

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**CABINET CLUSTERS WORKSHOP**  
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## Legislative Update

### **July 27, 1998 SONA**

Presidential Legislative Agenda:  
80 legislative priorities

### **July 26, 1999 SONA**

Presidential Legislative Agenda:  
39 MTPDP-consistent measures

## Legislative Accomplishment (2-year period)

- Total Enacted - 48 Laws
- 23 laws of national impact
- 15 from PLA
- 3 Certified bills outside of PLA

## Legislative Accomplishment (2-year period)

### 15 Laws from the PLA

1. Clean Air Act
2. GAA for FY 1999 & 2000
3. General Amnesty for Rebels
4. Visiting Forces Agreement (VFA)
5. ARMM Election Deferment (March - Sept. 1999)
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7. Countervailing Duties
8. Anti-Dumping Duties

## Legislative Accomplishment (2-year period)

### 15 Laws from the PLA

9. Retail Trade Liberalization Law
10. PESO Establishment
11. Extension of VAT Exemption for Financial Sector
12. Incentives to MNCs Regional Headquarters
13. COP/APT Life Extension
14. Amendments to the HIGC Charter
15. Amendments to the General Banking Act

## Legislative Accomplishment (2-year period)

### 3 Laws Certified Urgent by the President

1. Y2K Compliance Law
2. Amendments to PEZA Law
3. Electronic Commerce Law

## Legislative Accomplishment (2-year period)

### 1999 PLA : 70% in Advanced Stage

- **Awaits Presidential action**
  - » Motor Vehicles User's Charge
- **Pending in Bicam Conference Level**
  - » Securities Act
  - » Safeguard Measures Against Import Surge
  - » Power Sector Reform Act
  - » ARMM Elections Postponement

## Legislative Accomplishment (2-year period)

### 1999 PLA : 70% in Advanced Stage

- 16 Bills in Advanced Stage
  1. Plant Variety Registration & Protection Act
  2. DAR Adjudication Board Restructuring
  3. Fiscal Incentives Restructuring
  4. New Central Bank Act
  5. Tax Amnesty Program
  6. Shift in Customs Valuation System
  7. Anti-Trafficking in Women and Minors
  8. Early Childhood Care and Development Act

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  9. Philippine Micronutrient Fortification Act
  10. R-O-W for Public Infrastructure Projects
  11. Anti-TRO for Public Infrastructure Projects
  12. Amendments to ARMM Organic Act
  13. Empowerment of LGUs over PNP
  14. Anti-Racketeering Act
  15. Amendments to Dangerous Drugs Act
  16. Government Reorganization Act

## Legislative Accomplishment (2-year period)

### 13 Bills Stalled due to:

1. Lack of consensus among concerned agencies
2. Inadequate support from stakeholders
3. Insufficient appreciation of urgency/relevance
4. Lack of funds

## Legislative Accomplishment (2-year period)

### Other Measures in Advanced Stages

- **18 Bills outside of PLA**
  - » 2 Pending in Bicam Level
  - » 16 Pending in Plenary Level
- **17 Administration-sponsored Bills**
  - » 10 Certified Urgent
  - » 7 Endorsed Priority

## Reminders

- **Only 9 Months of Session left  
(July 2000-February 2001)**
- **Politically-charged Atmosphere**
- **Prioritization of Budget Bill and ARMM Organic Act over other bills**

## Suggested Prioritization Criteria

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- Impact as a Policy Response
- Viability of Enactment
- Urgency of Passage
- Availability of Funds

**END OF PRESENTATION**

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