to ZOE Broadcasting Network, Inc., hereunder
8 referred to as the grantee, its successors or assignees, is hereby renewed for
9 another twenty-five (25) years from the effectivity of this Act.

1 SEC. 2. Section 1 of Republic Act No. 7297, as amended by Republic
2 Act No. 7968, is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 "SECTION 1. *Nature and Scope of Franchise.* - Subject to the
4 provisions of the Constitution and applicable laws, rules and
5 regulations, there is hereby granted to the ZOE Broadcasting
6 Network, Inc., its successors or [assigns] ASSIGNEES, hereunder
7 referred to as the grantee, a franchise to construct, install, operate,
8 and maintain, for commercial purposes and in the public interest,
9 radio and television BROADCASTING stations throughout the
10 Philippines, WHERE FREQUENCIES AND/OR CHANNELS ARE STILL
11 AVAILABLE FOR RADIO AND/OR TELEVISION BROADCASTING,
12 INCLUDING DIGITAL TERRESTRIAL TELEVISION SYSTEM,
13 THROUGH MICROWAVE, SATELLITE, OR WHATEVER MEANS, OR
14 THE USE OF ANY TECHNOLOGIES IN TELEVISION AND RADIO
15 SYSTEMS, with the corresponding TECHNOLOGICAL auxiliari[es]
16 OR FACILITIES, special broadcast, and other program and
17 distribution services, and relay stations, and to install radio
18 communication facilities for the grantee's private use in its
19 broadcast services."

20 SEC. 3. *Dispersal of Ownership.* - In accordance with the
21 constitutional provision to encourage public participation in public utilities, the
22 grantee shall offer to Filipino citizens at least thirty percent (30%) or a higher
23 percentage that may hereafter be provided by law of its outstanding capital
24 stock in any securities exchange in the Philippines within five (5) years from
25 the commencement of its operations: *Provided, That* in cases where public
26 offer of shares is not applicable, establishment of cooperatives and other
27 methods of encouraging public participation by citizens and corporations

1 operating public utilities must be implemented. Noncompliance therewith
2 shall render the franchise *ipso facto* revoked.

3 SEC. 4. Section 8 of Republic Act No. 7297 on tax provisions is
4 hereby repealed.

5 SEC. 5. *Adoption of Provisions Not Inconsistent with this Act.* - All
6 other provisions of Republic Act No. 7297, as amended by Republic Act
7 No. 7968, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, shall
8 continue to be in full force and effect.

9 SEC. 6. *Separability Clause.* - If any of the sections or provisions of
10 this Act is held invalid, all other provisions not affected thereby shall remain
11 valid.

12 SEC. 7. *Repealability and Nonexclusivity Clause.* - This franchise
13 shall be subject to amendment, alteration, or repeal by the Congress of the
14 Philippines when the public interest so requires and shall not be interpreted as
15 an exclusive grant of the privileges herein provided for.

16 SEC. 8. *Effectivity* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from
17 the date of its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation
18 in the Philippines.

Approved,