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The ***Linkages Report*** is a digest of news report regarding or related to legislation that is aimed to inform the public on various concerns and to report the accomplishments of the Senate for the First and Second Regular Sessions of the Fifteenth (15th) Congress covering the period July 26, 2010 – May 30, 2012.

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

Presented below is the accomplishment of the Senate of the Philippines in terms of the numerical data on bills and resolutions filed for the First and Second Regular Sessions of the 15th Congress covering the period July 26, 2012 to May 30, 2012:

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

Senate Bills Filed	: 3,213
Senate Resolutions Filed	: 1,125
Senate Concurrent Resolutions Filed	: 11
Senate Joint Resolutions Filed	: 17
House Bills Received by the Senate for Concurrence	: 1,235

A. NUMERICAL STATUS OF SENATE BILLS (3,213)

I. Senate Bills Acted Upon/Passed by the Senate	: 333
A. Passed by both Houses (Total -13)	
Enacted into Law	- 8
Vetoed by the President of the Philippines	- 3
Enrolled Copy prepared by Senate	- 2
B. Acted Upon by the Senate (Total - 320)	
Pending Conference Committee	- 4
Pending in the House of Representatives	- 7
Approved on Third Reading	- 3
Pending Third Reading	- 3
Pending Second Reading	- 49
Consolidated in the Committee Reports	- 252
Send to Archives	- 2
II. Withdrawn Senate Bill	: 27
III. Senate Bills Pending In the Committees for Public Hearing/Committee Report Preparation	: 2,853

B. NUMERICAL STATUS OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS (1,125)

I. Senate Resolutions Adopted	:	89
A. Simple Resolutions	-	77
B. Treaties	-	9
C. Unnumbered Resolution	-	3
II. Senate Resolutions Acted Upon	:	42
A. Committee Report Approved	-	3
B. Consolidated/Considered in Adopted Resolutions	-	19
C. Pending Second Reading	-	3
D. Consolidated in Committee Report	-	15
E. Sent to Archives	-	2
III. Senate Resolutions pending in the Committees	:	655
IV. Withdrawn Senate Bill	:	3

C. NUMERICAL STATUS OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS (11)

I. Senate Concurrent Resolutions Adopted/Acted Upon	:	8
II. Senate Concurrent Resolution Pending Pending in the Committee	:	1
III. Acted upon by the Senate	:	1

D. NUMERICAL STATUS OF SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS (17)

I. Senate Joint Resolutions Acted Upon/Passed By the Senate	:	9
A. Acted Upon by the President Of the Philippines	-	1
B. Consolidated with Approved Bill	-	1
C. Passed by Both Houses	-	1
D. Pending on Third Reading	-	1
E. Pending on Second Reading	-	3
F. Consolidated/Substituted in The Committee Report	-	2
II. Pending in the Committee	:	8

**E. NUMERICAL STATUS OF HOUSE BILLS SENT TO THE SENATE
FOR CONCURRENCE (1,235)**

I. House Bills Acted Upon/Passed by the Senate	:	83
A. Passed by both Houses (Total - 23)		
Enacted into Law	-	10
Consolidated with Approved Bill	-	8

Vetoed by the President of the Philippines	- 3
Enrolled Copy prepared by Senate	- 2

B.. Acted Upon by the Senate (Total - 60)	
Pending Conference Committee	- 3
Recalled by the House	- 1
Sent back to House of Reps.	- 2
Pending Third Reading	- 7
Pending Second Reading	- 39
Consolidated/Substituted in Committee Reports	- 8

II. House Bills Pending In the Committees for Public Hearing/Committee Report Preparation	:	569
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**F. NUMERICAL STATUS OF HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION SENT TO THE SENATE FOR
CONCURRENCE**

House Concurrent Resolutions Received By the Senate of the Philippines	:	<u>12</u>
House Concurrent Resolutions Adopted	:	8
House Concurrent Resolution Adopted by the Senate, Sent Back to the House of Reps.	:	1
House Concurrent Resolutions Pending in the Committees	:	3

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

House Joint Resolutions Received By the Senate of the Philippines	:	<u>8</u>
Acted Upon by the President of the Phils	:	4
Passed by the senate of the philippines	:	1
Consolidated/Substituted in the Committee Report:		1
House Joint Resolution Pending in Committees	:	2

Source: *Legislative Bills and Index Service (covers July 23, 2007- June 3, 2009)*

**LAWS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE
PASSED FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 23, 2007 TO JUNE 3, 2009**

Below is the list of Laws of National Importance passed during the 14th Congress covering the period July 23, 2007 to June 3, 2009:

Legend: RA - Republic Act
SBN - Senate Bill Number

<u>Republic Act Number</u>	<u>Short Title of the Law</u>
RA 9496 (SBN 1648)	Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund
RA 9499 (SBN 1659)	Filipino WW II Veterans
RA 9500 (SBN 1964)	U. P. Charter
RA 9501 (SBN 1646)	Magna Carta for Small and Medium Enterprises
RA 9502 (SBN 1658)	Cheaper Medicine
RA 9503 (SBN 2009)	Expanding Court of Tax Appeals
RA 9504 (SBN 2293)	Individual Income Tax Rates Exemption
RA 9505 (SBN1882)	Personal Equity and Retirement Account (PERA)
RA 9507 (SBN 1987)	Low Cost Housing Loan
RA 9509 (SBN 2092)	Barangay Livelihood and Skills Training
RA 9510 (SBN 1881)	Credit Information System
RA 9512 (SBN 1699)	Low Cost Housing Loan
RA 9513 (SBN 2046)	Renewable Energy
RA 9514 (SBN 2553)	Fire Code
RA 9515 (SBN 2078)	Ship Agents
RA 9516(SBN 2030)	Acquisition of Firearms/Ammunition
RA 9520 (SBN 2264)	Cooperative Code
RA 9521 (SBN 2409)	National Book Development
RA 9522 (SBN 2699)	Archipelagic Baseline
RA 9523 (SBN 2391)	Domestic Adoption
RA 9547 (SBN 2116)	Special Program for Employment of Students
RA 9576 (SBN 2964)	Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp.
RA 9592 (SBN 3085)	BFP/BJMP Professionalization Act
RA 9593 (SBN 2213)	Tourism Act
RA 9640 (SBN 2325)	Amusement Tax Exemption

Enrolled Copies Prepared By The Senate For Signature Of The Speaker Of The House Of Representatives

The accomplishment of the Senate for the 14th Congress covering the period July 23, 2007 to June 3, 2009, aside from those previously mentioned in this issue of the Linkages Report, also includes the following enrolled copies prepared by the Senate and sent of the House of Representatives for signature of the Speaker:

Legend: SBN - Senate Bill Number

SBN 2390 Newborn Screening
SBN 2396 Magna Carta of Women
SBN 2645 Food, Drugs, Cosmetics and Devices
Administration
SBN 2963 Real Estate Service Act
SBN 2971 Pag-Ibig Fund
SBN 3015 PNP
SBN 3157 Philippine Normal University
SBN 3163 Rent Control Act
SBN 3203 Documentary Stamp Tax Exempt

Source: Legislative Bills and Index Service (covers July 23, 2007- June 3, 2009)

However, as of July 31, 2009, the following enrolled copies were already approved into law by the President of the Philippines:

SBN 2963 (Real Estate Service Act) as RA 9646
SBN 3157 (Philippine Normal University) as RA 9647
SBN 3163 (Rent Control Act) as RA 9653
SBN 3203 (Documentary Stamp Tax Exempt) as RA 9648

The Senate Standing Committees

1. Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations
2. Accounts
3. Agrarian Reform
4. Agriculture and Food
5. Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies
6. Civil Service and Government Reorganization
7. Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws
8. Cooperatives
9. Cultural Communities
10. Economic Affairs
11. Education, Arts and Culture
12. Electoral Reforms, Suffrage and People's Participation
13. Energy
14. Environment and Natural Resources
15. Ethics and Privileges
16. Finance
17. Foreign Relations
18. Games, Amusement and Sports
19. Government Corporations and Public Enterprises
20. Health and Demography
21. Justice and Human Rights
22. Labor, Employment and Human Resource Development
23. Local Government
24. National Defense and Security
25. Peace, Unification and Reconciliation
26. Public Information and Mass Media
27. Public Order and Illegal Drugs
28. Public Services
29. Public Works
30. Rules
31. Science and Technology
32. Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development
33. Tourism
34. Trade and Commerce
35. Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement
36. Ways and Means
37. Youth, Women and Family Relations

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.

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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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