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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. In this issue, we are presenting the accomplishments of the Senate covering the period July 24, 2017 – April 29, 2019.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS 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 24, 2017 – April 29, 2019:

STATISTICS OF SENATE BILLS, SENATE RESOLUTIONS, SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS, SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS FILED AND HOUSE BILLS RECEIVED BY THE SENATE:

<p>Senate Bills Filed</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1st Regular Session - 1, 487</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2nd Regular Session - 356</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">3rd Regular Session - 366</p>	<p>2,209</p> <p>Bills filed</p>
<p>Senate Resolutions Filed</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1st Regular Session - 399</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2nd Regular Session - 363</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">3rd Regular Session - 254</p>	<p>1,016</p> <p>Resolutions filed</p>
<p>Senate Concurrent Resolutions Filed</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1st Regular Session - 5</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2nd Regular Session - 5</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">3rd Regular Session - 6</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Concurrent Resolutions filed</p>

<p>Senate Joint Resolutions Filed</p> <p>1st Regular Session - 7 2nd Regular Session - 5 3rd Regular Session - 5</p>	<p>17 Senate Joint Resolutions filed</p>
<p>House Bills Received by the Senate for Concurrence</p> <p>1st Regular Session - 208 2nd Regular Session - 361 3rd Regular Session - 373</p>	<p>942 House Bills Received for Senate concurrence</p>
<p>House Concurrent Resolutions Received for Concurrence</p> <p>1st Regular Session - 4 2nd Regular Session - 6 3rd Regular Session - 8</p>	<p>18 House Concurrent Resolutions Received for Senate concurrence</p>
<p>House Joint Resolutions Received For Concurrence</p> <p>1st Regular Session - 4 2nd Regular Session - 6 3rd Regular Session - 2</p>	<p>12 House Concurrent Resolutions Received for Senate concurrence</p>
<p>Committee Reports Filed</p> <p>1st Regular Session - 130 2nd Regular Session - 268 3rd Regular Session - 261</p>	<p>659 Committee Reports filed</p>

A. STATUS OF SENATE BILLS FILED - 1,046 Senate bills

I. Senate Bills Acted Upon/Passed by the Senate : 2,209

A. Enacted into Law 81

IB. Acted Upon by the Senate 674

Passed by Both Houses	23
Pending Second Reading	87
Pending in the House of Representatives	11
Pending Conference Committee	9
Approved on Second Reading	3
Approved on Third Reading	2
Consolidated/Substituted in the Committee Reports	534
Sent to Archives	1
Withdrawn	4

C. Senate Bill Vetoed by the President of
of the Philippines : 6

D. Senate Bills Pending In the
Committees for Public
Hearing/Committee Report
Preparation : 1,471

B. STATUS OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS – 1,046 Resolutions

I. Senate Resolutions Adopted : 147

Simple Resolutions	121
Treaties	20
Unnumbered Resolutions	5

II. Senate Resolutions Acted Upon : 140

Pending Second Reading	10
Consolidated/Considered in Adopted Resolutions	84
Committee Report Approved	7
Consolidated in Committee Report	27
Considered as not adopted	1
Withdrawn	5
Archives	6

III. Senate Resolutions pending in the Committees : 765

C. STATUS OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS - 16 Concurrent Resolutions

I. Senate Concurrent Resolutions Adopted/Acted Upon : 14

II. Senate Concurrent Resolution Pending Pending in the Committee : 1

III. Senate Concurrent Resolution Withdrawn : 1

D. STATUS OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS - 17 Joint Resolutions

- I. Senate Joint Resolutions pending in the Committee : 7
- II. Senate Joint Resolutions acted upon by the Senate : 6
- III. Senate Joint Resolutions approved by the President of the Philippines : 4

E. STATUS OF HOUSE BILLS SENT TO THE SENATE FOR CONCURRENCE - 1,063 House Bills

- I. House bill acted upon by the Senate and enacted into law : 373
- II. Acted upon by the Senate : 175

a. Passed by both Houses	59
b. Conference Committee Report approved by the Senate	1
c. House Bills pending in the Conference Committee	12
d. House Bills sent back to the House of Representatives	1
e. House Bills approved on Second Reading	31
f. House Bills on Second Reading	49
g. House Bills approved on Third Reading	4

h. House Bills consolidated/ substituted in the Committee Report	18
i. House Bills sent to Archives	1

III. Pending in the Committee : 507

IV. Withdrawn/ Recalled by the House
of Representatives : 1

**F. STATUS OF HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTIONS SENT TO THE SENATE FOR
CONCURRENCE - 18 House Concurrent Resolutions**

