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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. Included in this issue of the Linkages Report are the laws of national importance approved in the First and Second Regular Sessions of the 16<sup>th</sup> Congress and the accomplishments of Senate for the covering the period July 22, 2013 – December 17, 2014.

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## LAWS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE

Below are the laws of national importance approved by the President of the Philippines covering the period July 22, 2013 to December 17, 2014:

<b>Senate Bill Number</b>	<b>Republic Act Number</b>	<b>Short Title &amp; Intent of the Law</b>
SBN 1186	RA 10632	<p>“Postponement of the Sangguniang Kabataan Election”</p> <p><u>Objective of the Law:</u> To amend Section 1 of Republic Act No. 9340 to postpone sangguniang kabataan election on October 28, 2013 to a date to be determined by COMELEC between October 28, 2014 and February 23, 2015.</p>
SBN 2043	10635	<p>“Establishment of Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)”</p> <p><u>Objective of the Law:</u> To establish a single maritime administrative system and structure that shall provide an enabling environment for the protection of seafarers and the business of Philippine seafaring.</p>
SBN 1831	10638	<p>“Extending Corporate Life of PNR”</p> <p><u>Objective of the Law:</u> To amend Section 1 of Republic Act No. 4156, As Amended, further extending the corporate life of the Philippine National Railways.</p>

SBN 2273	RA 10640	<p>“Anti-Drug Campaign”</p> <p><u>Objective of the Law:</u> To amend Section 21 of Republic Act No. 9165, otherwise known as the “Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002”</p>
SBN 2211	RA 10642	<p>“Philippine Lemon Law of 2014”</p> <p><u>Objective of the Law:</u> To promote full protection to the rights of consumers in the sale of motor vehicles against business and trade practices which are deceptive, unfair or otherwise inimical to consumers and the public interest.</p>
SBN 2046	RA 10644	<p>“Go Negosyo Act of 2013”</p> <p><u>Objective of the Law:</u> To foster national development, promote inclusive growth, and reduce poverty by encouraging the establishment of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) that facilitate local job creation, production and trade in the country, increase income for poor households.</p>
SBN 712	RA 10645	<p>“Expanded Senior Citizens Act”</p> <p><u>Objective of the Law:</u> To ensure enrollment of</p>

		all senior citizens in the health insurance program of the PhilHealth.
SBN 2272	RA 10647	<p>“Ladderized Education Act of 2014”</p> <p><u>Objective of the Law:</u> To institutionalize the ladderized interface between technical-vocational education and training (TVET) and higher education to open the pathways of opportunities for career and educational progression of students and workers. To provide options for students or workers when to enter and exit in the education ladder and provide job platforms in every exit for the opportunity to earn income.</p>
SBN 2275	RA 10648	<p>“Iskolar ng Bayan Act of 2014”</p> <p><u>Objective of the Law:</u> To protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality and accessible education at all levels and to establish and maintain a financial assistance system that shall be available to deserving students.</p>

**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 16<sup>th</sup> Congress covering the period July 22, 2013 – December 17, 2014:

**STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF SENATE BILLS, SENATE RESOLUTIONS, SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS, SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS FILED AND HOUSE BILLS RECEIVED BY THE SENATE:**

Senate Bills Filed	<b>2,518</b>
Senate Resolutions Filed	<b>1,064</b>
Senate Concurrent Resolutions Filed	<b>6</b>
Senate Joint Resolutions Filed	<b>11</b>
House Bills Received by the Senate for Concurrence	<b>360</b>
House Concurrent Resolutions Received for Concurrence	<b>5</b>
House Joint Resolutions Received for Concurrence	<b>5</b>

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

**I. Senate Bills Acted Upon/Passed by the Senate : 221**

A. Passed by both Houses (Total - 14)

Enacted into Law	<b>12</b>
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B. Acted Upon by the Senate (Total - 51)

Pending Conference Committee	<b>4</b>
Pending in the House of Representatives	<b>12</b>
Pending Third Reading	<b>1</b>

Pending Second Reading	<b>30</b>
Consolidated in the Committee Reports	<b>138</b>
Send to Archives	<b>7</b>

II. Withdrawn Senate Bill : 14

III. Senate Bills Pending In the  
Committees for Public  
Hearing/Committee Report  
Preparation : 2,296

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

### **I. Senate Resolutions Adopted : Total - 68**

Simple Resolutions	<b>65</b>
Treaties	<b>3</b>
Unnumbered Resolution	<b>0</b>

### **II. Senate Resolutions Acted Upon : Total - 63**

Consolidated/Considered in Adopted Resolutions	<b>38</b>
Pending Second Reading	<b>10</b>
Pending Third Reading	<b>0</b>
Consolidated/Substituted in the Committee Report	<b>4</b>
Sent to Archives	<b>5</b>
Withdrawn	<b>6</b>

