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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 5834

Introduced by

**Representatives PEDRO M. PANCHO, WILHELMINO M. SY-ALVARADO,
LORNA C. SILVERIO, REYLINA G. NICOLAS and EDUARDO V. ROQUERO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The supply of water is very vital for the progress of the standard of living in the urban and remote areas. It is not only use for drinking but also for agricultural industries. Most of the countries, if not all, are suffering from the shortage of water like Saipan and Singapore who were importing for their own consumption. The Bulakeños are very unfortunate for not being able to utilize and maximize the use of their water located in its territorial jurisdiction. Said water was being supplied to big hotels, subdivisions and industrial companies in Metro Manila, to the benefit of urban consumers, in the expense of the rural communities especially of the farmers who badly need water during dry season. The charter of water supply prioritizes the Metro Manila consumers and not the tillers of soil that cultivate the land to increase food production of our country and to lessen the use of dollar for importation.

The MWSS which is earning billions of pesos from the natural resources of our province should share part of their income to develop a water system especially for drinking purposes, but in this case, not

even a single centavo was given to the poor people whose national wealth is being stolen by the said government agency. How long will my fellow Bulakeños suffer for the benefit of the Metro Manila consumers, who are being supplied regularly with clean water while the rural folks are dying for lack of water.

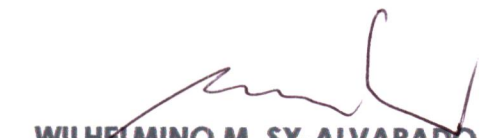
It is my hope that the rural water system owned by the different associations whose prices are lower by 50%, will get assistance from the government, like the one enjoyed by LWUA but which is selling at a higher price.

The development of a consolidated water system will, at very large extent, alleviate the perennial need for potable water for home use like drinking water and agricultural purposes.

If a fully supported scheme for water distribution is created there will be an end to the complaints of our farmers of water shortage especially during dry season.

LWUA, while supported by the government, sell its water at a higher price. This iniquitous situation will no longer burden our poor consuming public if a sustainable water grid will be maintained. The benefits to the tillers of the soil will be immeasurable.

The people of the Province of Bulacan will be forever grateful to the present dispensation if MWSS will soon share its huge revenues to the province and a well-planned water system is finally realized.



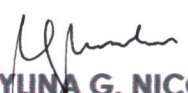
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***"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE RURAL ASSOCIATION OWNERS OF WATER
SYSTEMS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE
BANKS TO FINANCE THE IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR WATER SYSTEM IN
ALL LOCAL DISTRICTS."***

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

SECTION 1. The government and private banks are hereby
authorized to provide the funds for the improvement of rural water
system in every local districts;

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED,