

Republic of the Philippines
Congress of the Philippines
Metro Manila

Third Regular Session

Tenth Congress

Began and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the Twenty-Eighth of July, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

[Republic Act No. 8522]

AN ACT
APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES FROM
JANUARY ONE TO DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

Section 1. Appropriation of Funds. The following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any funds in the National Treasury of the Philippines not otherwise appropriated, for the operation of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines from January one to December thirty-one, nineteen hundred and ninety-eight, except where otherwise specifically provided herein:

I. CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

A. SENATE

For general administration and support, and operations, including locally-funded projects, as indicated hereunder....P 918,648,000

New Appropriations, by Program/Project
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Current Operating Expenditures

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
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A. PROGRAMS

I. General Administration and Support

a. General Administration and Support Services

P 225,352,000 P 180,771,000 P 16,328,000 P 422,451,000

b. Productivity Incentive Benefits

4,080,000 4,080,000

Sub-Total, General Administration and Support

229,432,000 180,771,000 16,328,000 426,531,000

II. Operations

a. Legislative Services

261,231,000 183,236,000 2,400,000 446,867,000

Sub-Total, Operations

261,231,000 183,236,000 2,400,000 446,867,000

Total, Programs

490,663,000 364,007,000 18,728,000 873,398,000

B. PROJECTS

I. Locally-Funded Project(s)

a. Operational Requirements for the Congressional Oversight Committee on Education

1,500,000 1,500,000 3,000,000

b. Operational Requirements for the Congressional Oversight Commission on Agricultural Modernization

3,183,000 6,817,000 10,000,000

c. Completion of the Senate Parking Area (Phase II), and Construction of Other Projects, Reclamation Area, Pasay City

32,250,000 32,250,000

Sub-Total, Locally-Funded Project(s)

4,683,000 8,317,000 32,250,000 45,250,000

Total, Projects

4,683,000 8,317,000 32,250,000 45,250,000

TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS

P 495,346,000 P 372,324,000 P 50,978,000 P 918,648,000

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
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I. General Administration and Support

a. General Administration and Support Services

1. General Management and Supervision

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TOTAL, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

P 490,663,000 P 364,007,000 P 18,728,000 P 873,398,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

(In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Projects

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services

Salaries of Permanent Positions

329,994

Contractual, Casuals and Emergency Personnel

8,430

Total Salaries/Wages

338,424

Other Compensation

Lump-sum for Creation of New Positions

5,673

Terminal Leave Benefits

9,664

PAG-IBIG Contributions

2,462

Medicare Premiums

918

Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums (ECIP)

738

Representation and Transportation Allowances

4,038

Honoraria

1,761

Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift

29,540

Step Increments for Length of Service

3,299

Personnel Economic Relief Allowance

12,306

Additional P500 Allowance

11,826

Productivity Incentive Benefits

4,080

Others

70,617

Total Other Compensation

156,922

01 Total Personal Services

495,346

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses

02 Travelling Expenses

44,282

03 Communication Services

13,796

04 Repair and Maintenance of Government Facilities

3,075

05 Repair and Maintenance of Government Vehicles

580

06 Transportation Services

106

07 Supplies and Materials

21,532

4 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 1998

08 Rents	122,305
14 Water, Illumination and Power Services	14,243
15 Social Security Benefits, Rewards and Other Claims	8,500
17 Training and Seminar Expenses	3,000
18 Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	21,073
20 Anti-Insurgency/Contingency/Emergency Expenses	1,304
23 Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants	2,160
24 Fidelity Bonds and Insurance Premiums	1,564
27 Library Books and Materials	816
29 Other Services	113,988
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Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	372,324
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Total Current Operating Expenditures	867,670
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Capital Outlays	
35 Buildings and Structures Outlay	32,350
36 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Books Outlay	18,628
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Total Capital Outlays	50,978
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TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	918,648
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A.1 SENATE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

For general administration and support, and operations, as indicated hereunder.....P 70,584,000

New Appropriations, by Program/Project
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Current Operating Expenditures