I. House Concurrent Resolutions Adopted : 10

II. House Concurrent Resolutions Consolidated
in Adopted Resolutions : 3

III. House Concurrent Resolutions Sent
to Archives : 2

IV. House Concurrent Resolutions Pending in
Committee for public hearing : 3

**G. STATUS OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS
SENT TO THE SENATE FOR
CONCURRENCE - 5 House Joint Resolutions**

I. House Concurrent Resolution Consolidated
in Senate Joint Resolution : 1

II. House Concurrent Resolutions Pending in
Committee : 1

Source: *Legislative Bills and Index Service*

LAWS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE PASSED DURING THE 17TH CONGRESS

For the period July 25, 2016 to May 22, 2019, the Members of the Senate were able to act on 2,232 Senate Bills, of which 81 Senate Bills were enacted into landmark laws. They were also able to act on 1,063 House Bills, of which 373 House Bills were enacted into law. Below are the some of the notable Senate Bills passed into law of national importance:

Republic Act No. / Senate Bill No.	Title of the Law
RA 10928 (SBN 1365)	<p>Short Title : Philippine Passport Act</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT EXTENDING THE VALIDITY OF PHILIPPINE PASSPORTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 10 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8239, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “PHILIPPINE PASSPORT ACT OF 1996”, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”</p> <p>Approved into law on August 2, 2017</p>

	<p>Authors : Senators Richard J. Gordon, Cynthia A. Villar, Ralph G. Recto, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Loren B. Legarda, Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, Joel Villanueva, Grace L. Poe, and Alan Peter Companero S. Cayetano</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency : Department of Foreign Affairs</p>
<p>RA 10929 (SBN 1277)</p>	<p>Short Title : Free Internet Access in Public Spaces Act</p> <p>Long Title : "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FREE INTERNET ACCESS PROGRAM IN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE COUNTRY AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR"</p> <p>Approved into law on August 2, 2017</p> <p>Authors : Senators Francis N. Pangilinan, Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao, Ralph G. Recto, Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, Joel Villanueva, and Cynthia A.Villar</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency : Department of Information and Communications Technology</p>
<p>RA 10930 (SBN 1449)</p>	<p>Short Title : Extending the Validity of the Period of Driver's Licenses to 5 years</p> <p>Long Title : "AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND STRENGTH ENING THE POLICY REGARDING DRIVER'S LICENSE BY EXTENDING THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF DRIVERS' LICENSES, AND PENALIZING ACTS IN VIOLATION OF ITS ISSUANCE</p>

	<p>AND APPLICATION, AMENDING FOR THOSE PURPOSES SECTION 23 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 4136, AS AMENDED BY BATAS PAMBANSA BLG. 398 AND EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1011, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC CODE”</p> <p>Approved into law on August 2, 2017</p> <p>Authors : Senators Ralph G. Recto, Richard J. Gordon, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Joel Villanueva, and Cynthia A. Villar</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency : Land Transportation Office</p>
<p>RA 10931 (SBN 1304)</p>	<p>Short title : Universal Access to Quality Education Action of 2017</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT PROMOTING UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY TERTIARY EDUCATION BY PROVIDING FOR FREE TUITION AND OTHER SCHOOL FEES IN STATE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES, LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES AND STATE-RUN TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, ESTABLISHING THE TERTIARY EDUCATION SUBSIDY AND STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM, STRENGTHENING THE UNIFIED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”</p> <p>Approved into law on August 3, 2017</p> <p>Authors : Senators Ralph G. Recto, Joel</p>

	<p>Villanueva, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, Sherwin T. Gatchalian, Francis N. Pangilinan, Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, Loren B. Legarda, Leila M. De Lima, Cynthia A. Villar, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, and Richard J. Gordon</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency : Commission on Higher Education</p>
<p>RA 10932 (SBN 1353)</p>	<p>Short Title : Anti-Hospital Deposit Law</p> <p>Long Title : "AN ACT STRENGTHENING THE ANTI-HOSPITAL DEPOSIT LAW BY INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR THE REFUSAL OF HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS TO ADMINISTER APPROPRIATE INITIAL MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SUPPORT IN EMERGENCY OR SERIOUS CASES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE BATAS PAMBANSA BILANG 702, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEMAND OF DEPOSITS OR ADVANCE PAYMENTS FOR THE CONFINEMENT OR TREATMENT OF PATIENTS IN HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CLINICS IN CERTAIN CASES", AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8344, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"</p> <p>Approved into law on August 3, 2017</p> <p>Authors : Senators Risa Hontiveros, Aquilino Koko III L. Pimentel, Vicente C. Sotto III, Franklin M. Drilon, and Richard J. Gordon</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency : Department of Health</p>

