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# *Linkages Report*

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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 – December 7, 2016, List of Committee Chairmanships as of January 31, 2017 and the Legislative Calendar for the First Regular Session of the 17<sup>th</sup> Congress .

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for the Seventeenth Congress  
covering the period July  
25, 2016 to December 7, 2016  
Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2*

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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 17<sup>th</sup> Congress covering the period July 25, 2016 – December 7, 2016::

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

Senate Bills Filed	<b>1,270</b>
Senate Resolutions Filed	<b>250</b>
Senate Concurrent Resolutions Filed	<b>4</b>
Senate Joint Resolutions Filed	<b>4</b>
House Bills Received by the Senate for Concurrence	<b>9</b>
House Concurrent Resolutions Received for Concurrence	<b>3</b>

## **A. NUMERICAL STATUS OF SENATE BILLS FILED**

I. Senate Bills Acted Upon/Passed by the Senate : 55

A. Enacted into Law - 1

B. Acted Upon by the Senate - 54

Pending Second Reading	<b>13</b>
Consolidated in the Committee Reports	<b>41</b>

II. Senate Bills Pending In the  
Committees for Public  
Hearing/Committee Report  
Preparation : 1,215

## **B. NUMERICAL STATUS OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

I. Senate Resolutions Adopted : 33

Simple Resolutions	<b>32</b>
Treaties	<b>1</b>

II. Senate Resolutions Acted Upon : 32

Consolidated/Considered in Adopted Resolutions	<b>31</b>
Consolidated in Committee Report	<b>1</b>

III. Senate Resolutions pending in the Committees : 185

**C. NUMERICAL STATUS OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

- I. Senate Concurrent Resolutions Adopted/Acted Upon : 3
- II. Senate Concurrent Resolution Pending Pending in the Committee : 1

**D. NUMERICAL STATUS OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS**

- I. Senate Joint Resolutions pending in Committee : 2

**E. NUMERICAL STATUS OF HOUSE BILLS SENT TO THE SENATE FOR CONCURRENCE**

- I. Acted upon by the Senate : 2
- II. Pending in the Committee : 7

**F. NUMERICAL STATUS OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SENT TO THE SENATE FOR CONCURRENCE**

- I. House Concurrent Resolutions Adopted : 1
- II. House Concurrent Resolutions Sent to Archives : 1
- III. House Concurrent Resolutions Pending in Committee for public hearing : 1

*Source: Legislative Bills and Index Service*

# Calendar of Session

Below is the calendar of session for the First Regular Session as approved per Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2 introduced by Senator Vicente C. Sotto III, as follows:

1. Commencement of Session : July 25, 2016 –  
October 21, 2016
2. Adjournment of Session : October 22, 2016 –  
November 6, 2016
3. Resumption of Session : November 7, 2016 –  
December 16, 2016
4. Adjournment of Session : December 17, 2016 –  
January 15, 2017
5. Resumption of Session : January 16, 2017 –  
March 17, 2017
6. Adjournment of Session : March 18, 2017 –  
May 1, 2017

# *The Senate Permanent Committees*

(as of January 31, 2017)

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

<b>Committee (40)</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
Accountability of Public Officers & Investigations (Blue Ribbon)	Sen. Richard J. Gordon
Accounts	Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson
Agrarian Reform	Sen. Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano
Agriculture and Food	Sen. Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan
Banks, Financial Institutions & Currencies	Sen. Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero
Civil Service and Government Reorganization	Sen. Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV

<b>Committee (40)</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
Climate Change	Sen. Loren B. Legarda
Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes	Sen. Franklin M. Drilon
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. Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV
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



<b>Committee (40)</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
Finance  Finance/Subcommitte A  Finance/Subcommitte B  Finance/Subcommitte C  Finance/Subcommitte D  Finance/ Subcommittee E	Sen. Loren B. Legarda  Sen. Loren B. Legarda  Sen. Juan Edgardo “Sonny” M. Angara  Sen. Paolo Benigno “Bam” Aquino IV  Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson  Sen. Cynthia A. Villar
Foreign Relations	Sen. Alan Peter ‘Compañero’ S. Cayetano
Games, Amusement and Sports	Sen. Panfilo M. Lacson
Government Corporations & Public Enterprises	Sen. Richard J. Gordon
Health and Demography	Sen. Risa Hontiveros
Justice and Human Rights	Sen. Richard J. Gordon
Labor, Employment & Human Resources Development	Sen. Joel Villanueva

<b>Committee (40)</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
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
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. Cynthia A. Villar

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

### **Annex Committees**

<b>Committee (3)</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
Committee on Appointments	Sen. Aquilino Koko III L. Pimentel

Senate Electoral Tribunal	
Judicial and Bar Council	Sen. Richard J. Gordon

## *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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