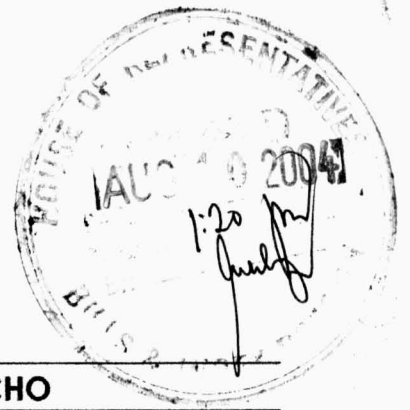


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House Bill No. 2288



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The immediate construction of a water basin is beneficial not only for the farmers in the Province of Bulacan but also to those from Pampanga. During rainy days, the excess water floods and submerges the whole area because there is no reservoir to hold the water. The overflow destroys the ricelands and many houses were wiped out by the strong current including the fishponds. Every year this sad experience cannot be controlled by the Angat Dam so that during the dry season there is insufficient supply of water.

The water for NIA and NAPOCOR was used by the MWSS to service the billionaire's subdivisions, five (5) star hotels and factories in Metro Manila. The agency gives priority to the needs of the rich instead of giving water to the farmers for planting of farm crops to save precious dollars for importation.

The system of distribution is highly discriminatory and bad for the country. The owner of the water located within the territorial jurisdiction was deprived of their rights to use the water for drinking and planting rice. The three agencies did not prepare the necessary budget to solve the existing problem as they earned billions of pesos. It sabotaged the economic development for no improvement was done to prevent the yearly water crisis. This critical condition worsened due to the increasing

population. No sufficient supply was delivered to satisfy the needs of the consumers.

The income from the natural resources is unproductive spending to the prejudice of the farmers and consumers. The lost of billion earnings of the farmers created hard feelings to fight against the government for lack of water to irrigate and cultivate the soil.

For eight (8) decades, this concern of the community, for the supply of clean and portable water had hounded them. The same applies to disturb the business atmosphere as there is no water to run their factories and affects the boom in business operations. Even the Congressmen one day, who are living in Metro Manila know that poor water service is the most popular talk of the city and are worried of the future shortage of water.

The MWSS is not bothered by what might happen if the La Mesa Dam be short of water stock, there is another reservoir to assure a continuous supply that will substitute to remedy the temporary problem in times of damage to the storage facilities.

The construction of another water basin is the solution to provide complete service in times of damage to the original storage.

This scheme will protect the interests of the consumers in Metro Manila and the farmers in the provinces whose only source of income is from planting high value crops and fishponds.

Accordingly, approval of the attached bill is earnestly requested.


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***“AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE IMMEDIATE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND
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MUNICIPALITY OF DOÑA REMEDIOS TRINIDAD, PROVINCE OF
BULACAN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.”***

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

SECTION 1. The immediate construction, operation and maintenance of a Dam/reservoir in Barangay Bayabas, Municipality of Doña Remedios Trinidad, Province of Bulacan is hereby authorized.

SEC. 2. The sum necessary for proper implementation of this act shall be charged against the budget of the Department of Public Works and Highways. Thereafter, it shall be included in the regular General Appropriations Act.

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

APPROVED,