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House Bill No. 1310



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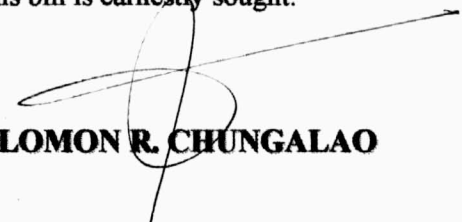
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This is a bill which seeks to transfer the maintenance of the Service Road of the North Main Canal of the Maris Dam which is a subsidiary dam to the Magat Dam transcending Naminlangan to San Marcos passing several barangays, all located at Alfonso Lista, Ifugao Province to the Municipalities of San Manuel and Roxas, all in Isabela Province from the National Irrigation Administration [NIA] to the Department of Public Works and Highways [DPWH].

This service road above-mentioned is now a very busy highway, it having been being built so wide and well graveled. It has been mistaken to be a national road and rightly so, since it was constructed at the time the National Irrigation Administration [NIA] was still under the Department of Public Works and Highways [DPWH]. Considering the volume of traffic on this road, the NIA could hardly cope up with its maintenance.

To remedy this problem, there is a need to transfer the maintenance of the above-named service road to the DPWH. The potential on economic and tourism industry on the area, which could probably boost the economic development of the municipalities concerned in both provinces affected, is so great if and when this road is well maintained which is only within the capabilities of the DPWH to do so. This road, if properly maintained will be a gateway of the inhabitants to numerous opportunities and in the same way will be crucial to the economic development of the areas benefited thus enormously helping the National Government in its Anti-Poverty Alleviation Program. It will also greatly help in the Anti-Insurgency and Anti-Drugs campaign of the administration.

Only a regular funding from the national government can this basic link to progress and peace be properly maintained. The proposed transfer of the maintenance of the Service Road of the North Main Canal of the Maris Dam which is a subsidiary dam to the Magat Dam transcending Naminlangan to San Marcos passing several barangays, all located at Alfonso Lista, Ifugao Province to the Municipalities of San Manuel and Roxas, all in Isabela Province, therefore, arises out of necessity hence immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE SERVICE ROAD OF THE NORTH MARIS CANAL OF THE MARIS DAM WHICH IS A SUBSIDIARY DAM TO THE MAGAT DAM TRANSCENDING BARANGAYS NAMILLANGAN, SAN MARCOS AND PASSING SEVERAL OTHER BARANGAYS, ALL IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ALFONSO LISTA, PROVINCE OF IFUGAO TO THE MUNICIPALITIES OF SAN MANUEL AND ROXAS, PROVINCE OF ISABELA FROM THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION [NIA] TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS [DPWH]

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

SECTION 1. The maintenance of the service road of the North Maris Canal of the Maris Dam which is a subsidiary dam to the Magat Dam transcending Barangays Namillangan, San Marcos and passing several other barangays, all in Alfonso Lista, Ifugao Province to the Municipalities of San Manuel and Roxas, Isabela Province is hereby transferred from the National Irrigation Administration [NIA] to the Department of Public Works and Highways [DPWH].

SECTION 2. The Secretary of Department of Public Works and Highways shall include in the Department's program the improvement, repair and maintenance of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriations Act following its enactment into law and thereafter.

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

Approved.