

Senate of the Philippines

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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 accomplishments of the Senate of the Philippines in terms of the numerical data on bills and resolutions filed for the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress covering the period July 26, 2010 to June 25, 2013:

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

Senate Bills Filed	:	3,405
Senate Resolutions Filed	:	958
Senate Concurrent Resolutions Filed	:	18
Senate Joint Resolutions Filed	:	20
House Bills Received by the Senate for Concurrence	:	1,130
House Concurrent Resolutions Received for Concurrence	:	16
House Joint Resolutions Received for Concurrence	:	11

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

I. Senate Bills Acted Upon/Passed by the Senate : 719

A. Passed by both Houses (Total -123)

Enacted into Law	-	105
Vetoed by the President of the Philippines	-	10
Enrolled Copy prepared by Senate	-	8

B. Acted Upon by the Senate (Total - 593)

Pending Conference Committee	-	6
Pending in the House of Representatives	-	21
Pending Third Reading	-	2
Pending Second Reading	-	64
Consolidated in the Committee Reports	-	463
Send to Archives	-	10

II. Withdrawn Senate Bill : 30

III. Senate Bills Pending In the Committees for Public Hearing/Committee Report Preparation	: <u>2,686</u>
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**B. NUMERICAL STATUS OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS**

I. Senate Resolutions Adopted	: <u>Total - 145</u>
A. Simple Resolutions	- 123
B. Treaties	- 16
C. Unnumbered Resolution	- 9
II. Senate Resolutions Acted Upon	: <u>Total - 95</u>
A. Committee Report Approved	- 7
B. Consolidated/Considered in Adopted Resolutions	- 33
C. Pending Second Reading	- 2
D. Pending Third Reading	- 3
E. Consolidated in Committee Report	- 25
E. Sent to Archives	- 20
III. Senate Resolutions pending in the Committees	: <u>Total - 724</u>
IV. Withdrawn Senate Resolution	: <u>Total - 5</u>

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

I. Senate Concurrent Resolutions Adopted/Acted Upon	: 15
II. Senate Concurrent Resolution Pending Pending in the Committee	: 2
III. Acted upon by the Senate	: 1

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

I. Senate Joint Resolutions Acted Upon/Passed By the Senate	: <u>Total - 10</u>
A. Acted Upon by the President Of the Philippines	- 2
B. Consolidated with Approved Bill	- 3
C. Pending on Second Reading	- 2
D. Consolidated/Substituted in The Committee Report	- 2
E. Pending in the HOR	- 1

II. Senate Joint Resolutions Pending  
in the Committee : Total - 10

**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	<u>Total - 549</u>
Enacted into Law	- 368
Consolidated with Approved Bill	- 94
Vetoed by the President of the Philippines	- 70

B. Acted Upon by the Senate	<u>Total - 186</u>
Pending Conference Committee	- 5
Recalled by the House	- 1
Sent back to House of Reps.	- 16
Pending Third Reading	- 25
Pending Second Reading	- 41
Consolidated/Substituted in Committee Reports	- 17

II. House Bills Pending In the Committees for Public  
Hearing/Committee Report Preparation : Total - 395

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

House Concurrent Resolutions Adopted	- 13
Sent to Archives	- 3

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

Acted Upon by the President of the Phils	- 5
Consolidated with Approved Joint Resolutions	- 2
Joint Resolution Pending in Committees	- 6

Source: *Legislative Bills and Index Service* ( covers July 25, 2010 – June 25, 2013)

## LAWS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE PASSED FOR THE PERIOD JULY 25, 2010 TO JUNE 25, 2013

Below is the list of Laws of National Importance passed during the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress, we deemed significant, covering the period July 25, 2010 to June 25, 2013:

Legend: RA - Republic Act  
SBN - Senate Bill Number

<b><u>Republic Act Number</u></b>	<b><u>Title of the Law</u></b>
RA 10151	An Act Allowing the Employment of Night Workers, Thereby Repealing Articles 130 and 131 of Presidential Decree Number Four Hundred Forty-Two, As Amended, Otherwise Known as the Labor Code of the Philippines
RA 10152	An Act Providing for Mandatory Basic Immunization Services for Infants and Children, Repealing for the Purpose Presidential Decree No. 996, As Amended
RA 10157	An Act Institutionalizing the Kindergarten Education Into the Basic Education System and Appropriating Funds Therefor
RA 10167	An Act to Further Strengthen the Anti-Money Laundering Law, Amending for the Purpose Sections 10 and 11 of Republic Act No. 9160, Otherwise known as the "Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2001", As Amended, and for Other Purposes
RA 10172	An Act Further Authorizing The City or Municipal Civil Registrar or The Consul General to Correct Clerical or Typographical Errors in the Day and Month in the Date of Birth or Sex of a Person Appearing in the Civil Register Without Need of Judicial Order, Amending for this Purpose Republic Act Numbered Ninety Forty-Eight
RA 10173	An Act Protecting Individual Personal Information in Information and Communications Systems in the Government and the Private Sector Creating for this Purpose A National Privacy Commission, and for Other Purposes
RA 10175	An Act Defining Cybercrime, Providing for the Prevention, Investigation, Suppression and the Imposition of Penalties Therefor and For Other Purposes

- RA 10344                    An Act Penalizing the Unauthorized Taking, Stealing, Keeping or Tampering of Government Risk Reduction And Preparedness Equipment, Accessories and Similar Facilities
- RA 10395                    An Act Strengthening Tripartism, Amending for the Purpose Article 275 of Presidential Decree No. 442, As Amended, Otherwise Known as the "Labor Code of the Philippines"
- RA 10396                    An Act Strengthening Conciliation-Mediation as Voluntary Mode of Dispute Settlement For All Labor Cases, Amending For This Purpose Article 228 of Presidential Decree No. 442, As Amended, Otherwise Known As The "Labor Code of the Philippines"
- RA 10586                    An Act Penalizing Persons Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Dangerous Drugs, and Similar Substances, And For Other Purposes
- RA 10591                    An Act Providing For A Comprehensive Law on Firearms and Ammunition And Providing Penalties For Violations Thereof
- RA 10606                    An Act Amending Republic Act No. 7875, Otherwise Known As The "National Health Insurance Act of 1995, As Amended, And For Other Purposes

## *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.*

*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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