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## The 17<sup>th</sup> Congress: An overview

The 2016 Philippine Election proved to be successful in terms of voter turnout, with over 44.3 million Filipinos (84% of total registered voters) participating, resulting to a substantially higher turnout rate than those of previous election years.

And with the conclusion of the canvassing of votes by the COMELEC and the National Board of Canvassers (NBOC), we now have an overview of the incoming 17th Congress.

### The Senate

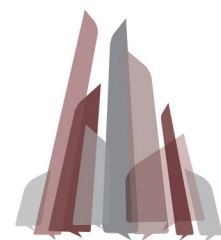
Of the 24 senators serving in the 17th Congress for the next three years, six are from the Liberal Party (LP), five are Independent, four are from the United Nationalist Alliance (UNA), three each from both the Nacionalista Party (NP) and the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC), and one each from Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino (LDP), PDP-Laban, and Akbayan.

Out of the 12 incoming senators in 2016, only three are incumbents and majority (9 out of 12) are first-term senators, though four of them have already served previously in the Senate. Of the remaining 12 who started their terms in 2013, five will be finishing their second terms by 2019.

From the 16th Congress, six senators are ending their second terms; out of the six, one will be serving in a lower position (Sen. Pia Cayetano won as the Representative of the 2nd District of Taguig), two others ran for higher and lower offices but lost, while the remaining three opted not to seek any other elective position.

Shortly after the results of the elections were released to the public, Lakas-Christian Muslim Democrats (Lakas-CMD), NP, and NPC signed a coalition agreement with PDP-Laban, incoming President Rodrigo Duterte's political party, thereby, comprising the presumptive majority bloc in the Senate.

As of end-May, three names have already been floated to fill the position of the next Senate President: Sen. Alan Peter Cayetano (NP), Sen. Vicente Sotto III (NPC), and Sen. Aquilino Pimentel III (PDP-Laban), who, as of the news during the first week of June, appears to be the current frontrunner.



CYCLE	NAME	PARTY*	TERM
2016 - 2022	DE LIMA, Leila Norma Eulalia Josefa M.	LP	1
	DRILON, Franklin M.	LP	2
	GATCHALIAN, Sherwin T.	NPC	1
	GORDON, Richard J.	IND	1
	HONTIVEROS-BARAQUEL, Ana Theresia N.	AKBAYAN	1
	LACSON, Panfilo M.	IND	1
	PACQUIAO, Emmanuel D.	UNA	1
	PANGILINAN, Francis N.	LP	1
	RECTO, Ralph G.	LP	2
	SOTTO, Vicente III C.	NPC	2
	VILLANUEVA, Emmanuel Joel V.	LP	1
	ZUBIRI, Juan Miguel F.	IND	1
2013 - 2019	ANGARA, Juan Edgardo M.	LDP	1
	AQUINO, Paolo Benigno IV A.	LP	1
	BINAY, Maria Lourdes Nancy S.	UNA	1
	CAYETANO, Alan Peter S.	NP	2
	EJERCITO, Joseph Victor G.	UNA	1
	ESCUDERO, Francis Joseph G.	IND	2
	HONASAN, Gregorio II B.	UNA	2
	LEGARDA, Loren D.	NPC	t2
	PIMENTEL, Aquilino L. III	PDP-LABAN	1
	POE-LLAMANZARES, Mary Grace S.	IND	1
	TRILLANES, Antonio F. IV	NP	2
VILLAR, Cynthia A.	NP	1	

\*As of June 8, 2016

### The House of Representatives

As mandated by the Constitution, "The House of Representatives shall be composed of not more than two hundred and fifty members, unless otherwise fixed by law, who shall be elected from legislative districts apportioned among the provinces, cities, and the Metropolitan Manila area in accordance with the number of their respective inhabitants, and on the basis of a uniform and progressive ratio, and those who, as provided by law, shall be elected through a party-list system of registered national, regional, and sectoral parties or organizations."

#### DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

For the 17th Congress, there will be 238 incoming district representatives, 28.15% (67 out of 238) of whom are women, while 71.85% (171 out of 238) are men; 107 are first-term representatives, while 131 are incumbents, who include 73 second-term representatives and 58 serving their last terms.

Incoming President Duterte has endorsed incoming Davao Del Norte Representative, Pantaleon Alvarez, as the next House Speaker. Rep. Alvarez has previously served as the District Representative of Davao del Norte (1998-2001), and as Transportation and Communications Secretary under former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

According to Rep. Alvarez, aside from PDP-Laban, confirmed members of the House majority bloc include: Lakas, NP, NPC, and the National Unity Party (NUP). As of June 8, it has been reported that PDP-Laban and Alvarez are still in talks with 16th Congress House Speaker Feliciano Belmonte of the LP, and the Makabayan bloc for possible inclusion in the majority.

**PARTY-LISTS**

Pursuant to NBOC Resolution No. 008-16, promulgated on May 19, 46 party-list groups are entitled to a total of 59 seats, serving for a term of 3 years.

Out of the 46 incoming party-list groups, only six are first-time party-lists in Congress: 1PACMAN, ACTS-OFW, ALONA, Ang Kabuhayan, KABAYAN, Kusug Tausug, and MANILA TEACHERS.

<b>PROVINCE/CITY</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>	<b>PARTY*</b>	<b>TERM</b>
Abra	Lone	BERNOS, JB	PDP-Laban	1
Agusan del Norte	1	FORTUN, Lawrence Lemuel	LP	2
	2	AMANTE, Erlpe John	LP	2
Agusan del Sur	1	PLAZA, Maria Valentina	NUP	3
	2	PLAZA-MELLANA, Evelyn	NUP	3
Aklan	Lone	MARQUEZ, Carlito	NPC	1
Albay	1	LAGMAN, Edcel	LP	2
	2	SALCEDA, Joey	LP	1
	3	GONZALES, Fernando	LP	1
Antipolo	1	ROA-PUNO, Chiqui	NUP	1
	2	ACOP, Romeo	LP	3
Antique	Lone	JAVIER, Paolo Everdado	LP	3
Apayao	Lone	BALUT-BEGTANG, Eleanor	NPC	3
Aurora	Lone	ANGARA-CASTILLO, Bellaflor	LDP	2
Bacolod	Lone	GASATAYA, Greg	NPC	1
Baguio	Lone	GO, Mark	NP	1
Basilan	Lone	AKBAR, Jum Jainudin	LP	1
Bataan	1	ROMAN, Geraldine	LP	1
	2	GARCIA, Joet	NUP	1
Batanes	Lone	ABAD, Henedina	LP	3
Batangas	1	ERMITA-BUHAIN, Eileen	NP	2
	2	ABU, Raneo	NP	2
	3	COLLANTES, Maria Theresa	LP	1
	4	BOLILIA, Lianda	LP	1
	5	MARIÑO, Marivic	LP	1
	6	SANTOS-RECTO, Vilma	LP	1
Benguet	Lone	COSALAN, Ronald	LP	3

