



FINEX Calls for the Immediate Resumption of Senate Proceedings and the Full Organization of Senate Committees

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The Financial Executives Institute of the Philippines (FINEX) calls on the Senate to immediately resume regular proceedings and complete the organization of all standing committees necessary for the conduct of legislative business

Democracy depends on vigorous debate, but disagreement must be resolved through parliamentary process, not institutional paralysis. The Senate's constitutional duties—lawmaking, oversight, and deliberation on matters of national importance—cannot be discharged if proceedings remain stalled.

Both standing committees and plenary sessions are essential to legislative work: committees study proposals and refine measures, while the plenary debates, amends, and votes. Without them, bills cannot move and oversight cannot proceed.

FINEX therefore urges Senate leadership to complete the organization of all standing committees without delay and calls on all senators to attend and participate in regular plenary sessions so the institution can fulfill its constitutional mandate.

The costs of delay are real: government programs await enabling legislation, businesses postpone investment, communities remain underserved, and families continue to bear rising costs while needed reforms are trapped in procedural deadlock.

Public office carries both privilege and responsibility. Senators were elected not only to represent differing views, but to perform the duties entrusted to them by the Filipino people. Attendance, deliberation, and functioning committees are not optional political choices but core obligations of public service.

At a time when public confidence in institutions is essential, the Senate must return to the work of governance. The nation cannot move forward if one of its most important democratic institutions remains at a standstill.

Every day that the Senate is unable to perform its duties is another day that millions of Filipinos continue waiting for the action, leadership, and solutions they elected their government to provide.

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