

Senate of the Philippines

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The **Linkages Report** is a digest that is aimed to inform the public on the activities, news reports on various concerns and is designed to report the accomplishments of the Senate covering the period July 25, 2016 – May 31, 2017. Also included in this issue are the Legislative Calendar for the Second Regular Session of the 17th Congress, Laws of National Importance and List of Committee Chairmanships as of May 31, 2017.

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ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE SENATE OF THE PHILIPPINES IN TERMS OF NUMERICAL DATA ON BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS FILED

Presented below are the accomplishments of the Senate of the Philippines in terms of the numerical data on bills and resolutions filed for the 17th Congress covering the period July 25, 2016 – May 31, 2017:

CUMULATIVE STATISTICAL DATA ON:

- A. SENATE BILLS**
- B. SENATE RESOLUTIONS**
- C. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**
- D. SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS**
- E. RESOLUTIONS OF BOTH HOUSES**

A. SENATE BILLS

I	Senate Bills Filed	1,478
II	Senate Bills Acted Upon by the Senate	245
	1. Passed by both Houses	8
	1.1 Enacted into Law	1
	1.2 Conference Committee Report approved by both Houses	6
	1.3 Senate version Adopted by the House of Representatives as an amendment to the House version	1
	2. Pending in the House of Representatives	14

	3. Approved on Second Reading	2
	4. Pending Second reading	46
	4.1 Special Orders	43
	4.2 Ordinary Business	3
	5. Consolidated/Substituted in the Committee Report	174
	6. Sent to Archives	0
	7. Withdrawn by Author	1
III	Senate Bills Pending in the Committees for Public Hearing	1,233

B. SENATE RESOLUTIONS

I	Senate Resolutions Filed	399
II	Senate Resolutions Adopted	53
	1. Simple Resolutions	48
	2. Resolutions on Treaty Concurred by the Senate	3
	3. Unnumbered Resolutions Adopted	2*
III	Senate Bills Pending in the Committees for Public Hearing	52
	1. Approved on Second Reading	0
	2. Pending Second reading	4
	3. Consolidated in Adopted Resolutions	33
	4. Consolidated/Substituted in Committee Report	11

	5. Considered but not Adopted	1
	6. Withdrawn by Authors	2
	7. Sent to the Archives	1
IV	Senate Resolution Pending in the Committee for Public Hearing	296

** Note: Unnumbered Resolution Adopted is not counted as part of the Senate Resolution Filed*

C. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

I	Senate Concurrent Resolutions Filed	5
II	Senate Concurrent Resolutions Adopted	4
III	Senate Concurrent Resolutions Pending in the Committee	1

D. SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

I	Senate Joint Resolution Filed	7
II	Senate Joint Resolutions Acted upon by the Senate	2
	Special Order	2
III	Senate Joint Resolutions Pending in the Committee	5

E. RESOLUTIONS of BOTH HOUSES (RBH) - SENATE

I	Total Number of RBH Filed	2
II	Total Number of RBH Withdrawn (Authorship)	1
III	Total Number of RBH Pending in the Committee	1

CUMULATIVE STATISTICAL DATA ON:

- A. HOUSE BILLS**
- B. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**
- C. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS**
- D. HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**
- E. RESOLUTIONS OF BOTH HOUSES – HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE**
- F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. HOUSE BILLS

I	House Bills sent to the Senate for Concurrence	208
II	House Bills Acted Upon by the Senate	51
	A. Passed by both Houses	29
	A.1 Enacted into Law	4
	A.2 House of Representatives concurred with Senate Amendments to the House version	4
	A.3 House of Representatives Adopted Senate version as an amendments to the House version	1
	A.4 Conference Committee Report approved by both Houses	6
	A.5 Approved on Third Reading by the Senate (without amendment). Sent back to the House Representatives	14
	B. Pending Second reading	22

	a. Special Order	22
	b. Ordinary Business	0
	C. Consolidated/Substituted in the Committee Report	0
III	House Bills Pending in the Committees for Public Hearing	136
IV	House Bills Pending First Reading	21

B. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

I	House Concurrent Resolutions Filed	3
II	House Concurrent Resolutions Adopted	1
III	House Concurrent Resolutions Sent to the Archives	1
IV	House Concurrent Resolutions Pending in the Committees for Public Hearing	1

C. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS

I	House Joint Resolution Filed	1
II	Senate Joint Resolutions Approved by the President of the Philippines	0
III	House Joint Resolution Consolidated with Approved SJR	1
III	House Concurrent Resolutions Pending in the Committee	1

D. HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

I	House Resolution Received by the senate/Sent to the Archives	2
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E. RESOLUTIONS OF BOTH HOUSES – HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I	Total Number of RBH Filed	0
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F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

I	Total Number of Committee Reports	130
	1. Committee Report Approved	1
	2. Committee Report Pending Second Reading, Special Order	1

CALENDAR OF SESSION

Below is the calendar of session for the Second Regular Session of the Seventeenth Congress as approved per Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7 introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III, as follows:

1. Commencement of Session : July 24, 2017 –
October 13, 2017
2. Adjournment of Session : October 14, 2017 –
November 12, 2017
3. Resumption of Session : November 13, 2017 –
December 15, 2017
4. Adjournment of Session : December 16, 2017 –
January 14, 2018
5. Resumption of Session : January 15, 2018 –
March 23, 2018
6. Adjournment of Session : March 24, 2018 –
May 13, 2018
7. Resumption of Session : May 14, 2018 –
June 1, 2018

(Sine Die Adjournment)

8. Adjournment of Session : June 2, 2018 –
July 22, 2018

LAWS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE

Below are the laws of national importance approved by the President of the Philippines for the Seventeenth Congress:

Republic Act Number	Senate Bill Number	Short Title and Intent of the Law
RA 10923	SBN 1112	<p>“Barangay/SK Election, Postponement”</p> <p><u>Objective of the Law:</u></p> <p>“To further amend Republic Act Nos. 9164, 9340 and 10656 in order to postpone the barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections on October 31, 2016 to the fourth Monday of October 2017 and to hold subsequent synchronized barangay and sangguniang kabataan elections on the second Monday of May 2020 and every three (3) years thereafter.”</p>
RA 10928	SBN 1365	<p>“Philippine Passport Act”</p> <p><u>Objective of the Law:</u></p> <p>“To amend Section 10 of Republic Act No. 8239 as to the new ten (10)-year validity of regular passports issued and a five (5)-year validity of passport for individuals under eighteen (18) years of age.”</p>

<p>RA 10929</p>	<p>SBN 1277</p>	<p>“Free Internet Access in Public Places Act”</p> <p><u>Objective of the Law:</u></p> <p>“To establish a program that will provide free access to internet services in public places throughout the country to promote knowledge-building among citizens and enable them to participate and compete in the evolving information and communication age.”</p>
<p>RA 10930</p>	<p>SBN 1449</p>	<p>“Extending the Validity Period of Driver’s Licenses to 5 Years”</p> <p><u>Objective of the Law:</u></p> <p>“To amend Section 23 of Republic Act. No. 4136, specifically the new five (5)-year validity of all driver’s license, except for student permits and for the renewal of such licenses for ten (10)-years provided the holder of the professional or non-professional driver’s license has not committed any violations of RA 4136 and other traffic laws and in accordance to the restriction to be imposed by LTO.”</p>
<p>RA 10931</p>	<p>SBN 1304</p>	<p>“Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act”</p> <p><u>Objective of the Law:</u></p> <p>“To protect and promote the rights of all students to quality education at all levels and to make higher education accessible to financially disadvantage but deserving students.”</p>

<p>RA 10932</p>	<p>SBN 1353</p>	<p>“Anti-Hospital Deposit Law”</p> <p><u>Objective of the Law:</u></p> <p>“To amend Section 1 of BP 702 to include as unlawful for any proprietor, president, director, manager or any other officer, and/or medical practitioner or employee of a hospital or medical clinic to request, solicit, demand or accept any deposit or any other form of advance payment as a prerequisite for confinement or medical treatment of a patient in such hospital or medical clinic or to refuse to administer medical treatment and support as dictated by good practice of medicine to prevent death, or permanent disability, or in the case of a pregnant woman, permanent injury or loss of her unborn child, or non-institutional delivery.”</p>
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The Senate Permanent Committees

(as of May 31, 2017)

