



**SENATE**  
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**RESOLUTION**  
**AMENDING RULE IV, SECTION 6 AND RULE X, SECTIONS 13 AND 18**  
**OF THE RULES OF THE SENATE**

**RESOLVED BY THE SENATE**, To amend, as it hereby amends, Rule IV, Section 6 and Rule X, Sections 13 and 18 of the Rules of the Senate to read as follows:

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"RULE IV  
THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
HIS DUTIES AND POWERS  
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"SEC. 6. In case of the temporary absence of the President or the President Pro Tempore, the Majority Leader or in his absence, **ANY OF THE TWO [Assistant] DEPUTY** Majority Leader**S**, or any member designated by the President shall discharge the powers and duties of the President.

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"RULE X  
THE COMMITTEES

"SEC. 13. After the organization of the Senate in the manner provided in Rule IX, the following permanent committees shall be formed, with the duties, powers and general jurisdiction specified hereunder:

1 1) *Committee on Rules.* - Nine (9) members. All matters affecting the *Rules of*  
2 *the Senate*; the calendar as well as parliamentary rules and the order and  
3 manner of transacting business and the creation of committees. The  
4 **[Chairman] CHAIRPERSON** of the Committee shall be the Majority Leader of  
5 the Senate[.] **AND [T]the TWO** Vice **[Chairmen] CHAIRPERSONS** shall be  
6 the **[Assistant] DEPUTY** Majority Leaders.

7 2) *Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations.* - xxx

8 3) *Accounts.* -- **[Eleven (11)] THIRTEEN (13)** members. All matters relating  
9 to the auditing and adjustment of all accounts chargeable against the funds  
10 for the expenses and activities of the Senate.

11 4) *Agriculture, Food and Agrarian Reform.* - **[Fifteen (15)] SEVENTEEN (17)**  
12 members. All matters relating to agriculture, food production and agri-  
13 business, including agricultural experimental stations, agricultural economics  
14 and research; soil survey and conservation; agricultural education; technical  
15 extension services; animal husbandry; livestock quarantine; agricultural  
16 support price; and fisheries and aquatic resources; and all matters relating to  
17 agrarian reform, landed estates, and implementation of the agrarian land  
18 reform provisions of the Constitution.

19 **5) ARTS AND CULTURE. - NINE (9) MEMBERS. ALL MATTERS**  
20 **RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF**  
21 **MUSEUMS, SHRINES, MONUMENTS, AND OTHER HISTORICAL SITES**  
22 **AND EDIFICES; INITIATIVES IN FOSTERING ARTISTIC PRACTICES**  
23 **AND INNOVATIONS IN A RANGE OF PLATFORMS FOR**  
24 **PRESENTATION; SUPPORT FOR SCHOLARSHIP, CURATORSHIP AND**  
25 **DISSEMINATION OF KNOWLEDGE IN ARTS AND CULTURE;**  
26 **TRAINING PROGRAMS AND CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC PROGRAMS**  
27 **OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS**  
28 **OPERATING IN THE PHILIPPINES, SUCH AS THE UNESCO; AND THE**  
29 **PRESERVATION, ENRICHMENT AND EVOLUTION OF FILIPINO ARTS**  
30 **AND CULTURE, BUILT AND INTANGIBLE, AND IN BOTH**  
31 **TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY FORMS.**

32 **[5] 6) Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies.** - **[Nine (9)] ELEVEN (11)**  
33 members. All matters relating to banks, financial institutions, government and  
34 private currencies, capital markets, mutual funds, securitization, coinage and  
35 circulation of money.

1 [6] **7) Basic Education [Arts and Culture].** – Fifteen (15) members. All matters  
2 directly and principally relating to early childhood care and education, pre-  
3 school, kindergarten, [primary] **ELEMENTARY** and secondary education,  
4 science high schools except the Philippine Science High School System,  
5 **SPORTS HIGH SCHOOLS**, teachers and students welfare, teacher education  
6 and competency, non-formal, informal, indigenous learning systems, special  
7 **NEEDS** education and community adult education; inclusive education,  
8 scholarships, grants, subsidies and incentives to deserving students; the  
9 national language; and the establishment and maintenance of libraries.  
10 [museums, shrines, monuments, and other historical sites and edifices;  
11 training programs and cultural and artistic programs of international  
12 institutions and organizations operating in the Philippines, such as the  
13 UNESCO; and the preservation, enrichment and evolution of Filipino arts and  
14 culture].

