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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila



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House Bill No. 2924

Introduced by Honorable Catalino V. Figueroa

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to provide for the construction of the Calbiga River Irrigation Project in the Municipality of Calbiga, Province of Samar.

Agriculture is the mainstay of Philippine economy. The shortage of water, particularly during the dry season due to inadequate irrigation facilities, hinders the farmers from fully exploiting the fertility of the soil thereby hindering full agricultural development in the area and lessening economic productivity therein.

The construction of irrigation facilities in the Municipality of Calbiga will provide a year-round supply of water. This project, once realized, will increase agricultural production and hasten the growth and prosperity in the area. Its construction is in accordance with the constitutional mandate that "the State shall promote a just and dynamic social order that will insure the prosperity and independence of the nation and free the people from poverty through policies that provide adequate social services, promote full employment, a rising standard of living and an improved quality of life for all" (Article 11, Section 9, 1987 Constitution).

Early passage of this bill is highly recommended.


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**AN ACT
PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE
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CALBIGA RIVER BASIN IN THE
MUNICIPALITY OF CALBIGA, PROVINCE OF SAMAR AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. There shall be constructed, under the supervision of the Department of Public Works and Highways, the Calbiga River Irrigation Project in the western part of the Calbiga River basin in the Municipality of Calbiga, Province of Samar

SECTION 2. The amount necessary for the implementation of this Act shall be charged to the appropriations for the National Irrigation Administration under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum as may be necessary for the repairs and maintenance of the river irrigation project shall be included in the annual budget of the Municipality of Calbiga.

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

Approved,