Below is the list of the Senate Permanent Committees and its Chairpersons:

Committee (40)	Chairperson
Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon)	Sen. Richard J. Gordon
Accounts	Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson
Agrarian Reform	Sen. Cynthia A. Villar
Agriculture and Food	Sen. Cynthia A. Villar
Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies	Sen. Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero
Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulations	Sen. Antonio “Sonny” F. Trillanes IV
Climate Change	Sen. Loren B. Legarda

Committee (40)	Chairperson
Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes	Sen. Francis “Kiko” Pangilinan
Cooperatives	Sen. Juan Miguel “Migz” F. Zubiri
Cultural Communities	Sen. Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay
Economic Affairs	Sen. Win Gatchalian
Education, Arts and Culture	Sen. Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero
Electoral Reforms and People’s Participation	Sen. Leila M. De Lima
Energy	Sen. Win Gatchalian
Environment and Natural Resources	Sen. Cynthia A. Villar
Ethics and Privileges	Sen. Vicente C. Sotto III
Finance	Sen. Loren B. Legarda

Committee (40)	Chairperson
Foreign Relations	Sen. Loren B. Legarda
Games, Amusement and Sports	Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson
Government Corporations and Public Enterprises	Sen. Richard J. Gordon
Health and Demography	Sen. Joseph Victor G. Ejercito
Justice and Human Rights	Sen. Richard J. Gordon
Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development	Sen. Joel Villanueva
Local Government	Sen. Juan Edgardo “Sonny” M. Angara
National Defense and Security	Sen. Gregorio B. Honasan II
Peace, Unification and Reconciliation	Sen. Gregorio B. Honasan II
Public Information and Mass Media	Sen. Grace L. Poe

Committee (40)	Chairperson
Public Order and Dangerous Drugs	Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson
Public Services	Sen. Grace L. Poe
Public Works	Sen. Emmanuel “Manny” D. Pacquiao
Rules	Sen. Vicente C. Sotto III
Science and Technology	Sen. Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV
Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development	Sen. Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay
Sports	Sen. Emmanuel “Manny” D. Pacquiao
Tourism	Sen. Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay
Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship	Sen. Juan Miguel “Migz” F. Zubiri
Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement	Sen. Joseph Victor G. Ejercito

Committee (40)	Chairperson
Ways and Means	Sen. Juan Edgardo “Sonny” M. Angara
Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality	Sen. Risa Hontiveros
Youth	Sen. Joel Villanueva

Other publications of the Institutional Linkages Service

- The Senate As an Institution
(A briefing manual on the workings of the Senate)
- ILS Resource Directory (Volumes 1 – IV)
(Compilation of contact person(s) and addresses of NGOs, POs, Academes, Associations, etc.)

Note: Copies distributed only to Senators and Senate Officials

- ILS Linkages Report
(Digest of press releases of Senators and other issues regarding legislation)
- ILS Linkages Update
(Provides information on legislations approved and enacted into law, bills passed on third reading by the Senate, outputs of Forums conducted by ILS, and concerns of national importance)
- Directory of Senators and Committee Memberships

Brief Comment:

It is worth to mention that the accomplishments of the Senate reflect its leadership and the long tedious process of lawmaking. On the other hand, crafting sound, timely and relevant legislations to address national issues particularly on education, health, employment, and security are responsibilities of our Senators. However, in the end, it is the people who will measure the accomplishment of Senate and who shall judge its performance.

Juliet Cervo

The Senate As an Institution

The Senate of the Philippines is one of the pillars of the country's lawmaking body, the other one is the House of Representatives. It is composed of 24 elected Senators whose terms of office shall be six (6) years. This dynamic institution is established to balance our economic, social and political environment and whose concerns are national in scope.

As the bastion of democracy, its action is centered on consensus and consultation with the end purpose of serving the best interest of the Filipino people.

The **Senate** also values the importance of having productive and harmonious relationship with other institutions, from the government and the private sector, to create an environment where rapport and goodwill among institutions prevail. Its main objective is the passage of good, implementable and doable laws in pursuit of democratic ideals that would truly serve the national interest and the welfare of the people.

We will be happy to receive inquiry, comments, suggestions and recommendations on a particular law or Senate bill. You may send your letter to the address stated below:

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