RA 10963
(SBN 1592)

Short Title : Tax Reform Acceleration and
Inclusion (TRAIN) - **with line
vetoed**

Long Title : “A N ACT AMENDING SECTIONS
5, 6, 24, 25, 27, 31, 32, 33, 34, 51, 52,
56, 57, 58, 74, 79, 84, 86, 90, 91, 97,
99, 100, 101, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110,
112, 114, 116, 127, 128, 129, 145, 148,
149, 151, 155, 171, 174, 175, 177, 178,
179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 186, 188, 189,
190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197,
232, 236, 237, 249, 254, 264, 269, AND
255; CREATING NEW SECTIONS 51-A,
14S-A, 150-A, 150-B, 237-A, 264-A,
264-B, AND 265-A; AND REPEALING
SECTIONS 35, 62, AND 89; ALL UNDER
REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8424, OTHERWISE
KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTERNAL
REVENUE CODE OF 1997, AS AMENDED
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

Approved into law on December 19, 2017

Authors : Senators Ralph G. Recto,
Richard J. Gordon, Loren B. Legarda,
Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Juan Edgardo
“Sonny” M. Angara, Cynthia A. Villar,
Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Maria Lourdes
Nancy S. Binay, Aquilino Koko III L.
Pimentel, Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino
IV, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Vicente
C. Sotto III, Joel Villanueva, and
Sherwin T. Gatchalian

Lead Implementing Agency : Department of
Finance

<p>RA 10968 (SBN 1456)</p>	<p>Short Title : Philippine Qualification Framework (PQF) ACT OF 2017</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK (PQF) AND ESTABLISHING THE PQF-NATIONAL COORDINATING COUNCIL (NCC) AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”</p> <p>Approved into law on January 16, 2018</p> <p>Authors : Senators Joel Villanueva, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Cynthia A. Villar, Loren B. Legarda, Sherwin T. Gatchalian, and Joseph Victor G. Ejercito</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency/ies : Department of Labor and Employment, Commission on Higher Education, TESDA, and Department of Education</p>
<p>RA 11032 (SBN 1311)</p>	<p>Short Title : Expanded Red Tape Act of 2017</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT PROMOTING EASE OF DOING BUSINESS AND EFFICIENT DELIVERY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9485, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE ANTI-RED TAPE ACT OF 2007, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”</p> <p>Approved into law on May 28, 2018</p> <p>Authors : Senators Joel Villanueva, Francis</p>

	<p>"Chiz" G. Escudero, Cynthia A. Villar, Loren B. Legarda, Sherwin T. Gatchalian, and Joseph Victor G. Ejercito</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency/ies : Department of Trade and Industry and Civil Service Commission</p>
<p>RA 11036 (SBN 1354)</p>	<p>Short Title : Mental Health Act</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH POLICY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING THE DELIVERY OF INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, PROMOTING AND PROTECTING PERSONS UTILIZING PSYCHIATRIC, NEUROLOGIC AND PSYCHOSOCIAL HEALTH SERVICES, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”</p> <p>Approved into law on June 20, 2018</p> <p>Authors : Senators Vicente C. Sotto III, Loren B. Legarda, Antonio “Sonny” F. Trillanes IV, Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV, Juan Edgardo “Sonny” M/ Angara, Risa Hontiveros, and Joel Villanueva</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency : Department of Health</p>
<p>RA 11038 (SBN 1444)</p>	<p>Short Title : Expanded NIPAS Act of 2018</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT DECLARING PROTECTED AREAS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR MANAGEMENT, AMENDING FOR THIS</p>

	<p>PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7586, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS) ACT OF 1992, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”</p> <p>Approved into law on June 22, 2018</p> <p>Authors : Senators Loren B. Legarda, Cynthia A. Villar, Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, and Joel Villanueva</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency : Department of Environment and Natural Resources</p>
<p>RA 11053 (SBN 1662)</p>	<p>Short Title : Anti-Hazing Act</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT PROHIBITING HAZING AND REGULATING OTHER FORMS OF INITIATION RITES OF FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF, AMENDING FOAR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8049 ENTITLED, “AN ACT REGULATING HAZING AND OTHER FORMS OF INITATION RITES IN FRATERNITIES, SORORITIES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, PROVIDING PENALTIES THEREFOR”</p> <p>Approved into law on June 29, 2018</p> <p>Authors : Senators Gregorio B. Honasan II, Sherwin T. Gatchalian, Vicente C. Sotto III, Loren B. Legarda, Juan Miguel “Migz” F. Zubiri, Paolo Benigno “Bam”</p>