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Biliran	Lone	ESPINA, Rogelio	LP	3
Biñan	Lone	ALONTE-Naguiat	LP	1
Bohol	1	RELAMPAGOS, Rene	LP	3
	2	AUMENTADO, Erico Aristotle	NPC	2
	3	YAP, Arthur	NPC	3
Bukidnon	1	ACOSTA-ALBA, Malou	LP	2
	2	FLORES, Florencio Jr.	NP	3
	3	ZUBIRI, Manuel	LP	1
	4	ROQUE, Oneil	NPC	2
Bulacan	1	SY-ALVARADO, Jose Antonio	PDP-Laban	1
	2	PANCHO, Apolonio	NUP	3
	3	SILVERIO, Lorna	NUP	1
	4	VILLARICA, Linabelle Ruth	LP	3
Cagayan	1	NOLASCO, Ramon	LP	1
	2	VARGAS-ALFONSO, Baby Aline	NUP	3
	3	TING, Randolph	NUP	3
Cagayan de Oro	1	UY, Rolando	LP	2
	2	RODRIGUEZ, Maximo Jr.	CDP	1
Caloocan	1	MALAPITAN, Dale	PDP-Laban	1
	2	ERICE, Edgar	LP	2
Camarines Norte	1	UNICO, Renato Jr.	PDP-Laban	1
	2	PANOTES, Marisol	LP	1
Camarines Sur	1	ANDAYA, Rolando Jr.	PDP-Laban	3
	2	VILLAFUERTE, Lray	NP	1
	3	BORDADO, Gabriel	LP	1
	4	FUENTEBELLA, Arnulfo	NPC	1
	5	SALVIO, Fortuno	LP	2
Camiguin	Lone	ROMUALDO, Xavier Jesus	LP	2
Capiz	1	BILLONES, Emmanuel	LP	1
	2	CASTRO, Fredenil	NUP	2
Camiguin	Lone	SARMIENTO, Cesar	PDP-Laban	3
Cavite	1	ABAYA, Francis Gerald	LP	2
	2	REVILLA, Strike	Lakas	1
	3	ADVINCULA, Alex	LP	2
	4	BARGAZA, Jennifer	NUP	1
	5	LOYOLA, Roy	PDP-Laban	3
	6	FERRER, Luis IV	NUP	2
	7	TOLENTINO, Abraham	PDP-Laban	2

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Cebu	1	GULLAS, Gerald Anthony Jr.	NP	2
	2	CAMINERO, Wilfredo	LP	2
	3	GARCIA, Gwendolyn	PDP-Laban	2
	4	SALIMBANGON, Benhur	NUP	3
	5	DURANO, Ramon VI	NPC	1
	6	CORTES, Jonas	LP	1
	7	CALDERON, Peter John	LP	1
Cebu City	1	DEL MAR, Raul	LP	2
	2	ABELLANOSA, Rodrigo	LP	2
Compostela Valley	1	ZAMORA, Maricar	LP	2
	2	GONZAGA, Ruwel Peter	LP	1
Cotabato	1	SACDALAN, Jesus	PDP-Laban	3
	2	CATAMCO, Nancy	LP	3
	3	TEJADA, Jose	LP	2
Davao City	1	NOGRALES, Karlo	NUP	3
	2	GARCIA-ALBANO, Mylene	PDP-Laban	3
	3	UNGAB, Alberto	NP	1
Davao del Norte	1	ALVAREZ, Pantaleon	PDP-Laban	1
	2	FLOIRENDO, Tonyboy	Kusog Baryohanon	1
Davao del Sur	Lone	CAGAS, Mercedes	NP	1
Davao Occidental	Lone	BAUTISTA-BANDIGAN, Lorna	LP	1
Davao Oriental	1	NUÑEZ-MALANYAON, Corazon	NP	1
	2	ALMARIO, Joel Mayo	PDP-Laban	1
Dinagat Islands	Lone	BAG-AO, Kaka	LP	2
Eastern Samar	Lone	EVARDONE, Ben	LP	3
Guimaras	Lone	NAVA, Lucille	PDP-Laban	1
Ifugao	Lone	BAGUILAT, Teddy	LP	3
Iligan	Lone	SIAO, Frederick	UNA	1
Ilocos Norte	1	FARIÑAS, Rodolfo	NP	3
	2	MARCOS, Imelda	NP	3
Ilocos Sur	1	SAVELLANO, Deogracias Victor	NP	1
	2	SINGSON, Eric	PDP-Laban	2
Iloilo	1	GARIN, Richard	LP	2
	2	GORRICETA, Arcadio	LP	2
	3	DEFENSOR, Arthur Jr.	LP	3
	4	BRION, Ferjanel G.	NUP	1
	5	TUPAS, Raul	NPC	1
Iloilo City	Lone	TREÑAS, Jerry	PDP-Laban	3

