



SENATE FAST FACTS

Change of Leadership

Sen. Manuel Manuel Villar served as Senate president from July 24, 2006 to November 17, 2008.

- On September 9, 2008, 8 senators signed a resolution to investigate an alleged double entry in the 2008 national budget.
- In a privilege speech, delivered on September 15, 2008, Sen. Panfilo Lacson revealed Senate President Villar's involvement with the C-5 double entry. Villar welcomed a senate investigation.
- Sen. Jamby Madrigal filed a complaint of conflict of interest and improper conduct against Villar before the Senate Ethics committee on October 8, 2008. She alleged that Villar used his position to influence public officials to relocate the C-5 extension project to favor Villar's properties in Parañaque and Las Piñas City.
- In the midst of reports of a Senate coup, Villar stepped down as Senate President on November 17, 2008, citing the lack of support of his colleagues. He was replaced by Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, who was nominated by Lacson. Zubiri became majority leader, while Pimentel remained Minority Leader. Lacson was appointed as the chairman of the Senate Ethics committee which was tasked to handle the complaint against Villar.
- On May 21, 2009, 12 Senators unanimously authorized a public trial against Senate President Villar.

Current Leadership

Senate President

Sen. Enrile was elected Senate President on November 17, 2008 after Sen. Villar stepped down. He earned 13 votes from the other senators.

- Senators who voted for Enrile: Angara, Biazon, Estrada, Escudero, Honasan II, Lacson, Lapid, Legarda, Madrigal, Zubiri, Revilla, Roxas, and Gordon.
- Senators who abstained: Arroyo, Cayetano (Alan), Cayetano (Pia), Pangilinan, Pimentel, and Aquino III.
- Notes: Defensor-Santiago was on leave. Villar left after the nomination. Enrile himself and Trillanes did not vote.

Ex Officio Members

Senate President Pro Tempore: Sen. Jinggoy Ejercito-Estrada

- Majority Leader: Sen. Juan Miguel F. Zubiri
- Minority Leader: Sen. Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr.

Committee Chairpersons

- Senators Escudero and Madrigal are tied at having the most number of committees chaired (8). They are followed by Lacson (6), Legarda (5), Honasan II (5) and Angara (4)
- Chairpersons for the following committees have yet to be selected: Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on the Lateral Attrition Act of 2005; Congressional Oversight Committee on the Special Purpose Vehicle Act; Congressional Oversight Committee on E-commerce



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Senate... (cont'd)

Senate by Gender

- Male- 19
- Female - 4

Party Membership

Liberal Party has the most number of senators (4) followed by Lakas-Kampi CMD (3). Six senators have indicated that they are independent.

Independent (6)

Cayetano, Pia S.
Honasan, Gregorio B. II
Arroyo, Joker
Trillanes, Antonio F. IV
Gordon, Richard
Lacson, Panfilo M.

Liberal Party (4)

Aquino, Benigno S. III
Biazon, Rodolfo G.
Pangilinan, Francis
Roxas, Mar A.

Lakas-Kampi CMD (3)

Lapid, Manuel M.
Revilla, Ramon Jr.
Zubiri, Juan Miguel F.

Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino (1)

Angara, Edgardo J.

Nationalist People's Coalition (2)

Escudero, Francis G.
Legarda, Loren

PDP-Laban (2)

Madrigal, Jamby
Pimentel, Aquilino Q. Jr.

Puwersa ng Masang Pilipino (2)

Ejercito-Estrada, Jingoy
Enrile, Juan Ponce

Nacionalista Party (2)

Cayetano, Allan Peter S.
Villar, Manny S.

People's Reform Party (1)

Defensor-Santiago, Miriam

Terms in Office

A senator's term of office is six years; he or she shall not serve for more than two consecutive terms.

Second and last term

- Senator Biazon (1998-2004; 2004-2010)
- Senator Pimentel (1998-2004; 2004-2010)

Half-way through last term: re-elected in 2007

- Senator Panfilo Lacson (2001-2007; 2007-2013)
- Senator Pangilinan (2001-2007; 2007-2013)
- Senator Joker Arroyo (2001-2007; 2007-2013)
- Senator Villar (2001-2007; 2007-2013),
- Senator Angara (1992-1998; 2001-2007; 2007-2013)

Senate... (cont'd)

First term: eligible for re-election

- Senator Enrile (1995-2001; 2004-2010)
- Senator Defensor Santiago (1995-2001; 2004-2010)
- Senator Jinggoy Ejercito-Estrada (2004-2010)
- Senator Cayetano, Pia (2004-2010)
- Senator Gordon (2004-2010)
- Senator Madrigal (2004-2010)
- Senator Roxas (2004-2010)
- Senator Lapid, Lito (2004-2010)
- Senator Revilla, Bong Jr. (2004-2010)

Halfway through first term: elected in 2007

- Senator Aquino II (2007-2013)
- Senator Cayetano, Alan Peter (2007-2013)
- Senator Escudero (2007-2013)
- Senator Honasan II (1995-2001; 2001-2004; 2007-2013)
- Senator Legarda (1998-2004; 2007-2013)
- Senator Trillanes IV (2007-2013)
- Senator Zubiri (2007-2013)

Senators who figure in the 2010 elections surveys

Senators Escudero, Lacson, Legarda, Roxas and Villar have been constantly listed in surveys by SWS and Pulse Asia as next possible presidents of the country.

Sources: Senate, www.i-site.ph, Senate staff, Pulse Asia, QS, news reports