



PRIORITY BILLS OF THE BUSINESS SECTOR (17TH CONGRESS)¹

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A. REPUBLIC ACTS/ BILLS

I. Lapsed into law from Previous Congress

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

II. Enacted into Law

- 1. Anti-money Laundering Act amendments** (RA 10927) – signed July 14, 2017
2. Extending Passport Validity (RA 10928) – signed August 2, 2017
3. Free Wi-Fi in Public Places (RA 10929) – signed August 2, 2017
4. Extending driver's license validity (RA 10930) – signed August 2, 2017
5. Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education (RA 10931) – signed August 3, 2017
6. Indexation of the Revised Penal Code (RA 10951) – signed August 30, 2017
- 7. Comprehensive Tax Reform** (RA 10963) – signed December 19, 2017
8. Declaring the Feast of Immaculate Conception every December 8 as NWH (RA 10966) – signed December 28, 2017 - RSR
9. Philippine Qualifications Framework (RA 10968) – signed January 16, 2018
- 10. Ease of Doing Business/ Expanded Anti-red Tape Act** (RA 11032) – signed May 28, 2018
11. Balik Scientist Program (RA 11035) – signed June 15, 2018
12. National Integrated Protected Areas System Act amendments (RA 11038) – signed June 22, 2018



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13. Regulating the Practice of Food Technology (RA 11052) – signed July 4, 2018
14. Bangsamoro Organic Law (RA 11054) – signed July 27, 2018
15. National ID System (RA 11055) – signed July 31, 2018
16. Personal Property Security Act (RA 11057) – signed August 17, 2018
17. Occupational Health and Safety Act (RA 11058) – signed August 17, 2018
18. Regulating the Practice of Criminology (RA 11131) – signed November 15, 2018
19. Regulation of Payment Systems (RA 11157) – signed November 15, 2018
20. Telecommuting Act (RA 11165) – signed December 20, 2018
21. Social Security System Charter amendments (RA 11199) – signed February 7, 2019
22. Mobile Number Portability Act (RA 11202) – February 8, 2019
23. Dept. of Human Settlements and Urban Development (RA 11201) - signed February 14, 2019
24. Revised Agricultural Tarrification (RA 11203) - signed February 14, 2019
25. New Central Bank Act amendments (RA 11211) – signed February 14, 2019
26. Tax Amnesty Act (RA 11213) - signed February 14, 2019
27. Universal Healthcare Act amendments (RA 11223) – signed February 20, 2019
28. Revised Corporation Act (RA 11232) – signed February 20, 2019
29. Agricultural Free Patent Reform (RA 11231) – signed Feb 22, 2019
30. Instituting a Philippine Labor Force Competencies Competitiveness Program and Free Access to Technical Vocational Education and Training (RA 11230) – signed Feb 22, 2019
31. Energy Virtual One Stop Shop (RA 11234) – signed March 8, 2019
32. Road Board abolition (RA 11239) – signed March 8, 2019
33. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act (RA 11285) – signed April 12, 2019



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34. Institutionalizing the Conditional Cash Transfer Program (RA 11310) – signed April 17, 2019

III. For President's Signature

1. Cheaper Electricity bill
2. Coconut Levy Fund utilization (vetoed)
3. Innovative Startup
4. Philippine Innovation Act
5. Philippine Space Development Act
6. Restructuring Excise Tax on Tobacco Products
7. Security of Tenure (RSR)

IV. For Bicameral Conference

1. Compressed Work Week Scheme (RSR)

V. Approved on Second/Third Reading

1. Amendments to the Constitution (Constituent Assembly resolution)

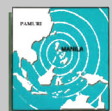
Senate: Under Constitutional Amendments Committee deliberation

House: Approved on Third Reading

2. Constitutional amendments

Senate: Under Constitutional Amendments Committee deliberations

House: Approved on Third Reading





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3. Budget Reform Act

Senate: Pending Second Reading

House: Approved on Third Reading

4. Clean Air Act amendments

Senate: Under Environment Committee deliberation

House: Approved on Third Reading

5. Crop Insurance for CARP Beneficiaries

Senate: Pending in Agrarian Reform Committee

House: Approved on Third Reading

6. Crop Insurance for Farmers and Fisherfolk

Senate: Pending in Agriculture Committee

House: Approved on Third Reading

7. Declaring the Iglesia ni Cristo Foundation every July 27 as NWH – RSR

Senate: Under Education, Arts, Culture deliberation

House: Approved on Third Reading

8. Delineation of Forest Limits

Senate: Pending in Natural Resources Committee

House: Approved on Third Reading

9. Department of Disaster Resilience

Senate: Under National Defense Committee deliberation

House: Approved on Third Reading



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10. Foreign Investments Act amendments

Senate: Pending Second Reading

House: Approved Third Reading

11. Granting Additional Service Incentive Leave (RSR)

Senate: Pending Second Reading

House: Approved on Third Reading

12. Granting Emergency Powers to the President to address Traffic Congestion

Senate: Pending Second Reading

House: Approved on Third Reading

13. Mining Fiscal regime bills (RSR)

Senate: Pending Second Reading

House: Approved on Third Reading

14. Mining Free Zone bills (Davao City, Davao Oriental, Biliran, North Cotabato, Southern Leyte, 3rd Dt, Palawan, Kibungan, Benguet, Marinduque, Nueva Vizcaya) - RSR

