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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)

Gray Highlight - LEDAC priority measures

*Updated as of September 26, 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
 11. Indexation of the Revised Penal Code (RA 10951) – signed August 30, 2017
- II. 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: Pending Second Reading
House: Approved on Third Reading
 4. Compressed Work Week Scheme (RSR)
Senate: No bill filed
House: Approved on Second Reading
 5. Declaring July 27 Iglesia ni Cristo Foundation as NWH – RSR
Senate: Under Education, Arts, Culture deliberation
House: Approved Third Reading





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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 Third Reading
11. **National Land Use Act**
Senate: Pending in Environment Committee
House: Approved on Third Reading
12. Philippine Innovation Act
Senate: Approved on Third Reading
House: Pending in Trade Committee





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13. **Public Service Act amendments**

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

III. 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

3. BSP Charter amendments

Senate: Pending Second Reading (For sponsorship)
House: Under Ways and Means Committee deliberation





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4. **Corporation Code amendments**
Senate: Pending Second Reading (Period of amendments)
House: Under Trade Committee deliberation
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: Pending Second Reading
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
10. Salary Standardization Law
Senate: Pending Second Reading
House: Pending in Civil Service Committee





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IV. 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

House: Pending in Agriculture Committee

7. **Telecommunications Act amendments**

Senate: Pending in Science and Technology Committee





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House: Under ICT Committee deliberation

8. **Water Sector Reform act**

Senate: Pending in Public Services Committee

House: Under Government Enterprises Committee TWG deliberation

9. **Retail Trade Act amendments**

Senate: No bill filed

House: Pending in Trade Committee

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
House: Pending in Public Works Committee
3. Legislative Franchise Requirement for Mining Operations

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Senate: No bill filed

House: Under Natural Resources Committee deliberation

4. Legislative Franchise Requirement for Public Transportation

Senate: No bill filed

House: No bill filed

