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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**THIRTEENTH CONGRESS**

First Regular Session

House Bill No. 730

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**Introduced by REP. JUDY J. SYJUCO**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This bill seeks to provide appropriate funds needed for the urgent completion of the Nichols Bridge in the municipality of Alimodian, province of Iloilo.

The bridge was primarily constructed to facilitate the smooth flow of commerce and trade in the countryside to generate economic growth for the people of Alimodian and its neighboring towns. Moreover, it was conceived to ameliorate the burdens of transportation brought to the people by fragmentary and unfinished bridges due to lack of funds.

Spanning the administrations of Presidents Aquino, Ramos, and Estrada, this long-standing project has been left derelict. To date, the bridge still remains unfinished and causes an immense amount of nuisance to the affected residents of the municipality.

Despondently, completion of this bridge cannot be given foremost priority because of budgetary constraints. Only funding allocation from the national government can uphold the worthiness of this major thoroughfare.

Completion of this bridge will contribute enormously to the continuing expansion of agricultural trade – a major factor in sustaining economic growth in the municipality of Alimodian and its nearby towns.

In view of the foregoing, the immediate passage of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT**  
**PROVIDING FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE NICHOLS BRIDGE LOCATED**  
**IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALIMODIAN, PROVINCE OF ILOILO,**  
**APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

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

**SECTION 1.** The Nichols Bridge in the municipality of Alimodian, province of Iloilo is hereby provided funds for its completion.

**SECTION 2.** The amount of Fifty Million Pesos (P50,000,000) necessary for the effective implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways. Thereafter, funds necessary for its maintenance and operation shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

**SECTION 3.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

*Approved,*