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RESOLUTION
DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE ALLEGED RECENT BREACH ON THE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM "FACEBOOK" THAT MAY HAVE COMPROMISED THE SAFETY AND PRIVATE DATA OF ITS USERS

Whereas, it has been the norm of almost everyone these days to have at least one social media account on the internet and among the social media platforms available on the internet is "Facebook";

Whereas, "Facebook" is primarily used as a networking tool to connect and keep in touch with friends, colleagues, classmates, business associates and the like regardless of whether they are here in the country or abroad;

Whereas, to be able to access "Facebook", one has to register and provide certain personal information that would then be used to be able to log in and use its functions and services;

Whereas, despite the security measures in place as claimed by "Facebook" developers, there seems to have been a very recent breach in its system wherein there was an apparent widespread cloning of users’ accounts;

Whereas, this apparent breach opens up its users, particularly the youth, to a slew of exploitations like the threat of cybercrime such as online bullying, harassment, identity theft, violations of privacy and others;

Whereas, it is the responsibility of "Facebook" to ensure not just the resolution of the current batch of cloned accounts but more importantly, to prevent the occurrence of the same;
Whereas, the new normal would increase reliance in social media platforms not only as a form of communication but also for transacting official business be it in the private or public sector and it is therefore incumbent upon the government to ensure the safety of its users through the protection of their private data;

Whereas, in this respect and in the interest and welfare of local netizens and the general public, the creation of a joint task force composed of the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), PNP Cybercrime Group, the National Privacy Commission, and other government or non-government agencies with related mandates and expertise may be in order so that a thorough investigation on the matter may be conducted and remedial measures be put into place to prevent such similar situations from occurring in the future;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, to direct the appropriate committee to conduct an inquiry in aid of legislation, on the alleged recent breach on the social media platform “Facebook” that may have compromised the safety and private data of its users.

Adopted,

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