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. PROGRAMS				
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 11,100,000	P 3,713,000		P 14,813,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	340,000			340,000
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Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	11,440,000	3,713,000		15,153,000
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II. Operations				
a. Adjudication of Electoral Contests Involving Members of the Senate	20,443,000	33,488,000	1,500,000	55,431,000
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Sub-Total, Operations	20,443,000	33,488,000	1,500,000	55,431,000
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Total, Programs	31,883,000	37,201,000	1,500,000	70,584,000
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TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 31,883,000	P 37,201,000	P 1,500,000	P 70,584,000
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PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services				
1. General Management and Supervision	P 11,100,000	P 3,713,000		P 14,813,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	340,000			340,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	11,440,000	3,713,000		15,153,000
II. Operations				
a. Adjudication of Electoral Contests Involving Members of the Senate	20,443,000	33,488,000	1,500,000	55,431,000
Sub-Total, Operations	20,443,000	33,488,000	1,500,000	55,431,000
TOTAL, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	P 31,883,000	P 37,201,000	P 1,500,000	P 70,584,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

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(In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Projects

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services

Salaries of Permanent Positions	24,679
Contractual, Casuals and Emergency Personnel	300
Total Salaries/Wages	24,979

Other Compensation

Terminal Leave Benefits	250
PAG-IBIG Contributions	205
Medicare Premiums	77
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums (ECIP)	62
Representation and Transportation Allowances	588
Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift	2,228
Step Increments for Length of Service	247
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	1,026
Additional P500 Allowance	1,008
Clothing/Uniform Allowance	513
Productivity Incentive Benefits	340
Others	360

Total Other Compensation 6,904

01 Total Personal Services 31,883

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Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses

02 Travelling Expenses	800
03 Communication Services	805
04 Repair and Maintenance of Government Facilities	200
05 Repair and Maintenance of Government Vehicles	200
06 Transportation Services	150
07 Supplies and Materials	6,957
08 Rents	7,935
14 Water, Illumination and Power Services	4,085
15 Social Security Benefits, Rewards and Other Claims	100
17 Training and Seminar Expenses	115
18 Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	2,012
23 Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants	150
24 Fidelity Bonds and Insurance Premiums	1,000
29 Other Services	12,692
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	37,201
Total Current Operating Expenditures	69,084
Capital Outlays	
36 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Books Outlay	1,500
Total Capital Outlays	1,500
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	70,584

B. COMMISSION ON APPOINTMENTS

For general administration and support, and operations, as indicated hereunder.....P 157,353,000

New Appropriations, by Program/Project

	<u>Current Operating Expenditures</u>			
	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. PROGRAMS				
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 50,249,000	P 55,488,000	P 3,660,000	P 109,397,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	540,000			540,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	50,789,000	55,488,000	3,660,000	109,937,000
II. Operations				
a. Review or Confirmation of Appointments Submitted to the Commission	22,216,000	25,200,000		47,416,000
Sub-Total, Operations	22,216,000	25,200,000		47,416,000
Total, Programs	73,005,000	80,688,000	3,660,000	157,353,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 73,005,000	P 80,688,000	P 3,660,000	P 157,353,000

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

	Personal Services	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services				
1. General Management and Supervision	P 50,249,000	P 55,488,000	P 3,660,000	P 109,397,000
	540,000			540,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits				
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	50,789,000	55,488,000	3,660,000	109,937,000
II. Operations				
a. Review or Confirmation of Appointments Submitted to the Commission	22,216,000	25,200,000		47,416,000
Sub-Total, Operations	22,216,000	25,200,000		47,416,000
TOTAL, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	P 73,005,000	P 80,688,000	P 3,660,000	P 157,353,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

(In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Projects

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services

Salaries of Permanent Positions	37,377
Contractual, Casuals and Emergency Personnel	1,621
Total Salaries/Wages	38,998

Other Compensation

Lump-sum for Creation of New Positions	3,280
Terminal Leave Benefits	11,488
PAG-IBIG Contributions	324
Medicare Premiums	122
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums (ECIP)	97
Representation and Transportation Allowances	2,972
Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift	4,124
Step Increments for Length of Service	308
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	1,368
Additional P500 Allowance	1,422
Clothing/Uniform Allowance	810
Productivity Incentive Benefits	540
Others	7,152
Total Other Compensation	34,007