Isabela	1	ALBANO, Rodolfo III	NP	2
	2	GO, Ana Cristina	LP	3
	3	DY, Napoleon	NPC	3
	4	AGGABAO, Nettie	NPC	1
Kalinga	Lone	MANGAOANG, Allen Jesse	LP	1
La Union	1	ORTEGA, Pablo	LP	1
	2	ERIGUEL, Sandra	PDP-Laban	1
Laguna	1	ARCILLAS-NAZARENO, Arlene	LP	1
	2	CHIPECO, Jun	LP	2
	3	ARAGONES, Sol	UNA	2
	4	AGARAO, Benjamin	LP	2
Lanao del Norte	1	DIMAPORO, Khalid	PDP-Laban	1
	2	DIMAPORO, Abdullah	LP	2
Lanao del Sur	1	ADIONG, Ansaruddin Alonto	LP	2
	2	PAPANDAYAN, Jun	PDP-Laban	1
Lapu-Lapu City	Lone	RADAZA, Jun	LP	2
Las Piñas	Lone	VILLAR, Mark	NP	3
Leyte	1	ROMUALDEZ, Yedda	Lakas	1
	2	ONG, Henry	NPC	1
	3	VELOSO, Ching	PDP-Laban	1
	4	TORRES-GOMEZ, Lucy	PDP-Laban	3
	5	CARI, Jose Carlos	NPC	3
Maguindanao	1	SEMA, Bai Sandra	LP	3
	2	MANGUDADATU, Zajid	PDP-Laban	2
Makati	1	DEL ROSARIO, Monsour	UNA	1
	2	CAMPOS, Luis	UNA	1
Malabon	Lone	SANDOVAL, Federico II	PDP-Laban	1
Mandaluyong	Lone	GONZALES, Alexandra	PDP-Laban	1
Manila	1	LOPEZ, Manny	NPC	1
	2	LOPEZ, Carlo	LP	3
	3	SERVO, Yul	Asenso Manileño	1
	4	MACEDA, Edward	Asenso Manileño	1
	5	BAGATSING, Cristal	KABAKA	1
	6	OCAMPO, Sandy	LP	3
Marikina	1	FERNANDO, Bayani	NPC	1
	2	QUIMBO, Miro	LP	3
Marinduque	Lone	VELASCO, Lord Allan Jay	NUP	2

Masbate	1	ESPINOSA-BRAVO, Marvi	NUP	2
	2	KHO, Elisa Olga	NP	2
	3	LANETE, Scott Davies	NPC	3
Misamis Occidental	1	ALMONTE, Jorge	PDP-Laban	2
	2	OAMINAL, Henry	NP	2
Misamis Oriental	1	UNABIA, Peter	PDP-Laban	3
	2	UY, Juliette	NUP	2
Mountain Province	Lone	DALOG, Maximo	LP	3
Muntinlupa	Lone	BIAZON, Ruffy	LP	1
Navotas	Lone	TIANGCO, Toby	UNA	3
Negros Occidental	1	YAP, Melecio	NPC	1
	2	CUEVA, Leo Rafael	NUP	2
	3	BENITEZ, Alfredo	PDP-Laban	3
	4	FERRER, Juliet Marie	NUP	1
	5	MIRASOL, Alejandro	LP	3
	6	ALVAREZ, Mercedes	NPC	3
Negros Oriental	1	LIMKAICHIONG, Jocelyn	LP	1
	2	SAGARBARRIA, Manuel	NPC	1
	3	TEVES, Arnulfo	PDP-Laban	1
Northern Samar	1	DAZA, Raul	LP	1
	2	ONGCHUAN, Edwin	NUP	1
Nueva Ecija	1	SUANSING, Estrelita	PDP-Laban	2
	2	VIOLAGO, Mikki	LP	1
	3	VERGARA, Ria	NPC	1
	4	ANTONIO-NADRES, Magnolia	UNA	2
Nueva Vizcaya	Lone	CUARESMA, Luisa Lloren	UNA	1
Occidental Mindoro	Lone	RAMIREZ-SATO, Josephine	LP	2
Oriental Mindoro	1	LEACHON, Paulino Salvador	LP	2
	2	UMALI, Reynaldo	PDP-Laban	3
Palawan	1	ALVAREZ, Chicoy	PDP-Laban	2
	2	ABUEG, Frederick	LP	2
	3	ACOSTA, Gil	NPC	1
Pampanga	1	LAZATIN, Carmelo II	Lingap Lugud	1
	2	MACAPAGAL-ARROYO, Gloria	LAKAS	3
	3	GONZALES, Aurelio Jr.	NPC	1
	4	BONDOC, Juan Pablo	NP	2

