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To: John Avila, AOR, USAID-OEDG
From: John Forbes, Chief of Party, TAPP
Subject: TAPP Legislative Tracker for January 2016

On January 27, the AmCham Legislative Tracker and List of Legislative Priorities for the 16th Congress were presented at the monthly Legislative Committee meeting. Both have been updated to reflect the status of priority bills of the business sector identified in the July 19, 2013 JFC-PBG letter to President Aquino on priority legislation.

The Legislative Tracker shows that either hearings or TWG meetings were conducted in October on the following bills that affect the investment climate:

- Foreign Investment Liberalization Act
- Energy Efficiency

Bicameral Conference Committee meetings were held to reconcile the disagreeing provisions of the CMTA and the new Salary Standardization Law.

The Senate approved on Third Reading the Foreign Investment Liberalization while the House approved it on Second Reading. The House also approved on Second Reading the Public-Private Partnership bill. The Senate version is pending Second Reading but was certified for immediate enactment.

The Senate approved on Second Reading the LPG Industry Safety and Regulation and Philippine Trade Representatives Office (PTRO) Charter bills. The respective House versions were earlier approved on Third Reading. A bicameral conference may take place on these bills next week before Congress go on recess.

Attachments: January 2016 Legislative Tracker, updated as of 1/27/16;
Status of Priority Bills of Business Sector, updated as of 1/27/16