

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

THIRTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4326



Introduced by Hon. Speaker Jose C. De Venecia, Jr., Hon. Samuel M. Dangwa, Hon. Rolando G. Andaya, Hon. Manuel C. Ortega, Hon. Eric D. Singson, Hon. Tomas M. Dumpit Sr., Hon. Salacnib F. Baterina, Hon. Imee R. Marcos and Hon. Mauricio G. Domogan and Hon. Victor S. Dominguez

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to extend the Acop-Kapangan-Kibungan-Bakun National Road in the Municipalities of Tublay, Kapangan, Kibungan and Bakun all in the Province of Benguet westward to the Municipalities of Alilem, Ilocos Sur and Sudipen, La Union.

Starting from the Halsema National Road junction, now Ninoy Aquino National Highway, at Acop, Tublay and traversing the Municipalities of Kapangan, Kibungan and Bakun, this National Road when further extended Northwest to meet the Alilem-Sudipen Provincial road at Alilem will finally connect the Halsema Highway to the Manila-Rosario-Laoag National Road at Sudipen, La Union, with a total length of about one hundred sixty-five kilometers (165kms.)

With a length of about fifty kilometers, the Beyeng-Legab-Kayapa-Damoco section when constructed will hasten the economic development not only of the areas traversed by the road but also the adjoining Municipalities of Bakun, Alilem and Sudipen. Considered as the mid-point areas of The Provinces of Benguet, Ilocos Sur and La Union, these Municipalities are endowed with rich Natural resources like hydros, timber, minerals and rolling fertile lands which if exploited and developed will greatly help in the economic development and growth. Due, however, to the absence of roads, this particular geographical area remained isolated for centuries. It is for this reason that this measure is being introduced so that the untapped resources that abound within the Ilocos-Cordillera border be enhanced and developed.

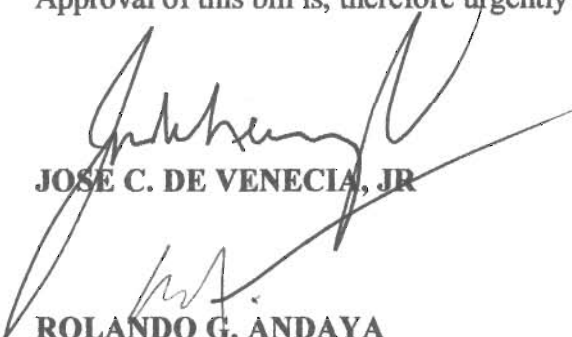
When constructed, travel time from the hinterlands of Benguet to the Ilocos region will be cut by several hours, making the movements of goods from the uplands to the lowlands and *vice-versa* will be much easier and, therefore, enhancing commerce and trade in this part of the country.

Construction of this proposed road extension will also boost the Tourism Industry of the host province as tourists visiting Benguet's Scenic and Cool Mountains can easily shift destination by taking the Acop-Kapangan-Kibungan-Bakun-Alilem-Sudipen route. From the famous Bengaongao Cave in Tublay to Mt. Dakiwagan in Kapangan and the Sacred Mountains in Kibungan and Bakun, tourists can easily change site for the various historical spots in the Ilocos like the Anggalo Footprints in Santa Maria and the Old Spanish houses in Vigan.

Down in La Union, we have the Baroro bridge, the Luna Tower and the Bacsil bridge, all of which can be reached in a couple of hours from Benguet through this road network. Moreover, the Amburayan River with headwaters in Benguet that gracefully swerves down the Ilocos plains when viewed on top the mountains is a tourists attraction in itself and a constant reminder of the upland and the lowland peoples' distant past-- the exploits of Lakay Lam-ang depicted and eternalized in the great Ilocano epic "Biag ni Lam-ang".

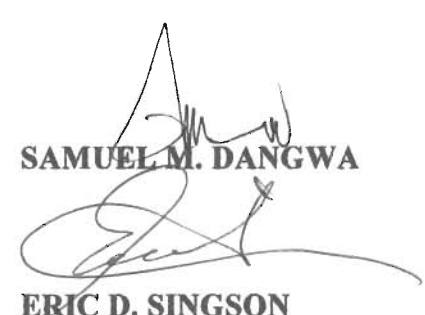
Considering the benefits that it will bring about in the lives of our people and in the development of the host Municipalities, construction of the Beyeng- Legab- Kayapa- Damoco section of the Acop-Kapangan-Kibungan-Bakun national road and upgrading of the Alilem-Sudipen provincial road for the purpose of this proposed extension has become imperative.

Approval of this bill is, therefore urgently requested.



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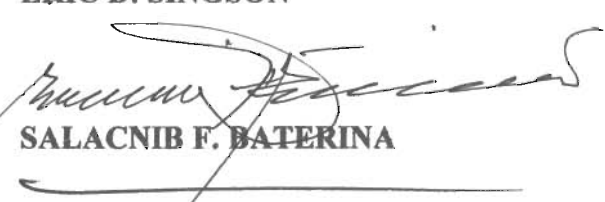
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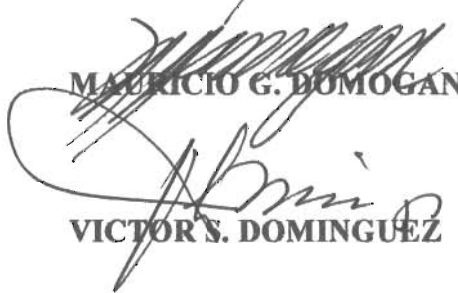


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AN ACT

EXTENDING THE ACOP-KAPANGAN-KIBUNGAN-BAKUN NATIONAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF TUBLAY, KAPANGAN, KIBUNGAN AND BAKUN ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET TOWARDS THE MUNICIPALITIES OF ALILEM, ILOCOS SUR AND SUDIPEN, LA UNION, TO BE KNOWN AS THE ACOP-KAPANGAN-KIBUNGAN-BAKUN-ALILEM-SUDIPEN NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR.

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

Section 1. The Acop-Kapangan-Kibungan-Bakun National Road traversing the Municipalities of Tublay, Kapangan, Kibungan and Bakun, all in the Province of Benguet is hereby extended towards the Municipalities of Alilem, Ilocos Sur and Sudipen, La Union, to be known as the Acop-Kapangan-Kibungan-Bakun-Alilem-Sudipen National Road.

Section 2. The Secretary of Public Works and Highways shall include in the department's program, the construction, repair, improvement and maintenance of the said road, the funding of which shall be included in the Annual General Appropriation Act.

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