15 [7] **8) Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation.**  
16 – [Seven (7)] **NINE (9)** members. All matters relating to the Civil Service and  
17 the status of officers and employees of the government including their  
18 appointment, discipline, retirement; their compensation privileges, benefits  
19 and incentives; implementation of the constitutional provisions on the rights  
20 of government workers to form and join labor organizations; public sector  
21 labor-management relations and collective negotiation agreements; the  
22 regulation of and admission to and the practice of the professions; and  
23 reorganization of the government or any of its branches or instrumentalities;  
24 all human resource development programs pertaining to the Government; and  
25 all other matters relating to the bureaucracy.

26 [8] **9) Constitutional Amendments and Revision of Codes.** – [Eleven (11)]  
27 **THIRTEEN (13)** members. All matters proposing amendments to the  
28 Constitution of the Philippines and the revision of the existing codes.

29 [9] **10) Cooperatives.** – [Nine (9)] **ELEVEN (11)** members. All matters  
30 relating to cooperatives, both urban and rural based, including but not limited  
31 to farm credit and farm security, cooperative movements, marketing and  
32 consumers' organizations; and the implementation of the Cooperative Code of  
33 the Philippines.

34 [10] **11) Cultural Communities AND MUSLIM AFFAIRS.** – [Seven (7)]  
35 **NINE (9)** members. All matters relating to cultural communities **AND**

1 **MUSLIM AFFAIRS INCLUSIVE OF THE PRESERVATION,**  
2 **DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURE, TRADITIONS, INSTITUTIONS, AND**  
3 **WELL-BEING OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND MUSLIM FILIPINOS.**

4 [11] **12) Economic Affairs.** – [Nine (9)] **ELEVEN (11)** members. All matters  
5 relating to economic planning and programming; the planning of domestic and  
6 foreign public indebtedness; general economic development; and  
7 coordination, regulation and diversification of industry and investments.

8 [12] **13) Electoral Reforms and People's Participation** – [Eleven (11)]  
9 **THIRTEEN (13)** members. All matters pertaining to election laws and the  
10 implementation of the constitutional provisions on initiative and referendum  
11 on legislative acts; recall of elective officials; the role and rights of people's  
12 organizations; and sectoral or party-list representation.

13 [13] **14) Energy.** – xxx

14 [14] **15) Environment and Natural Resources and Climate Change.** –

15 [15] **16) Ethics and Privileges.** – xxx

16 [16] **17) Finance.** – xxx

17 [17] **18) Foreign Relations.** – [Fifteen (15)] **SEVENTEEN (17)** members. All  
18 matters pertaining to the relations of the Philippines with other nations  
19 generally; diplomatic and consular services; the Association of Southeast Asian  
20 Nations; the United Nations Organization and its agencies; multi-lateral  
21 organizations; all international agreements, obligations and contracts; and  
22 overseas Filipinos.

23 [18] **19) Games and Amusement.** – [Nine (9)] **ELEVEN (11)** members. All  
24 matters relating to games and amusement, such as, but not limited to, casinos,  
25 lotteries, jai-alai and horse-racing.

26 [19] **20) Government Corporations and Public Enterprises.** – xxx

27 [20] **21) Health and Demography.** – [Eleven (11)] **THIRTEEN (13)**  
28 members. All matters relating to public health in general, medical, hospital and  
29 quarantine services; population issues, concerns, policies and programs  
30 affecting individuals and their families, their effects on national, social and  
31 economic conditions.

32 [21] **22) Higher, Technical and Vocational Education.** – xxx

33 [22] **23) Justice and Human Rights.** – xxx

34 [23] **24) Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development.** – [Thirteen  
35 (13)] **FIFTEEN (15)** members. All matters relating to labor, employment and

1 human resource development; maintenance of industrial peace; promotion of  
2 employer-employee cooperation; labor education, standards and statistics;  
3 [organization of the labor market including recruitment, training and  
4 placement of workers and exports of human resources;] foreign workers in  
5 the Philippines; promotion and development of workers' organizations; and  
6 promotion and development of employment-intensive technology.

