

15th Congress - Second Regular Session

Legislative Priorities

Source: Opening Remarks of Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile and House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte
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HOUSE	SENATE
1. 12 Year Basic Education Curriculum Act	1. <i>Competition and Anti-Trust Act *</i>
2. AFP Modernization Act	2. <i>National Land Use Policy Act*</i>
3. <i>Anti-Money Laundering Act Amendments *</i>	3. People's Survival Fund Act
4. <i>BOT Act Amendments *</i>	4. <i>Rationalization of Fiscal Incentives Act *</i>
5. <i>Competition and Anti-Trust Act *</i>	5. <i>Reproductive Health Act *</i>
6. Conditional Cash Transfer Act	
7. <i>Cybercrime Prevention Act *</i>	
8. <i>Fiscal Responsibility Act *</i>	
9. Freedom of Information Act	
10. EPIRA Act Amendments	
11. <i>Government Procurement Reform Act Amendments*</i>	
12. Hazardous & Radioactive Waste Management Act	
13. Mandatory Universal Healthcare Coverage of Every Filipino Act	
14. National Defense Act	
15. <i>National Land Use Act *</i>	
16. Philippine Maritime Zones Act	
17. Pocket Open Skies Act	
18. <i>Rationalization of Fiscal Incentives Act*</i>	
19. Real Property Valuation Reform Act	
20. <i>Reproductive Health Act*</i>	
21. Restructuring Taxes on Alcohol, Cigarette and Tobacco	
22. <i>Tariff and Customs Code Amendments*</i>	
23. The Philippine Archipelagic Sea Lanes Act	
24. VAT (Review existing exemptions)	
25. <i>Water Resources Act *</i>	
26. Witness Protection Act	
27. <i>Whistleblowers Act*</i>	

** Legislation proposed in Arangkada Philippines*

Reforming the Constitutional Provision on Foreign Equity

"We must also seriously consider the relaxation of the restrictive ownership provisions of our present Constitution which have thus far limited our growth potential. Reviewing the present restrictions on ownership in land, public utilities and corporate capitalization has become an imperative in a world economy where capital and investment have become very mobile. As representatives of our people, we are entrusted with the immense responsibility of proposing amendments to the constitution through an extraordinary vote of three-fourths of our members.

In the fulfillment of this obligation, we must be attuned to the nuances of the present globalized and highly competitive world economy and carefully strike a balance between the ends of nationalization and the creation of opportunity and jobs for a great majority of our people."

"Perhaps, now is the time to explore the possibility of introducing amendments to the economic provisions of the 1987 Constitution. This very important issue must be debated on openly and intelligently as we try to help infuse the economy with sufficient stimuli that will spur growth in our industries and businesses and create more jobs for our people.

Congressional action on this proposition may not come soon enough but now is the appropriate time to lay it down on the table. As elected officials, we should be bold enough to finally discuss the need to initiate this. "

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