



ARANGKADA PHILIPPINES

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PRIORITY BILLS OF THE BUSINESS SECTOR (17th CONGRESS)*

A. REPUBLIC ACTS/ BILLS

I. Enacted into Law

1. Philippine Credit Card Industry Regulation Law (RA 10870) – lapsed into law July 17, 2016
2. Agricultural Land Reform Code amendments (RA 10878) – lapsed into law July 17, 2016
3. **Foreign Investment Liberalization Act** (RA 10881) – lapsed into law July 17, 2016
4. Special Program for Employment of Students (RA 10917) – lapsed into law July 21, 2016
5. **Pharmacy Profession Act amendments** (RA 10918) – lapsed into law July 21, 2016
6. Anti-money Laundering Act amendments (RA 10927) – signed July 14, 2017
7. Extending Passport Validity (RA 10928) – signed August 2, 2017
8. Free Wi-Fi in Public Places (RA 10929) – signed August 2, 2017

Legend: **Bold** - Arangkada recommendation (JFC/PBGs)

Bold and italics – other Arangkada recommendation

Gray Highlight - LEDAC priority measures

*Updated as of Aug 31, 2017. This list of legislation is a consolidation of important bills of interest to the business community, most of which are currently being considered in the 17th Congress. The compilation of this list in no way implies that all foreign chambers and business groups have approved every measure or even studied all of them.





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9. Extending driver's license validity (RA 10930) – signed August 2, 2017
10. Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education (RA 10931) – signed August 3, 2017

II. For PRRD Signature

1. Indexation of the Revised Penal Code

III. Approved on Second/Third Reading

1. Agricultural Free Patent Reform
Senate: Approved on Third Reading
House: Pending in Justice Committee
2. **Bank Secrecy Law amendments**
Senate: Under Banks Committee TWG deliberation
House: Pending in Banks Committee (contained in Income Tax Reform Bill)
3. **Comprehensive Tax Reform**
Senate: Under Ways and Means Committee deliberation
House: Approved on Third Reading
4. Compressed Work Week Scheme (RSR)
Senate: No bill filed
House: Approved on Second Reading





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5. Declaring July 27 Iglesia ni Cristo Foundation as NWH – RSR
Senate: Under Education, Arts, Culture deliberation
House: Approved Third Reading
6. Declaring December 8 as NWH (Feast of Immaculate Conception)
Senate: Pending Second Reading - SWH
House: Approved on Third Reading - NWH
7. Ease of Doing Business/ Expanded Anti-red Tape Act
Senate: Approved on Third Reading
House: Approved by Trade Committee
8. Expanding the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act
Senate: Approved on Third Reading
House: Approved on Second Reading
9. Mining Free Zone bills (Davao City, Biliran) - RSR
Senate: No bill filed
House: Approved Second Reading
10. National ID System
Senate: Pending in Justice Committee
House: Approved on Second Reading
11. National Land Use Act
Senate: Pending in Environment Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
12. Philippine Innovation Act





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Senate: Approved on Third Reading
House: Pending in Trade Committee

13. Public Service Act amendments

Senate: Pending in Public Services Committee
House: Approved on Second Reading

14. Regulation of Payment Systems

Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved on Third Reading

15. Rightsizing of the Government Bureaucracy

Senate: Pending Second Reading (Period of Interpellation)
House: Approved on Third Reading

16. Universal Healthcare Act amendments

Senate: Pending in Health Committee
House: Approved on Second Reading

IV. Pending Second/Third Reading

1. **Amendments to the Constitution (Constituent Assembly resolution)**

Senate: Under Constitutional Amendments Committee deliberation
House: Pending Second Reading

2. Apprenticeship Reform Act

Senate: Pending Second Reading (Period of Interpellation)
House: Approved by House Labor Committee





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3. BSP Charter amendments
Senate: Pending Second Reading (For sponsorship)
House: Under Ways and Means Committee deliberation
4. **Corporation Code amendments**
Senate: Pending Second Reading (Period of amendments)
House: Pending in Trade Committee
5. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Under Energy Committee deliberation
6. **Freedom of Information**
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Under Public Information Committee deliberation
7. **Granting Emergency Powers to the President to address Traffic Congestion**
Senate: Pending Second Reading (Period of amendments)
House: Approved by Transportation, Appropriations Committee
8. Mining Free Zone bills (North Cotabato, Cagayan de Oro) - RSR
Senate: No bill filed
House: Pending Second Reading
9. Regulating the Practice of Criminology
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Pending in Civil Service Committee





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10. Salary Standardization Law
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Pending in Civil Service Committee

V. Under Committee/TWG Deliberation

1. **BOT Law amendments**

Senate: Pending in Public Works Committee
House: Under Public Works Committee deliberation

2. Direct Remittance of LGU share in national wealth taxes

Senate: Under Local Government TWG deliberation
House: Pending in Local Government Committee

3. Immigration Act

Senate: Pending in Justice Committee
House: Approved by Justice Committee

4. Mining-free Zone bills (RSR) - Kibungan, Benguet, Davao Oriental, Southern Leyte) & 5597 Palawan

Senate: Pending in Environment Committee
House: Under Natural Resources Committee deliberation

5. Security of Tenure (RSR)

Senate: Pending in Labor Committee
House: Under Labor Committee deliberation

6. Strengthen the Crop Insurance System

Senate: Pending in Agriculture Committee





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House: Pending in Agriculture Committee

7. **Telecommunications Act amendments**

Senate: Pending in Science and Technology Committee

House: Under ICT Committee deliberation

8. **Water Sector Reform act**

Senate: Pending in Public Services Committee

House: Under Government Enterprises Committee deliberation

9. **Retail Trade Act amendments**

Senate: Pending in Public Services Committee

House: Under Economic Affairs Committee TWG deliberation

B. EXECUTIVE ORDERS/ PROCLAMATIONS/ ISSUANCES

I. Positive

1. Freedom of Information (EO 2) – signed July 23, 2016
2. Creating a Consultative Committee to Review the 1987 Constitution (EO 10) – signed Dec 7, 2016
3. Energy Projects of National Significance (Draft EO of DOE)
4. Directing GPH Agencies to Implement the PDP (Draft EO of NEDA)
5. Separating Aircraft Investigation Board from CAAP (Draft EO of TAF)

II. Requiring Substantial Reconsideration (RSR)

1. Ban on Export of Mineral Ores
Senate: No bill filed
House: Under Natural Resources Committee TWG deliberation
2. Legislative Franchise Requirement for Infrastructure Projects
Senate: No bill filed





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House: Pending in Public Works Committee

3. Legislative Franchise Requirement for Mining Operations
Senate: No bill filed
House: Pending in Natural Resources Committee
4. Legislative Franchise Requirement for Public Transportation
Senate: No bill filed
House: No bill filed

