

Committee Duties, Power and Jurisdiction

Committee on Accountability of Public Officers and Investigations (Blue Ribbon)

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to, including investigation of, malfeasance, misfeasance and nonfeasance in office by officers and employees of the government, its branches, agencies, subdivisions and instrumentalities; implementation of the provision of the Constitution on nepotism; and investigation of any matter of public interest on its own initiative or brought to its attention by any member of the Senate. *Rule X, Section 13 (36)*

Committee on Accounts

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to the auditing and adjustment of all accounts chargeable against the funds for the expenses and activities of the Senate. *Rule X, Section 13 (3)*

Committee on Agrarian Reform

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to agrarian reform, landed estates, and implementation of the agrarian land reform provisions of the Constitution. *Rule X, Section 13 (20)*

Committee on Agriculture and Food

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to agriculture, food-production and agri-business, including agricultural experimental stations, agricultural economics and research; soil survey and conservation; agricultural education; technical extension services; animal husbandry; livestock quarantine; agricultural support price; and fisheries and aquatic resources. *Rule X, Section 13 (10)*

Committee on Banks, Financial Institutions and Currencies

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to banks, financial institutions, government and private currencies, capital markets, mutual funds, securitization, coinage and circulation of money. *Rule X, Section 13 (7)*

Committee on Civil Service and Government Reorganization

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to the Civil Service and the status of officers and employees of the Government including their appointment, discipline, retirement; their compensation privileges, benefits and incentives; implementation of the constitutional provisions on the rights of government workers to form and join labor organizations; public sector labor-management relations and collective negotiation agreements; reorganization of the Government or any of its branches or instrumentalities; all human resource development programs pertaining to the Government; and all other matters relating to the bureaucracy. *Rule X, Section 13 (31)*

Committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws

Jurisdiction: All matters proposing amendments to the Constitution of the Philippines and the compilation and revision of existing codes and laws; election laws and implementation of constitutional provisions on initiative and referendum on legislative acts; recall of elective officials; the role and rights of people's organizations; and sectoral or party list representation. *Rule X, Section 13 (30)*

Committee on Cooperatives

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to cooperatives, both urban and rural-based, including but not limited to farm credit and farm security, cooperative movements, marketing and consumers' organization and the implementation of the Cooperative Code of the Philippines. *Rule X, Section 13 (11)*

Committee on Cultural Communities

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to cultural communities. *Rule X, Section 13 (19)*

Committee on Economic Affairs

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to economic planning and programming; the planning of domestic and foreign public indebtedness; general economic development; and coordination, regulation and diversification of industry and investments. *Rule X, Section 13 (6)*

Committee on Education, Arts and Culture

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to education, schools, colleges, universities; implementation of the provisions of the Constitution regarding the establishment of free public elementary and secondary education, scholarships grants, studies and incentives to deserving students; non-formal, informal, indigenous learning systems, and adult education; the preservation, enrichment and evolution of Filipino arts and culture; establishment and maintenance of libraries, museums, shrines, monuments, and other historical sites and edifices; training programs and cultural and artistic programs of international institutions and organizations operating in the Philippines, such as the UNESCO; and special commemorative events such as the observance of the centennial of the Philippine Independence. *Rule X, Section 13 (22)*

Committee on Energy

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to the exploration, exploitation, development, extraction, importation, refining, transport, marketing, distribution, conservation, or storage of all forms of energy products and resources such as from fossil fuels like petroleum, coal, natural gas and gas liquids, nuclear fuel resources; geothermal resources and non-conventional, existing and potential forms of energy resources; and generation, transmission and distribution of electric power. *Rule X, Section 13 (25)*

Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to the conservation and protection of the environment, the regulation of the impact of human activities on the same, the promotion of environmental awareness of our citizens, the renewal of resources in damaged eco-systems and other environmental-related issues; and all matters relating to the administration, management, development, protection, exploration, storage, renewal, regulation and licensing, and wise utilization of the country's national reserves including, but not limited to, forest, mineral, public land, off-shore areas and the development of industries based on these resources. *Rule X, Section 13 (24)*

Committee on Ethics and Privileges

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to the conduct, rights, privileges, safety, dignity, integrity and reputation of the Senate and its members. *Rule X, Section 13 (2)*

Committee on Finance

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to funds for the expenditures of the National Government and for the payment of public indebtedness; auditing of accounts and expenditures of the National Government; claims against the government; inter-governmental revenue sharing; and, in general, all matters relating to public expenditures. *Rule X, Section 13 (4)*

Committee on Foreign Relations

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to the relations of the Philippines with other nations generally; diplomatic and consular service; the Association of Southeast Asian Nations; the United Nations Organization and its agencies; multi-lateral organizations; all international agreements, obligations and contracts; and overseas Filipinos. *Rule X, Section 13 (12)*

