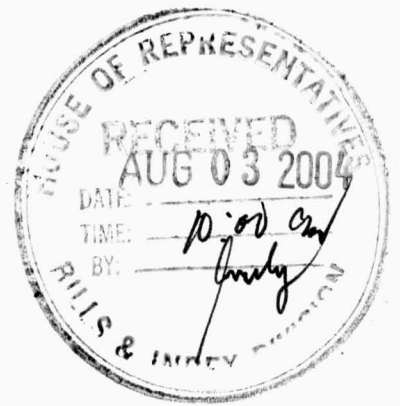


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House Bill No. 2003

Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the completion of the construction of the Catbalogan Domestic Airport in the Province of Samar.

Catbalogan, the capital town of Samar, is a progressive town in the province. It is where commerce is being done from all the towns of the province. Even people from Eastern Samar go to Catbalogan for marketing and other business activities.

The Domestic Airport in Catbalogan was constructed many years ago. However, the Airport was never used for commercial flights because the construction was never completed due to lack of funds and political reasons. Since then, the airport lies idle and, oftentimes, it is being used as a station by the Philippines Air Force in their operation against insurgency. It is also being used as a take-off and landing pad by private helicopters. Only around 100 meters of the runway and the passenger terminal need to be finished since it has already been done during his representation's terms from 1992 to 1998.

The Airport facilities need to be completed if the socio-economic upliftment of the *Samareños* is to be hastened. Although there is an existing airport in Calbayog City, it cannot accommodate the growing volume of passengers and domestic flights due to its limited runway and space. Oftentimes, Calbayog flights are cancelled during rainy season because of poor visibility and runway, oftentimes, gets flooded. Air commuters from Eastern Samar will find it extra convenient if the airport gets finished since travel time to Catbalogan would be lesser than going to Tacloban.

Air travelers, particularly the people of Samar and neighboring provinces, have been clamoring for the completion of the Catbalogan Domestic Airport.

Since air travel is the fastest form of transportation, the completion of the construction and improvement of the Catbalogan Domestic Airport facilities will accelerate the flow of trade, commerce and communications within the area especially so that there are no more commercial ships that travel from Manila or Cebu to Catbalogan.

Thus, approval of this bill is highly recommended.


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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
CATBALOGAN DOMESTIC AIRPORT IN CATBALOGAN, SAMAR AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. The completion of the construction of the Catbalogan Domestic Airport in Catbalogan, Samar be hastened under the direct supervision of the Department of Transportation and Communications.

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the completion of the construction of the said airport shall be charged to the appropriations for the Department of Transportation and Communications under the current general Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the operation and maintenance of the airport shall be included in the annual general Appropriations Act.

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

Approved,