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House Bill No. **4715**

Introduced by **Honorable PEDRO M. PANCHO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The financial crisis in government is the cause of revolution to solve the very serious problem of insufficient funds of millions of Filipinos. The Department of Finance orders the Bureau of Internal Revenue to impose additional taxes but the directive cannot be implemented due to the critical issues facing the President. These are the political issues of the last elections. The expected collections can ease the shortage of funds and enhance the delirious need for infrastructure projects. This will abate the increasing clamor of the people to express their grievances in the streets.

It is my observation that there are many solutions to the financial crisis if we can review the government contracts that give so much favors to the investors that draw away the tax collected that rightfully belong to Juan dela Cruz.

For instance, the existing contracts in energy, water for drinking and the expressways where the government lost billions of pesos to the prejudice of many families. Like the water system of the MWSS, during long dry seasons, people in Metro Manila and the farmers suffer from lack of drinking water and land cultivation. The public screams for adequate water but the MWSS responds by saying that they don't have the funds to improve the water supply while the office earn billions of pesos to construct another dam to remedy future crisis in water shortage, but due to the advantage given by the government to the investors, the project remains a dream. The hope of the consumers is defeated and they will continue to walk in the darkness, without light that should have been provided by the unfair transactions.

To avoid the disadvantages arising from the unjust contracts entered into by the government, they should be closely reviewed to delete the provisions not beneficial to the people.

The billion pesos earning of NLEX can finance the water catch basin in Bayabas, DRT, Bulacan. The exorbitant toll fees is sufficient to fund the construction of a dam to hold the excess water that flows to the sea and save the fish ponds and agricultural land from the overflow of water. With this scheme, the government share in the private

investment can help reduce the future problems in the water system without imposing new taxes and foreign borrowing.

The water is not accepted as natural resource by the MWSS but their office agrees that it is a natural wealth and the agency earns billions of pesos. I called the attention of the DENR to investigate so that the municipalities within their territorial jurisdiction get their share from the 1% of the gross sales.

The DENR can help reform the wrong interpretation of MWSS to assure the supply of water to Metro Manila in the future especially when Congressman from different provinces came and 20,000 home consumers use water!

The purpose of the bill is to provide a continuous and adequate supply of water even during the dry season and El Niño. Last year, the 27,000 hectares in Bulacan and Pampanga, only 13,000.00 hectares were irrigated. Fortunately, the typhoon that destroyed Aurora, Quezon provided the water for plants and vegetables that became commercial.

This new Bayabas dam if constructed will have a sure market in MWSS, NPC, NIA, and LUWA and reduce the borrowing of dollars from foreign financiers that lessen our economic development due to the high cost of foreign exchange. My constituents in Bulacan believe that the tension will subside if there is a complete and sufficient supply of water to the consumers.

The construction of the Bayabas Dam at Doña Remedios Trinidad, Bulacan will be financed by the share of the government with the NLEX joint venture to create another source of water for the homeowners and farmers.

The DENR will advise the MWSS to accept the water as a natural resource.

The Department of Transportation will advise the government share to finance the construction of another catch basin in Bayabas, DRT.

The Department of Agriculture will share its expertise to improve the lives of the farmers to produce more water to generate income and employment.

Accordingly, approval of the attached bill is earnestly requested.



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"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE REVIEW, REVISION AND RESCISSION OF ALL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS WHICH ARE HIGHLY DISADVANTAGEOUS TO THE INTEREST OF THE COUNTRY AND THE SHARE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE NLEX EARNINGS SHALL FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BAYABAS DAM AT DOÑA REMEDIOS TRINIDAD, BULACAN. "

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in session assembled.

Section 1. The review, revision and rescission of all government contracts is thereby authorized and the share of the government in NLEX earnings shall finance the construction of the Bayabas Dam at Doña Remedios Trinidad, Bulacan.

Section 2. The Department of Public Works and Highways and Department of Justice shall formulate and promulgate the necessary rules for the proper implementation of this act.

APPROVED.