

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

15th Congress
Second Regular Session

COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 2039

Submitted by the Committee on Public Works and Highways on 20 MAR 2012

Re : **House Bill No. 4247**

Recommending its approval with amendment

Sponsors : Representatives Cosalan and Defensor, Jr.

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Public Works and Highways to which was referred House Bill No. 4247, introduced by Representative Arthur R. Defensor, Jr., entitled:

"AN ACT CONVERTING THE TABUCAN-CABATUAN-CONSOLACION-SAN MIGUEL PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

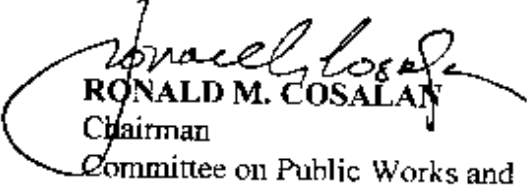
has considered the same and recommends its approval with the following amendment:

On Section 2, delete the entire provision and in lieu thereof, substitute the following:

"SECTION 2. THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS SHALL INCLUDE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAM THE IMPROVEMENT, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SAID ROAD, THE FUNDING OF WHICH SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT."

with Representative Arthur R. Defensor, Jr. as author thereof.

Respectfully submitted:


RONALD M. COSALAN

Chairman

Committee on Public Works and
Highways

THE HONORABLE SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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HOUSE BILL No. 4247

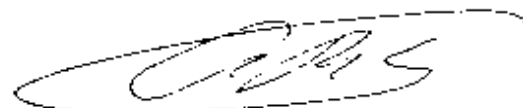
Introduced by Honorable Arthur R. Defensor, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks the conversion of the Tabucan-Cabatuan-Consolacion-San Miguel Provincial Road, Municipality of Cabatuan, Province of Iloilo, into a national road.

The Tabucan-Cabatuan-Consolacion-San Miguel Road is the main road connecting the Third (3rd) and Second (2nd) Congressional Districts of Iloilo. This road has long been in need of upgrading. However, the provincial government of Iloilo cannot afford to upgrade said road, as it likewise responsible for 688.08 kilometers of provincial roads and 58 bridges of varied types. There is therefore a need to convert this road into a national road, so that its upgrading could be undertaken by the Department of Public Works and Highways with the funding of the national government.

In view thereof, approval of this bill is strongly recommended.


ARTHUR R. DEFENSOR, JR.

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AN ACT
CONVERTING THE TABUCAN-CABATUAN-CONSOLACION-SAN MIGUEL
PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO, INTO A 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 Tabucan-Cabatuan-Consolacion-San Miguel Road in the Municipality of Cabatuan to the Municipality of San Miguel, Province of Iloilo, is hereby converted into a national road.

SECTION 2. The funds necessary for the conversion and upgrading of the road shall be charged to the appropriations of the Department of Public Works and Highways, under the current General Appropriations Act. Thereafter, such sum, as may be necessary for its upgrading, repair and maintenance, shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

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

Approved:



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HON. JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA

*Congressman, 1st District, Cavite
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations*



February 13, 2012

HON. RONALD M. COSALAN

*Chairperson
Committee on Public Works and Highways
House of Representatives, Quezon City*

Dear Chairperson Cosalan:

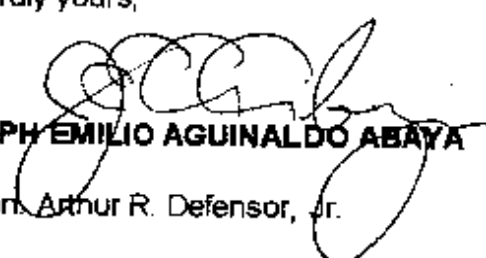
This refers to House Bill No. 4246, titled "AN ACT CONVERTING THE DUEÑAS-CARVASANA-CALINOG PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR" and House Bill No. 4247, titled "AN ACT CONVERTING THE TABUCAN-CABATUAN-CONSOLACION-SAN MIGUEL PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE PROVINCE OF ILOILO INTO A NATIONAL ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR" which were referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

Please be informed that the Committee on Appropriations recommends the approval of the aforementioned bills with the following omnibus amendment:

On Section 2, delete the entire provision and in lieu thereof, substitute the following:

SECTION 2. THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS SHALL INCLUDE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAM THE IMPROVEMENT, REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SAID ROAD, THE FUNDING OF WHICH SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

Very truly yours,


JOSEPH EMILIO AGUINALDO ABAYA

cc: Hon. Arthur R. Defensor, Jr.

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
15TH CONGRESS
House of Representatives
Quezon City, Metro Manila

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS AND THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION HELD ON 25 MAY 2011, 1:30 P.M., ROOMS 9 & 10 RVM BLDG., HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, QUEZONCITY

A. JOINT MEETING WITH THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES AND PRIVATIZATION

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:47 P.M., presided by the Committee on Public Works and Highways' Chairman Hon. Ronald M. Cosalan and Committee on Government Enterprise and Privatization Chairman Hon. Erico B. Fabian with the calling of the roll dispensed.

II. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

Chairman Cosalan of the Committee on Public Works and Highways immediately steered the meeting towards the deliberation of House Bill Nos. 759 and 4151 with the Chairman of the Committee on Government Enterprises and Privatization Hon. Fabian proceeding with his opening statements.

III. JOINT DELIBERATIONS OF HOUSE BILL NOS. 759 AND 4151

- The Hon. Antonino, author of HB 759, explained that his bill needs approval but has to be checked if the approval is still necessary in the light of the issuance of Executive Order No. 8 creating the Public - Private Partnership (PPP) Center. The reason for the need of reconciliation on IIB 759 & EO No. 8 is that HB 759 was originally designed to rationalize the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Center which was then under the Department of Trade and Industry. With the issuance of EO No. 8 creating the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Center under the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), the approval of HB 759 may now be unnecessary.
- Hon. Haresco raised a concern on the 12% cap on return of investment (ROI) for PPP projects. Research, Education and Institutional Development (REID) Foundation President Enrico Basilio involved in PPP policy advocacy clarified that the 12% cap is only applicable to unsolicited proposals and is not applicable to solicited proposals to avoid the possibility of having sweetheart deals.
- On the issue of funds for government guarantees involving Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects, Asst. Secretary Ruby Alvarez of the

Department of Budget and Management suggested providing an automatic appropriations instead of a special fund due to the fact that a special fund will entail an allocation of fund prior to its use which is contrary to current DBM policy of immediately using available funds. Another resource person, Mr. Rene Santiago of Bellwethe Advisory, Inc., an independent transportation consultant, strongly suggested the abolition of government guarantees on PPP projects due to the fact that project proposals are usually covered by insurance to cover possible losses of private sector if a project will result in a financial loss to the proponent.

- With the need to consolidate and/or reconcile certain provisions of HB 759 and HB 4151, Hon Fabian moved for the creation of a technical working group (TWG) for the matter which was consequently approved by the Committee. Hon Haresco was named as the Chairman of the technical working group (TWG) and expressed his acceptance thereto. Chairman Ronald M. Cosalan delegated to Hon. Haresco the authority to appoint the members of the technical working group (TWG).

B. MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

I. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting:

With the meeting called to order at 3:25 PM the body approved the minutes of the previous meeting upon the motion of Hon. Dalog.

II. Deliberation/Approval of the following:

1) Road Conversion Bills:

Upon the motion of Hon. Dalog, the Committee approved House Bill Nos. 4192, 4193, 4240 (Aumentado); 4200 (Malapitan); 4216 (Bernos); 4246, 4247 (Defensor); 4273 (Duavit); 4274 (Cosalan); 4299 (Benitez); 4303 (Syjoco); 4304 (Fariñas); 4326 (Bonoan-David); 4344 (Salvacion); 4524 (Biron); 4531 (Durano); 4542 (Benaldo) and 4562 (Castelo).

2) Amendments on:

> The amendment of previously approved HB No. 2234 (Cosalan) originally entitled "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF BENGUET PROVINCIAL ROAD IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MADAYMEN AND KIBUNGAN, ALL IN THE PROVINCE OF BENGUET, INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"

into a new title

"AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE NINOY AQUINO HIGHWAY JUNCTION TO MADAYMEN TO MASALA TO SAGPAT ROAD, MUNICIPALITY OF KIBUNGAN, PROVINCE OF BENGUET, INTO A NATIONAL SECONDARY ROAD, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR and the deletion of original title was approved.

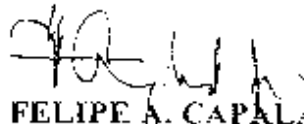
III. Other Matters:

- ✓ A draft Committee Resolution requesting the Honorable Secretary Rogelio L. Singson of the Department of Public Works and Highways through Director Angelito M. Twaño, Bureau of Maintenance, DPWH to maintain the 2010 level, if not increase, the number of road laborers in the routine maintenance (carriageway and roadside) program along national roads and bridges in the Philippine Road Network was approved by the body

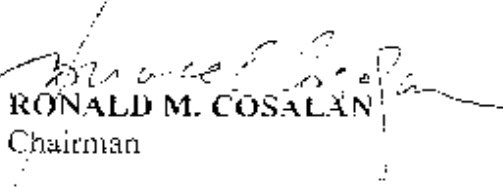
IV. ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman approved a motion for the adjournment of the meeting at 3:30 P.M. with no one objecting the motion.

Certified Correct :


FELIPE A. CAPALAD
Acting Committee Secretary

Attested by :


RONALD M. COSALAN
Chairman