	<p>Aquino IV, Panfilo M. Lacson, Joel Villanueva, and Cynthia A. Villar</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency/ies : Commission on Higher Education together with Department of Education, Department of Justice, Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Social Welfare and Development, AFP, PNP and the National Youth Commission</p>
<p>RA 11054 (SBN 1717)</p>	<p>Short Title : Bangsamoro Organic Law</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ORGANIC LAW FOR THE BANGSAMORO AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6734, ENTITLED “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO,” AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9054, ENTITLED “AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ORGANIC ACT FOR THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO”</p> <p>Approved into law on July 27, 2018</p> <p>Authors : Senators Gregorio B. Honasan II, Sherwin T. Gatchalian, Vicente C. Sotto III, Loren B. Legarda, Juan Miguel “Migz” F. Zubiri, Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV, Panfilo M. Lacson, Joel Villanueva, and Cynthia A. Villar</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency : The National Government</p>

<p>RA 11055 (SBN 1738)</p>	<p>Short Title : Philippine Identification System</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PHILIPPINE IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM”</p> <p>Approved into law on August 6, 2018</p> <p>Authors : Senators Franklin M. Drilon, Loren B. Legarda, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Cynthia A. Villar, Panfilo M. Lacson, Ralph G. Recto, Joel Villanueva, Joel, Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes, Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Richard J. Gordon, Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao, Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, and Sherwin T. Gatchalian</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency : Philippine Statistics Authority</p>
<p>RA 11106 (SBN 1455)</p>	<p>Short Title : Filipino Sign Language Act</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT DECLARING THE FILIPINO SIGN LANGUAGE AS THE NATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGE OF THE FILIPINO DEAF AND THE OFFICIAL SIGN LANGUAGE OF GOVERNMENT IN ALL TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THE DEAF, AND MANDATING ITS USE IN SCHOOLS, BROADCAST MEDIA, AND WORKPLACES”</p> <p>Approved into law on October 30, 2018</p> <p>Authors : Senators Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Sherwin T. Gatchalian, Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero, Paolo Benigno</p>

	<p>"Bam" Aquino IV, Loren B. Legarda, Joel Villanueva, Cynthia A. Villar, and Juan Miguel F. Zubiri</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency/ies : Department of Education, Commission on Higher Education and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority</p>
<p>RA 11164 (SBN 1766)</p>	<p>Short Title : Increasing the Monthly Pension of Senior Veterans</p> <p>Long Title : "AN ACT INCREASIN G THE MONTHLY OLD-AGE PENSION OF SENIOR VETERANS"</p> <p>Approved into law on December 20, 2018</p> <p>Author : Senator Gregorio B. Honasan II</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency : Philippine Veterans Affairs Office</p>
<p>RA 11199 (SBN 1753)</p>	<p>Short Title : Social Security Act of 2018</p> <p>Long Title : "AN ACT RATIONALIZING AND EXPANDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY COMMISSION TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 1161, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 8282. OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "SOCIAL SECURITY ACT OF 1997"</p> <p>Approved into law on February 7, 2019</p>

	<p>Author : Senators Ralph G. Recto, Joel Villanueva, Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV, Cynthia A. Villar, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Loren B. Legarda, Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero, Grace L. Poe, Vicente C. Sotto III, Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Richard J. Gordon, and Sherwin T. Gatchalian</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency : Social Security Commission</p>
<p>RA 11202 (SBN 1636)</p>	<p>Short Title : Lifetime Cellphone Number Act</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT REQUIRING MOBILE SERVICE PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE NATIONWIDE MOBILE NUMBER PORTABILITY TO SUBSCRIBERS”</p> <p>Approved into law on February 8, 2019</p> <p>Author : Senator Sherwin T. Gatchalian</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency :Department of Information and Communication Technology</p>
<p>RA 11207 (SBN 1985)</p>	<p>Short Title : Fair Election Act</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR REASONABLE RATES FOR POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE SECTION 11 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9006, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “FAIR ELECTION ACT””</p> <p>Approved into law on February 14, 2019</p>

