

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City



SIXTEENTH (16th) CONGRESS
First Regular Session

House Bill No. **4049**

Introduced by: Representative Jose L. Atienza, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The people of the Philippines are demanding transparency from their government officials. Officials whom they elected, and who need to make an accounting of their actions while in government.

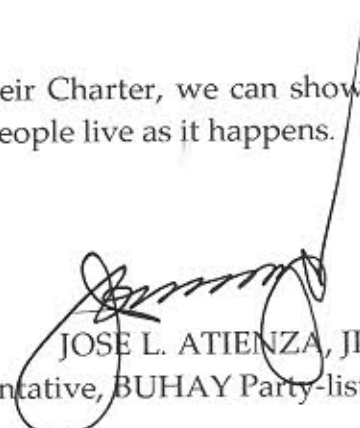
In line with this, there also needs to be transparency and accountability in regards to the sessions and committee hearings of both the Senate and House of Representatives.

Just like C-Span in the USA, which provides gavel-to-gavel proceedings of the US House of Representatives and Senate, the Philippines needs to have that kind of unprecedented access to it's officials.

The vehicle for these live proceedings can be the public television station, PTNI, which, as in its Charter, Republic Act 7306, states that they "serve as a vehicle for bringing the Government closer to the people in order to enhance their awareness of the programs, policies, thrusts and directions of the Government".

We hope that through this amendment of their Charter, we can show the proceedings of both Houses of Congress to the people live as it happens.

For approval.


JOSE L. ATIENZA, JR.
Representative, BUHAY Party-list

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AN ACT
AMENDING SECTION 9 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7306 ENTITLED "AN
ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S
TELEVISION NETWORK, INCORPORATED, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND
FUNCTIONS, PROVIDING FOR ITS SOURCES OF FUNDING AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES"

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

SECTION ONE. Section 9 of Republic Act No. 7306 is further amended
as follows:

"SEC 9. *Functions of the Network.* - The Network shall have the
following functions:

"(a) x x x;

"(b) x x x;

"(c) x x x;

“(d) x x x;

“(e) x x x;

“(f) x x x;

“(g) x x x;

“(h) to show live proceedings of the sessions and committee hearings of the Senate and the House of Representatives from gavel to gavel. Such live proceedings must be shown without editing nor commentary;

SEC 2. *Repealing Clause.* – All laws, decrees, executive orders, proclamations, rules and regulations and other issuances, or parts thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, amended or modified.

SEC 3. *Effectivity Clause.* - This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication.

Approved.