

Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City

16th CONGRESS

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 898



Introduced by Representative **MANUEL S. AGYAO**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill seeks to convert the Bulanao Junction-Dagupan-Pinococ-Malalinta Road into a national road. This road starts in Bulanao Junction traversing through barangays San Juan, Appas, Magsaysay, Dagupan, Laya and Balong, all in the municipality of Tabuk and barangays Magaogao and Pinococ in the Municipality of Pinukpuk, all in the Province of Kalinga and finally connecting to Barangay Malalinta in the Municipality of Tuao, Province of Cagayan, into a national road. This is a refiled bill which has reached second reading in the Senate during the 15th Congress. It was not able to pass into law due to events prevailing during that period.

The above-mentioned road has been in existence for quite sometime, but over the years some portions were left in a state of disrepair for lack of maintenance. The development fund of the Province are too meager to provide a sizable amount for road maintenance. There is therefor a need to convert it into a national road for the Department of Public Works and Highways to have higher capability of maintenance and improvement.

Kalinga is an agricultural developing province. Our future is dependent on the existence of physical structures that open up opportunities for all. We need more roads, highways and bridges for the people to transport their products to markets and to engage in commerce and trade with our neighboring provinces. This road connects the Municipalities of Tabuk and Pinukpuk, both in the Province of Kalinga and to the Municipality of Tuao in the Province of Cagayan. It therefor helps facilitate the practice of commerce and trade between the two provinces.

We cannot also over emphasize the important role of this road in the maintenance of peace and order. Roads left in state of disrepair would eventually become impassable. Consequently, if this road could not be repaired, insurgency and lawlessness would be rampant leaving our inhabitants along this road into the mercy of lawless elements.

Furthermore, The Province of Kalinga with its breathtaking waterfalls, flowing rivers suitable for white water rafting and picturesque hills and mountains, has already been declared as a Tourism Development Area (TDA) by virtue of Republic Act 10561. The river in lower Kalinga starting in the Municipality of Tabuk and down to Pinukpuk and to Tuao, Cagayan, is suitable for a friendly white water rafting. The Chico River in upper Kalinga on the other hand is famous for wild and thrilling white water rafting. If only this road is properly maintained, tourism in Kalinga would prosper and eventually improve the economic and socio-cultural condition of the Province.

The road condition is therefor stalling the economic development of the Province. Needless to say, if this road is properly maintained, it will be a gateway of the inhabitants to numerous opportunities. The proposed conversion of this road into a national road therefor arises out of necessity as it would provide alternative routes to various places for the development of tourism, agriculture, commerce and trade and would be a tool in the maintenance of peace and order .

in view of the foregoing, immediate enactment of this Bill is earnestly sought.



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AN ACT CONVERTING THE BULANAO JUNCTION-DAGUPAN-PINOCOC-MALALINTA ROAD CONNECTING THE CITY OF TABUK AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF PINUKPUK, PROVINCE OF KALINGA AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF TUAO, PROVINCE OF CAGAYAN INTO A NATIONAL ROAD

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

SECTION 1: The Bulanao Junction-Dagupan-Pinococ-Malalinta Road traversing Barangays Bulanao- San Juan-Appas- Magsaysay-Dagupan-Laya-Balong, in the City of Tabuk, and Barangays Magaogao-Pinococ in the Municipality of Pinukpuk, all in the Province of Kalinga and connecting to Barangay Malalinta in the Municipality of Tuao, Province of Cagayan is hereby converted into a National Road.

SEC.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.

SEC.3: This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,