	<p>Author : Senators Juan Miguel F. Zubiri, Aquilino Koko III L. Pimentel, Richard J. Gordon, and Cynthia A. Villar</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency : Commission on Election</p>
<p>RA 11210 (SBN 1305)</p>	<p>Short Title : Expanded Maternity Leave Law</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT INCREASING THE MATERNITY LEAVE PERIOD TO ONE HUNDRED FIVE (105) DAYS FOR FEMALE WORKERS WITH AN OPTION TO EXTEND FOR AN ADDITIONAL THIRTY (30) DAYS WITHOUT PAY, AND GRANTING AN ADDITIONAL FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FOR SOLO MOTHERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”</p> <p>Approved into law on February 20, 2019</p> <p>Author : Senators Francis N. Pangilinan, , Emmanuel "Manny" D. Pacquiao, Risa Hontiveros, Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Loren B. Legarda, and Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency : Department of Labor and Employment and the Civil Service Commission</p>
<p>RA 11213 (SBN 2059)</p>	<p>Short Title : Tax Amnesty Act (with line vetoed)</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT ENHANCING REVENUE ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION BY GRANTING AN AMNESTY ON ALL</p>

	<p>UNPAID INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES IMPOSED BY THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT FOR TAXABLE YEAR 2017 AND PRIOR YEARS WITH RESPECT TO ESTATE TAX, OTHER INTERNAL REVENUE TAXES. AND TAX ON DELINQUENCIES”</p> <p>Approved into law on February 14, 2019</p> <p>Author : Senators Aquilino Koko III L. Pimentel, Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay, Ralph G. Recto, Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, and Joseph Victor G. Ejercito</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency : Department of Finance</p>
<p>RA 1228 (SBN 1391)</p>	<p>Short Title : Mandatory PHILHEALTH Coverage for PWDs</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY PHILHEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL PERSONS WITH DISABILITY (PWDs), AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7277, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE “MAGNA CARTA FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY”</p> <p>Approved into law on February 22, 2019</p> <p>Authors : Senators Loren B. Legarda, Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV, Risa Hontiveros, Joel Villanueva, Ralph G. Recto, Leila M. De Lima, Joseph Victor G. Ejercito, Sherwin T. Gatchalian, Cynthia A. Villar, Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara, and Panfilo M. Lacson</p>

	Lead Implementing Agency : National Council on Disability Affairs
RA 11230 (SBN 1431)	<p>Short Title : Tulong Trabaho Act</p> <p>Long Title : “AN ACT INSTITUTING A PHILIPPINE LABOR FORCE COMPETENCIES COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAM AND FREE ACCESS TO TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (TVET), AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR”</p> <p>Approved into law on February 22, 2019</p> <p>Author : Senator Joel Villanueva</p> <p>Lead Implementing Agency : Technical Education and Skills Development Authority</p>

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 accomplishments of Senate and who shall judge its performance.

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The Senate Permanent Committees

(September 18, 2018 to present)

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

Committee (40)	Chairperson
Accountability of Public Officers & 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 & Currencies	Sen. Francis “Chiz” G. Escudero
Civil Service and Government Reorganization	Sen. Antonio “Sonny” F. Trillanes IV
Climate Change	Sen. Loren B. Legarda
Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes	Sen. Francis “Kiko”

Committee (40)	Chairperson
	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” Escudero
Electoral Reforms and People’s Participation	Sen. Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel III
Energy	Sen. Win Gatchalian
Environment and Natural Resources	Sen. Cynthia A. Villar
Ethics and Privileges	Sen. Emmanuel “Manny” D. Pacquiao

Committee (40)	Chairperson
Finance Finance/Subcommitte A Finance/Subcommitte B Finance/Subcommitte C Finance/Subcommitte D Finance/ Subcommitte E Finance/ Subcommitte F	Sen. Loren B. Legarda Sen. Cynthia A. Villar Juan Edgardo “Sonny” M. Angara Sen. Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson Sen. Joseph Victor G. Ejecito
Foreign Relations	Sen. Loren B. Legarda
Games, Amusement and Sports	Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson
Government Corporations & Public Enterprises	Sen. Richard J. Gordon
Health and Demography	Sen. Joseph Victor G. Ejercito
Justice and Human Rights	Sen. Richard J. Gordon
Labor, Employment & Human Resources Development	Sen. Joel Villanueva
Local Government	Sen. Juan Edgardo “Sonny” M. Angara

Committee (40)	Chairperson
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
Public Order and Dangerous Drugs	Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson
Public Services	Sen. Grace L. Poe
Public Works	Sen. Emmanuel “Manny” D. Pacquiao
Rules	Sen. Juan Miguel “Migz” F. Zubiri
Science and Technology	Sen. Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV
Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development	Sen. Leila M. de Lima
Sports	Sen. Emmanuel “Manny” D. Pacquiao

Committee (40)	Chairperson
Tourism	Sen. Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay
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