Pangasinan	1	CELESTE, Jesus	NPC	3
	2	BATAOIL, Leopoldo	LP	3
	3	ARENAS, Rosemarie	PDP-Laban	2
	4	DE VENECIA, Christopher	LP	1
	5	ESPINO, Amado Jr.	AKSYON	1
	6	PRIMICIAS-AGABAS, Marlyn	NPC	3
Parañaque	1	OLIVAREZ, Eric	LP	2
	2	TAMBUNTING, Gus	UNA	2
Pasay	Lone	CALIXTO, Rubiano	LP	3
Pasig	Lone	EUSEBIO, Ricky	NP	1
Quezon	1	ENVERGARA, Trina	NPC	1
	2	ALCALA, Vicente	LP	2
	3	SUAREZ, Danilo	LAKAS	1
	4	TAN, Angelina	NPC	2
Quezon City	1	CRISOLOGO, Vincent	PDP-Laban	1
	2	CASTELO, Winston	LP	3
	3	BANAL, Bolet	LP	3
	4	BELMONTE, Feliciano Jr.	LP	3
	5	VARGAS, Alfred	LP	2
	6	BELMONTE, Jose Christoper	LP	2
Quirino	Lone	CUA, Dakila Carlo	LP	3
Rizal	1	DUAVIT, Jack	NPC	1
	2	RODRIGUEZ, Isidro Jr.	NPC	2
Romblon	Lone	MADRONA, Emmanuel	NP	1
Samar	1	SARMIENTO, Edgar	LP	1
	2	TAN, Milagrosa	NPC	2
San Jose del Monte	Lone	ROBES, Rida	Arangkada San Joseño	1
San Juan	Lone	ZAMORA, Ronaldo	PDP-Laban	2
Sarangani	Lone	PACQUIAO, Rogelio	PDP-Laban	1
Siquijor	Lone	ROCAMORA, Ramon Vicente	Independent	1
Sorsogon	1	ESCUADERO, Evelina	NPC	2
	2	RAMOS, Deogracias	PDP-Laban	3
South Cotabato	1	ACHARON, Pedro	NPC	3
	2	HERNANDEZ, Ferdinand	NPC	2
Southern Leyte	Lone	MERCADO, Roger	LP	1
Sultan Kudarat	1	MANGUDADATU, Suharto	PTM	1
	2	SUANSING, Toto	PDP-Laban	1
Sulu	1	LOONG, Tupay	NUP	2
	2	ARBISON, Maryam	LP	2



Surigao del Norte	1	MATUGAS, Francisco Jose II	LP	1
	2	BARBERS, Robert	NP	1
Surigao del Sur	1	PICHAY, Prospero Jr.	Lakas	1
	2	PIMENTEL, Johnny	LP	1
Taguig–Pateros	1	CERAFICA, Arnel	LP	3
Taguig	2	CAYETANO, Pia	NP	1
Tarlac	1	COJUANGCO, Charlie	NPC	1
	2	YAP, Victor	NPC	1
	3	VILLANUEVA, Noel	NPC	2
Tawi-Tawi	Lone	SAHALI, Ruby	PDP-Laban	2
Valenzuela	1	GATCHALIAN, Weslie	NPC	1
	2	MARTINEZ, Eric	PDP-Laban	1
Zambales	1	KHONGHUN, Jeffrey	LP	2
	2	DELOSO-MONTALLA, Cherry	LP	2
Zamboanga City	1	LOBREGAT, Celso	LDP	2
	2	DALIPE, Manuel	NPC	1
Zamboanga del Norte	1	JALOSJOS, Seth Frederick	NP	2
	2	LABADLABAD, Glona	PDP-Laban	1
	3	AMATONG, Isagani	LP	2
Zamboanga del Sur	1	YU, Divina Grace	NPC	1
	2	ENERIO-CERILLES, Aurora	NPC	3
Zamboanga Sibugay	1	PALMA, Wilter II	LP	1
	2	HOFER, Dulce Ann	LP	2

