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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL 2170

Introduced by Honorable Elias C. Bulut, Jr.

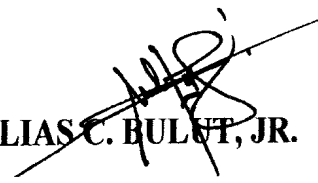
EXPLANATORY NOTE

The proposed measure seeks to convert the Buluan-Daga-Catabbugan-Pinukpuk Provincial Road in the Province of Apayao into a national road.

This is premised on the need to hasten improvement work in the said provincial road considering its importance to the socio-economic development of the municipalities of Conner and Kabugao in Upper Apayao in particular and that of the province in general. This is the main road linking the said municipalities to Cagayan and Kalinga and other municipalities of Apayao. Its conversion into a national road is necessary to facilitate speedier completion of necessary improvement work along said road network so as to provide these two towns year-round and all-weather accessibility to Cagayan and Kalinga, especially to the commercial centers in nearby towns of Tabuk Kalinga and Tuguegarao, Tuao in Cagayan where the population procure necessary goods for their day-to-day consumption as well as for purposes of marketing the agricultural products derived in the two municipalities. Likewise, the proposed conversion would be a big initial step towards the utilization and exploration of the rich resources that abound within the area, not to mention its impact on the improvement of the delivery of basic social services by the government.

The newly-created province of Apayao is presently among the 20 poorest provinces and its meager resources could no longer accommodate the yearly maintenance and improvement requirements of the provincial roads because of other more pressing concerns. Hopefully, with the nationalization of the road as proposed, sufficient funds may be infused for the completion of necessary improvement, maintenance and repair works in the said road.

In consideration of the above, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought by the people of Apayao.


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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE BULUAN-DAGA-CATABBUGAN-PINUKPUK
PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF APAYAO INTO A NATIONAL
ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

Section 1. The Buluan-Daga-Catabbugan-Pinukpuk Provincial Road in the Province of Apayao is hereby converted and classified as a national road under the direct responsibility of the Department of Public Works and Highways;

Section 2. The amount necessary for the improvement, maintenance and repair of said road shall be included in the General Appropriations Act of the year following this Act's enactment into law and thereafter.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval

Approved,