Senate: Pending in Environment Committee

House: Approved on Third Reading

15. National Land Use Act

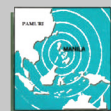
Senate: Pending in Environment Committee

House: Approved on Third Reading

16. Public Services Act amendments

Senate: Pending Second Reading

House: Approved on Third Reading





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17. Real Property Valuation Reform

Senate: Under Ways and Means Committee TWG deliberation

House: Approved on Third Reading

18. Retail Trade Act amendments

Senate: Under Trade Committee TWG deliberation

House: Approved on Third Reading

19. Rightsizing of the Government Bureaucracy

Senate: Pending Second Reading (Period of Interpellation)

House: Approved on Third Reading

20. Sustainable Forest Management bill

Senate: Pending in Environment Committee

House: Approved on Third Reading

21. Tax Reform (Excise Tax on Alcoholic Beverages)

Senate: Under Ways and Means Committee deliberation

House: Approved on Third Reading

22. Tax Reform (TRAIN 2 – Corporate Income Tax, Fiscal Incentives; RSR)

Senate: Under Ways and Means Committee deliberation

House: Approved on Third Reading

23. Tax Reform (TRAIN 4 – Financial Sector)

Senate: No bill filed

House: Approved on Third Reading



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VI. Pending Second Reading

1. Anti-Political Dynasty

Senate: Pending Second Reading

House: Pending in Suffrage and Electoral Reforms Committee

2. Apprenticeship Reform Act

Senate: Pending Second Reading (Period of Interpellation)

House: Approved by House Labor Committee

3. Freedom of Information

Senate: Pending Second Reading

House: Under Public Information Committee deliberation

4. Immigration Act

Senate: Under Justice Committee deliberation

House: Pending Second Reading

5. Mining Free Zone bills (Marinduque, Nueva Vizcaya) - RSR

Senate: No bill filed

House: Pending Second Reading

6. National Transportation Safety Board creation

Senate: Pending Second Reading

House: Approved by Government Reorganization and Transportation Committee

7. Regulating the Practice of Radio X-ray Technology

Senate: Pending Second Reading

House: Pending in Civil Service Committee



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8. Salary Standardization Law

Senate: Pending Second Reading

House: Pending in Appropriations Committee

VII. Under Committee/TWG Deliberation

1. Bank Secrecy law amendments

Senate: Under Banks Committee TWG deliberation

House: Pending in Banks Committee (contained in Income Tax Reform Bill)

2. BOT Law amendments

Senate: Pending in Public Works Committee

House: Approved by Public Works Committee

3. CAAP law amendments

Senate: Pending in Public Services Committee

House: Under Government Enterprises/Transportation Committee deliberations

4. Contractor's Law amendments

Senate: Under Trade Committee deliberation

House: Pending in Trade Committee

5. Creating the Philippine Airports Development Corporation

Senate: Pending in Government Corporation Committee

House: Approved by Government Enterprises Committee



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6. Direct Remittance of LGU share in national wealth taxes

Senate: Under Local Government TWG deliberation

House: Pending in Local Government Committee

7. Downstream Natural Gas Industry

Senate: Under Energy Committee deliberation

House: Pending in Committee

8. Mining-free Zone bills (RSR) – 3rd Dt. Palawan

Senate: Pending in Environment Committee

House: Under Natural Resources Committee deliberation

9. Strengthen the Crop Insurance System

Senate: Under Agriculture Committee deliberation

House: Pending in Agriculture Committee

10. Water Sector Reform act

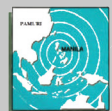
Senate: Pending in Public Services Committee

House: Under Government Enterprises 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. Memorandum Order directing the NEDA Board and its member agencies to exert utmost efforts to lift or ease restrictions on certain investment areas of activities with limited foreign participation (MO 16)





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– signed Nov 21, 2017

4. Energy Projects of National Significance (Draft EO of DOE)
5. Directing GPH Agencies to Implement the PDP (Draft EO of NEDA)
6. Separating Aircraft Investigation Board from CAAP (Draft EO of TAF)

I. Requiring Substantial Reconsideration (RSR)

1. Ban on Export of Mineral Ores

Senate: Pending Second Reading

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

Senate: No bill filed

House: Approved by Natural Resources Committee

4. Legislative Franchise Requirement for Public Transportation

Senate: No bill filed

House: Pending in Transportation Committee

5. Bills declaring Non-working Holidays

- a. Declaring Dec 25-31, Jan 1 as NWH

Senate: No bill filed

House: Pending in Education Committee



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b. Iglesia ni Kristo Day (July 27)

Senate: Under Education Committee deliberation

House: Approved on Third Reading

c. Chinese New Year

Senate: No bill filed

House: Pending in Revision of Laws Committee

d. To Honor the Fallen 44 (Jan 25)

Senate: No bill filed

House: Pending in Revision of Laws Committee

e. Return of Balangiga bells (Dec 11)

Senate: No bill filed

House: Approved on Third Reading

