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Introduced by ***REPRESENTATIVE EMIL L. ONG***

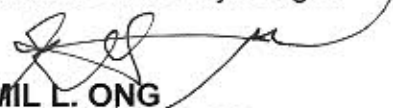
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Province of Northern Samar suffered the onslaught of "Typhoon Glenda" which caused havoc to lives and properties. As per damage report from the Northern Samar Electric Cooperative Inc. (NORSAMELCO) in its distribution system, the estimated cost of damage is PhP 191,857,997.3 inclusive of poles, wires, assorted line materials, transformers, meters and other line equipment as well as the labor cost to install these items.

There were 60,011 houses located in the 478 energized barangays of the 24 municipalities of the province that were cut off from electric service after the onslaught of Typhoon Glenda due to the massive damage sustained by the electric lines from the typhoon. The line reconstruction was generally implemented on a "temporary basis" by recycling the salvageable materials left partially dented by the typhoon. The quality of reconstruction therefore does not conform to standards including the "**Build Back Better**" concept as was observed in the implementation of the ***Yolanda Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program*** (YRRP). Most of the lines will not last long and will necessarily need funding to standardize them. If the needed funds are availed from financing institutions, the constituents will eventually bear the burden of repaying as the burden will be passed on to the corresponding tariffs for loan servicing.

It is on this note that a government subsidy similar to the reconstruction of electric lines damaged by Typhoon Yolanda be allocated to the province so that the electric distribution system will be brought to a condition that will provide efficient and reliable power supply for the province.

Hence, passage of this proposed bill to provide subsidy in the reconstruction of electric lines damaged by Typhoon Glenda be allocated to the province of Northern Samar is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF
ELECTRIC LINES DAMAGED BY TYPHOON GLENDA IN THE PROVINCE OF
NORTHERN SAMAR, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the house of the Representatives of the Philippines in
congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. This Act shall provide for government subsidy in the reconstruction of electric lines damaged by Typhoon Glenda and appropriating funds therefore.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in the Official Gazette or two newspapers of general circulation.

Approved,



EMIL L. ONG
Representative, 2nd District Northern Samar