\*POLITICAL PARTIES as of June 8, 2016.

	<b>PARTY-LIST</b>	<b>NO. OF VOTES</b>	<b>NO. OF SEATS</b>
1	Ako Bicol Political Party	1,664,975	3
2	Gabriela Women's Party*	1,367,795	2
3	One Patriotic Coalition of Marginalized Nationals	1,310,197	2
4	Act Teachers Party-List	1,180,752	2
5	Coalition of Associations of Senior Citizens in the Philippines	988,876	2
6	Kabalikat ng Mamamayan	840,393	2
7	Agri-Agra na Reporma para sa Magsasaka ng Pilipinas Movement	833,821	2
8	Puwera ng Bayaning Atleta	780,309	2
9	Buhay Hayaan Yumabong	760,912	2
10	Abono Party-List	732,060	2
11	Anak Mindanao Party-List	706,689	2
12	Cooperative Natcco Network Party	671,699	2
13	Akbayan Citizens' Action Party	608,449	1

14	Bayan Muna	606,566	1
15	Agricultural Sector Alliance of the Philippines	593,748	1
16	An Waray	590,895	1
17	Citizens Battle Against Corruption	555,760	1
18	Ang Asosasyon Sang Mangunguma Nga Bisaya Owa Mangunguma, Inc.	495,483	1
19	Advocacy for Social Empowerment and Nation Building through Easing Poverty, Inc.	494,725	1
20	Advocacy for Teacher Empowerment through Action Cooperation and Harmony Towards Educational Reforms, Inc.	475,488	1
21	You Against Corruption and Poverty	471,173	1
22	Democratic Independent Workers Association, Inc.	467,794	1
23	Trade Union Congress Party	467,275	1
24	Abang Lingkod, Inc.	466,701	1
25	LPG Marketers Association, Inc.	466,103	1
26	Alliance of Organizations, Networks and Associations of the Philippines, Inc.	434,856	1
27	Social Amelioration & Genuine Intervention on Poverty	397,064	1
28	Butil Farmers Party	395,011	1
29	Acts-Overseas Filipino Workers Coalition of Organizations	374,601	1
30	Anakpawis	367,376	1
31	Ang Kabuhayan	348,533	1
32	Angkla: Ang Partido ng mga Pilipinong Marino, Inc.	337,245	1
33	Ang Mata'y Alagaan	331,285	1
34	1st Consumers Alliance for Rural Energy, Inc.	329,627	1
35	Ang National Coalition of Indigenous Peoples Action Na! Inc.	318,257	1
36	Arts Business and Science Professionals	301,457	1
37	Kabataan Party-List	300,420	1
38	Bagong Henerasyon	299,381	1
39	Ating Agapay Sentrong Samahan ng mga Obrero, Inc.	294,281	1
40	Serbisyo sa Bayan Party	280,465	1
41	Magdalo Para sa Pilipino	279,356	1
42	Una ang Edukasyon	278,393	1
43	Manila Teachers' Savings and Loan Association, Inc.	268,613	1
44	Kusug Tausug	247,487	1
45	Aangat Tayo	243,266	1
46	Agbiag! Timpuyog Ilocano, Inc.	240,723	1

*\*Pending COMELEC Resolution on petition filed by GABRIELA for a third seat.*

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