Committee on Games, Amusement and Sports

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to games and amusement, such as lotteries, jai-alai, horse racing, dog-racing, wrestling, boxing, basketball and all other sports, as well as matters relating to amateur sports development. *Rule X, Section 13 (35)*

Committee on Government Corporations and Public Enterprises

Jurisdiction: All questions affecting government corporations, including all amendments to their charters; the interests of the government in the different industrial and commercial enterprises; privatization. *Rule X, Section 13 (8)*

Committee on Health and Demography

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to public health in general, medical, hospital and quarantine services; population issues, concerns, policies and programs affecting individuals and their families, their effects on national, social and economic conditions. *Rule X, Section 13 (23)*

Committee on Justice and Human Rights

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to the organization and administration of justice, civil courts, penitentiaries and reformatory schools; probation; impeachment proceedings against constitutional officers and other officers legally removable by impeachment; registration of land titles; immigration and naturalization; the implementation of the provisions of the Constitution on human rights; and all matters pertaining to the efficiency and reforms in the prosecution service. *Rule X, Section 13 (15)*

Committee on Labor, Employment and Human Resources Development

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to labor employment and human resource development; maintenance of industrial peace; promotion of employer-employee cooperation; labor education, standards and statistics; organization of the labor market including recruitment, training and placement of workers and exports of human resources; foreign workers in the Philippines; promotion and development of workers' organizations; promotion and development of employment-intensive technology. *Rule X, Section 13 (21)*

Committee on Local Government

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to autonomous regions, provinces, cities, special metropolitan political subdivisions, municipalities and barangays. *Rule X, Section 13 (17)*

Committee on National Defense and Security

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to national defense and external and internal threats to national security; the Armed Forces of the Philippines; pension plans and fringe benefits of war veterans and military retirees; citizens army selective service; forts; arsenals; military camps and reservations; coast, geodetic and meteorological surveys; civil defense; and military research and development. *Rule X, Section 13 (13)*

Committee on Peace, Unification and Reconciliation

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to peace, internal armed conflict resolution, political negotiation, cessation of hostilities, amnesty, rebel returnees, integration and development, national unification and reconciliation. *Rule X, Section 13 (14)*

Committee on Public Information and Mass Media

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to public information, mass communication and broadcast services; the implementation of the provisions of the Constitution regarding ownership and management of mass media and the advertising industry, the development and promotion of information technology; and all matters relating to the artistic standards and quality of the motion picture and television industry. *Rule X, Section 13 (29)*

Committee on Public Order and Illegal Drugs

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to peace and order; the Philippine National Police; the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology; the Bureau of

Fire Protection; private security agencies; the use, sale, acquisition, possession, cultivation, manufacture and distribution of prohibited and regulated drugs and other similar substances as provided for under pertinent laws, and the prosecution of offenders, rehabilitation of drug users and dependents, including the formulation of drug-related policies. *Rule X, Section 13 (32)*

Committee on Public Services

Jurisdiction: All matters affecting public services and utilities; communications; land, air, river and sea transportation including railroads, inter-island navigation, and lighthouses; and the grant or amendment of legislative franchises. *Rule X, Section 13 (28)*

Committee on Public Works

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to planning, construction, maintenance, improvement and repair of public buildings, highways, bridges, roads, ports, airports, harbors and parks; drainage, flood control and protection; and irrigation and water utilities. *Rule X, Section 13 (16)*

Committee on Rules

Jurisdiction: All matters affecting the Rules of the Senate; the calendar as well as parliamentary rules and the order and manner of transacting business and the creation of committees. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be the Majority Leader of the Senate. The Vice-Chairpersons shall be the Assistant Majority Leaders. *Rule X, Section 13 (1)*

Committee on Science and Technology

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to science and technology, including scientific and technological research, development and advancement. *Rule X, Section 13 (26)*

Committee on Social Justice, Welfare and Rural Development

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to rural development and welfare, and the implementation of the provisions of the Constitution on social justice. *Rule X, Section 13 (27)*

Committee on Tourism

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to tourism and the tourist industry. *Rule X, Section 13 (34)*

Committee on Trade and Commerce

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to domestic and foreign trade and private corporations; patents, copyrights, trade names and trademarks; standards, weights, measures and designs; quality control; control and stabilization of prices of commodities; consumer protection; handicraft and cottage industries; and marketing of commodities. *Rule X, Section 13 (9)*

Committee on Urban Planning, Housing and Resettlement

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to urban land reform planning, housing, resettlement and urban community development. *Rule X, Section 13 (18)*

Committee on Ways and Means

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to revenue generally; taxes and fees; tariffs; loans and other sources and forms of revenue. *Rule X, Section 13 (5)*

Committee on Youth, Women and Family Relations

Jurisdiction: All matters relating to the youth, women and family relations. *Rule X, Section 13 (33)*