7 **[24] 25) Local Government.** – [Thirteen (13)] **FIFTEEN (15)** members. All  
8 matters relating to autonomous regions, provinces, cities, special metropolitan  
9 political subdivisions, municipalities and barangays.

10 **26) MIGRANT WORKERS. - FIFTEEN (15) MEMBERS. ALL MATTERS**  
11 **RELATING TO THE RIGHTS, SAFETY, WELFARE, WELL-BEING,**  
12 **INTEREST, AND PROTECTION OF OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS**  
13 **(OFWS) AND SEAFARERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

14 **[25] 27) National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification and**  
15 **Reconciliation.** – xxx

16 **[26] 28) Public Information and Mass Media.** – [Eleven (11)] **THIRTEEN**  
17 **(13)** members. All matters relating to public information, mass communication  
18 and broadcast services; the implementation of the provisions of the  
19 Constitution regarding ownership and management of mass media and the  
20 advertising industry; the development and promotion of information  
21 technology; and all matters relating to the artistic standards and quality of the  
22 motion picture and television industry.

23 **[27] 29) Public Order and Dangerous Drugs.** – [Nine (9)] **ELEVEN (11)**  
24 members. All matters relating to peace and order; the Philippine National  
25 Police; the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology; the Bureau of Fire  
26 Protection; private security agencies; the use, sale, acquisition, possession,  
27 cultivation, manufacture and distribution of prohibited and regulated drugs and  
28 other similar substances as provided for under pertinent laws, and the  
29 prosecution of offenders, rehabilitation of drug users and dependents,  
30 including the formulation of drug-related policies.

31 **[28] 30) Public Services.** – xxx

32 **[29] 31) Public Works.** – xxx

33 **[30] 32) Science and Technology.** – xxx

1 [31] **33) Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development.** – [Seven (7)] **NINE**  
2 **(9)** members. All matters relating to rural development and welfare, and the  
3 Constitution on Social Justice.

4 [32] **34) Sports.** – [Nine (9)] **ELEVEN (11)** members. All matters relating to  
5 the promotion of physical fitness, professional and amateur sports  
6 development.

7 [33] **35) Sustainable Development Goals, Innovation and Futures Thinking.** –  
8 [Fifteen (15)] **NINE (9)** members. All matters relating to the United Nations  
9 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Assessment of the  
10 country's performance in attaining said development goals through policies,  
11 strategies, and actions for the development of desirable futures by using a  
12 multi-disciplinary approach in illuminating possibilities, outlining policy choices,  
13 and assessing alternatives.

14 [34] **36) Tourism.** – [Eleven (11)] **FIFTEEN (15)** members. All matters  
15 relating to tourism and the tourist industry.

16 [35] **37) Trade, Commerce and Entrepreneurship.** – [Nine (9)] **ELEVEN (11)**  
17 members. All matters relating to domestic and foreign trade and private  
18 corporations; micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs); social  
19 enterprises; the promotion of entrepreneurship and the regulation of  
20 entrepreneurial practice; patents, copyrights, trade names and trademarks;  
21 standards, weights, measures and designs; quality control, control and  
22 stabilization of prices of commodities; consumer protection; handicrafts and  
23 cottage industries and marketing of commodities.

24 [36] **38) Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement.** – xxx

25 [37] **39) Ways and Means.** – xxx

26 [38] **40) Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality.** – [Nine (9)]  
27 **ELEVEN (11)** members. All matters relating to women, the welfare and  
28 protection of children, family relations, and equality before the law of women  
29 and men.

30 [39] **41) Youth.** – [Seven (7)] **NINE (9)** members. All matters related to the  
31 youth and its vital role in nation-building, promotion and protection of their  
32 physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual, and social well-being, inculcation of  
33 patriotism, nationalism and their involvement in public and civic affairs.

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1           **SEC. 18.** The membership of the permanent committees, including their  
2           respective [Chairmen] **CHAIRPERSONS**, shall be chosen by the Senate. **THE**  
3           **DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADERS AND DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER**  
4           **SHALL BE MEMBERS OF ALL PERMANENT COMMITTEES.** The  
5           [Chairman] **CHAIRPERSON** of each committee may designate the Vice  
6           [Chairman] **CHAIRPERSON** or such Vice [Chairmen] **CHAIRPERSONS** of  
7           [his] **THE** committee and create such subcommittees as may be deemed  
8           necessary.

*Adopted,*