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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

FIFTEENTH CONGRESS

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COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 832

Submitted by the Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations on 24 MAR 2011

Re: House Bill No. **4469**

Recommending its approval in substitution of House Bill No. 2226

Sponsors: Representatives Niel C. Tupas, Jr., Joseph Emilio A. Abaya and Manuel S. Agyao

Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Justice and the Committee on Appropriations, to which was referred House Bill No. 2226, introduced by Representative Manuel S. Agyao, entitled:

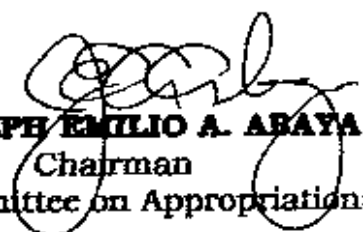
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CREATING ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT IN THE PROVINCE OF KALINGA, TO BE STATIONED IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUBUAGAN, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14 PARAGRAPH (B) OF BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 129 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980, AS AMENDED AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

have considered the same and recommend that the attached House Bill No. **4469**, entitled:

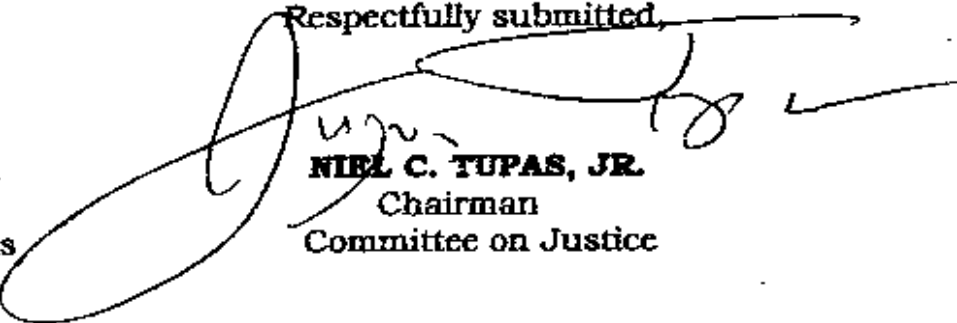
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**REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AS AMENDED, AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"**

be approved in substitution of HB No. 2226, with Representatives Manuel S. Agyao, Niel C. Tupas, Jr., Joseph Emilio A. Abaya, Raul A. Daza, Lorenzo R. Tañada III, Rodolfo C. Fariñas, Romero Federico S. Quimbo, Victorino Dennis M. Socrates, Nelson P. Collantes, Rodolfo B. Albano, Jr. Rufus B. Rodriguez, Bernardo M. Vergara, Carmelo Lazatin, Rodel Batocabe, Magtanggol Gunigundo I, Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona, Karlo Nograles, Tobias Tiangco, Florencio C. Garay, Elpidio F. Barzaga, Isidro T. Ungab, Mark Aeron H. Sambar, George P. Arnaiz, Emil L. Ong, Irvin M. Alcala, Roberto V. Puno, Rodante D. Marcoleta, Mark Llandro L. Mendoza, Ma. Carmen Zamora-Apsay, Eduardo R. Gullas, Tomas V. Apacible, Emmeline Y. Aglipay, Reynaldo V. Umali, Teodoro A. Casiño, Vincent P. Crisologo, Ma. Theresa B. Bonoan-David and Roger G. Mercado as authors thereof.


JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

Respectfully submitted,


NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.
Chairman
Committee on Justice

The Honorable
The Speaker
House of Representatives
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HOUSE BILL NO. 4469

Introduced by Representatives Agyao, Tupas, Jr., Abaya, Daza, Tafiada, Fariñas, Quimbo, Socrates, Collantes, Albano, R. Rodriguez, Vergara, Lazatin, Batocabe, Gunigundo, Madrona, Nograles, Tiangco, Garay, Barzaga, Ungab, Sambar, Arnaiz, Ong, Alcala, Puno, Marcoleta, M. Mendoza, Zamora-Apsay, Gullas, Apacible, Aglipay, R. Umali, Casiño, Crisologo, Bonoan-David and Mercado

AN ACT
CREATING AN ADDITIONAL BRANCH OF THE REGIONAL TRIAL COURT TO BE STATIONED AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF LUBUAGAN, PROVINCE OF KALINGA, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 14, PARAGRAPH (B), OF BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 129, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "THE JUDICIARY REORGANIZATION ACT OF 1980" AS AMENDED, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

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

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby created an additional Regional Trial Court
2 branch in the Second Judicial Region with seat at the Municipality of Lubuagan,
3 Province of Kalinga.

4 The Supreme Court shall assign the branch number of the newly-created
5 branch of the Regional Trial Court in the Second Judicial Region.

6 SEC. 2. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the
7 Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's
8 program the operationalization of an additional branch of the Regional Trial Court to
9 be stationed at the Municipality of Lubuagan, Province of Kalinga, the funding of
10 which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act.

1 SEC. 3. Section 14 (b) of Batas Pambansa Bilang 129, otherwise known as
2 "The Judiciary Reorganization Act of 1980" as amended, and all other laws, rules and
3 regulations which are inconsistent with this Act are hereby amended, repealed or
4 modified accordingly.

5 SEC. 4 This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
6 publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation.

 Approved,

FACT SHEET

Substitute Bill to House Bill No. 2226
(As approved by the Committee on February 09, 2011)

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Introduced by: REPS. MANUEL S. AGYAO, NIEL C. TUPAS, JR. AND JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE (PRIMARY)

Committee Chairperson: REP. NIEL C. TUPAS, JR.

Committee Referral: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS (SECONDARY)

Committee Chairperson: REP. JOSEPH EMILIO A. ABAYA

OBJECTIVES:

- To decongest the docket of the lone RTC branch stationed at the City of Tabuk due to the increase in caseload as a result of the population growth and simultaneous increase of business and commercial activities in the area.
- To enable the people of Kalinga to have better access to the courts which is necessary for an efficient delivery of judicial services.

KEY PROVISIONS:

- Seeks to establish an additional branch of the RTC to be stationed at the Municipality of Lubuagan, province of Kalinga.
- Provides that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in coordination with the Secretary of the Department of Justice, shall immediately include in the Court's program the operationalization of this additional RTC branch, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

RELATED LAW:

- Sec. 14 (b), BP 129, as amended