III. Senate Resolutions pending in  
the Committees : Total - 927

IV. Senate Resolutions pending in  
First Reading : Total - 5

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

- I. Senate Concurrent Resolutions Adopted/Acted Upon : 4
- II. Senate Concurrent Resolution Pending Pending in the Committee : 2
- III. Acted upon by the Senate : 0
- IV. Consolidated with Adopted House Concurrent Resolutions : 2

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

- I. Senate Joint Resolutions Acted Upon/Passed By the Senate : Total - 2

Acted Upon by the President of the Phils.	0
Consolidated with Approved Joint Resolutions	0
Passed by both Houses	1
Pending in the House of Representatives	1
Pending Second Reading	0
Pending Third Reading	0
Consolidated/Substituted in the Committee Report	3

- II. Senate Joint Resolutions Pending in the Committee : Total - 6

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

- I. House Bills Acted Upon/Passed by the Senate

- A. Passed by both Houses : Total - 23

Enacted into Law	8
Consolidated with Approved Bill	11



Vetoed by the President of the Philippines	0
Conference Committee Report Approved by Both Houses	4

**B. Acted Upon by the Senate : Total - 12**

Sent back to House of Representatives	0
Passed by both Houses	0
Pending Conference Committee	4
Approved on Third Reading	0
Pending Second Reading	4
Consolidated Committee Report	4
Sent to Archives	0

II. House Bills Pending In the Committees for Public Hearing/Committee Report Preparation : Total - 325

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

I. House Concurrent Resolutions Adopted: Total - 5

**G. NUMERICAL STATUS OF HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS SENT TO THE SENATE FOR CONCURRENCE**

Acted Upon/Adopted	2
Approved on Third Reading	1
Pending in the Committee	2

## H. NUMERICAL STATUS OF RESOLUTION OF BOTH HOUSES

Pending in the Committee	1
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Source: Legislative Bills and Index Service ( covers July 22, 2013 – December 17, 2014)

### *The Senate Permanent Committees*

(as of December 17, 2014)

Committee (39)	Chairperson
Accountability of Public Officers & Investigations (Blue Ribbon)	Sen. Teofisto L. Guingona III
Accounts	Sen.
Agrarian Reform	Sen. Gregorio B. Honasan II
Agriculture and Food	Sen. Cynthia Villar
Banks, Financial Institutions & Currencies	Sen. Sergio R. Osmeña III
Civil Service and Government Reorganization	Sen. Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV
Climate Change	Sen. Loren B. Legarda
Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes	Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago
Cooperatives	Sen. Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid
Cultural Communities	Sen. Loren B. Legarda
Economic Affairs	Sen. Joseph Victor G. Ejercito
Education, Arts and Culture	Sen. Pia S. Cayetano
Electoral Reforms and People's Participation	Sen. Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III
Energy	Sen. Sergio R. Osmeña III
Environment and Natural Resources	Sen. Loren B. Legarda
Ethics and Privileges	Sen.
Finance/Subcommittee A	Sen. Francis "Chiz" G. Escudero
Subcommittee B	Sen. Sergio R. Osmeña III
Subcommittee C	Sen. Loren B. Legarda
Subcommittee D	Sen. Ralph G. Recto
Subcommittee E	Sen. Teofisto L. Guingona III
Foreign Relations	Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago
Games, Amusement and Sports	Sen. Sonny Angara

<b>Committee (39)</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
Government Corporations & Public Enterprises	Sen. Cynthia A. Villar
Health and Demography	Sen. Teofisto L. Guingona III
Justice and Human Rights	Sen. Aquilino "Koko" Pimentel III
Labor, Employment & Human Resources Development	Sen. Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada
Local Government	Sen. Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.
National Defense and Security	Sen. Antonio "Sonny" F. Trillanes IV
Peace, Unification and Reconciliation	Sen. Teofisto L. Guingona III
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Public Order and Dangerous Drugs	Sen. Grace Poe
Public Services	Sen. Ramon Bong Revilla, Jr.
Public Works	Sen. Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.
Rules	Sen. Alan Peter "Compañero" S. Cayetano
Science and Technology	Sen. Ralph G. Recto
Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development	Sen. Maria Lourdes Nancy S. Binay
Tourism	Sen. Manuel "Lito" M. Lapid
Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship	Sen. Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV
Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement	Sen. Joseph Victor G. Ejercito
Ways and Means	Sen. Sonny Angara
Women, Family Relations and Gender Equality	Sen. Pia S. Cayetano
Youth	Sen. Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV

## **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.*

*J. 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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