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SIXTEENTH CONGRESS
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HOUSE BILL NO. **3338**

Introduced by DOUGLAS S. HAGEDORN

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Section 12, Article II of the 1987 Constitution on the Declaration of Principles and State Policies, explicitly provided that: *"The State recognizes the sanctity of family life and shall protect and strengthen the family as a basic autonomous social institution. It shall equally protect the life of the mother and the life of the unborn from conception. The natural and primary right and duty of parents in the rearing of the youth for civic efficiency and the development of moral character shall receive the support of the Government".*

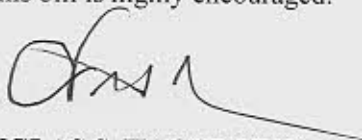
The common welfare of society as well as the good of the individual depends to a great extent upon the proper education and training of children. The youth of today will be tomorrow's citizens. These citizens will be as they have been prepared and guided in their youth. The government, therefore, should equally share in the inherent right and duty of parents in the training of their children to be good, useful, and worthy citizens by giving them support to prepare their children for future positions of responsibility and leadership.

While the natural and primary responsibility for educating the child rests in the family, the State also has a distinct interest in this matter since a proper education – humanistic, vocational, moral, religious, civic – is necessary for social well-being.

It is, therefore, the duty of the State to see that these obligations are fulfilled by parents (through such means as compulsory education laws), and to supply the essential educational facilities which private initiative is unable to furnish.

Thus, encouraging the production of at least one (1) college graduate for every Filipino family is highly encourage not only to give flesh to the State principle embodied in Section 12, Article II of the 1987 Constitution but likewise promote the development of the nation, in general.

Withal, the swift passage of this bill is highly encouraged.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3333



Introduced by Honorable Raneo E. Abu
2nd District, Batangas

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On June 20, 1964, Republic Act No. 4156 was enacted to create Philippine National Railways (PNR) to exist for a term of fifty (50) years. Its term will expire on June 20, 2014. This bill therefore seeks to extend the term of the Philippine National Railways for another fifty (50) years.

For more than a century, the PNR and before it, the Manila Railroad Company of the Philippine Islands, has played a vital role in the socio-economic development of the country. PNR used to operate on an extensive route from La Union Province up to the Bicol Region. Due to various operational and mechanical problems and destructions caused by natural calamities, operations on several areas have been suspended. Presently, the PNR operates a commuter rail service from Metro Manila to Calamba City, Laguna and certain parts in the Bicol Region. During peak hours, these commuter trains are hugely patronized by the working populace of Metro Manila as it serves as a cheaper and faster means of transportation. To date, there are have been efforts made for the improvement,

reconstruction and rehabilitation of its facilities to provide an alternative means of transportation and help decongest the traffic situation especially in Metro Manila.

A reliable and affordable public transportations system allows economic activity through the efficient movement of people and delivery of goods and services. An efficient railway system is an important component of the public transportation system. In order for the PNR to continue its operation and further serve as one of the major means of transportation for the commuting public, it is imperative that its term be extended for another fifty (50) years.

Hence, approval of this bill is earnestly requested.



RANEO E. ABU