01 Total Personal Services

73,005

8 GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, FY 1998

Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses

02 Travelling Expenses	1,648
03 Communication Services	1,783
04 Repair and Maintenance of Government Facilities	26
05 Repair and Maintenance of Government Vehicles	334
06 Transportation Services	1
07 Supplies and Materials	3,141
08 Rents	11,037
14 Water, Illumination and Power Services	30
15 Social Security Benefits, Rewards and Other Claims	16,535
17 Training and Seminar Expenses	1,000
18 Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	492
23 Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants	300
24 Fidelity Bonds and Insurance Premiums	149
29 Other Services	44,212

Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses 80,688

Total Current Operating Expenditures 153,693

Capital Outlays

36 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Books Outlay 3,660

Total Capital Outlays 3,660

TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS 157,353

C. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

For general administration and support, and operations, including locally-funded project, as indicated hereunder.....P 1,841,184,000

New Appropriations, by Program/Project

	<u>Current Operating Expenditures</u>			<u>Total</u>
	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	
A. PROGRAMS				
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 1,020,013,000 P	406,057,000 P	1,994,000 P	P 1,428,064,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	6,492,000			6,492,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	<u>1,026,505,000</u>	<u>406,057,000</u>	<u>1,994,000</u>	<u>1,434,556,000</u>
II. Operations				
a. Legislative Services	87,203,000	310,182,000	6,300,000	403,685,000
Sub-Total, Operations	<u>87,203,000</u>	<u>310,182,000</u>	<u>6,300,000</u>	<u>403,685,000</u>
Total, Programs	<u>1,113,708,000</u>	<u>716,239,000</u>	<u>8,294,000</u>	<u>1,838,241,000</u>

B. PROJECTS

I. Locally-Funded Project(s)

a. Hosting of the 5th Biennial Conference of the Association of Parliamentary Libraries of Asia and the Pacific

2,943,000 2,943,000

Sub-Total, Locally-Funded Project(s)

2,943,000 2,943,000

Total, Projects

2,943,000 2,943,000

TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS

P 1,113,708,000 P 719,182,000 P 8,294,000 P 1,841,184,000

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

I. General Administration and Support

a. General Administration and Support Services

1. General Management and Supervision

P 1,020,013,000 P 406,057,000 P 1,994,000 P 1,428,064,000

b. Productivity Incentive Benefits

6,492,000 6,492,000

Sub-Total, General Administration and Support

1,026,505,000 406,057,000 P 1,994,000 1,434,556,000

II. Operations

a. Legislative Services

87,203,000 310,182,000 6,300,000 403,685,000

Sub-Total, Operations

87,203,000 310,182,000 6,300,000 403,685,000

TOTAL, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

P 1,113,708,000 P 716,239,000 P 8,294,000 P 1,838,241,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

(In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Projects

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services

Salaries of Permanent Positions

522,854

Contractual, Casuals and Emergency Personnel

204,884

Total Salaries/Wages

727,738

Other Compensation

Terminal Leave Benefits

48,098

PAG-IBIG Contributions

3,922

Medicare Premiums

1,470

Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums (ECIP)

1,177

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Representation and Transportation Allowances	3,786
Honoraria	2,806
Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift	48,371
Step Increments for Length of Service	5,393
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	19,638
Additional P500 Allowance	18,037
Clothing/Uniform Allowance	9,738
Productivity Incentive Benefits	6,492
Others	217,042
Total Other Compensation	385,970
01 Total Personal Services	1,113,708
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	
02 Travelling Expenses	184,987
03 Communication Services	31,754
04 Repair and Maintenance of Government Facilities	15,041
05 Repair and Maintenance of Government Vehicles	1,679
06 Transportation Services	328
07 Supplies and Materials	74,563
10 Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	2,437
14 Water, Illumination and Power Services	34,525
15 Social Security Benefits, Rewards and Other Claims	16,865
17 Training and Seminar Expenses	6,380
18 Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	27,445
20 Anti-Insurgency/Contingency/Emergency Expenses	4,400
23 Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants	6,101
24 Fidelity Bonds and Insurance Premiums	2,057
29 Other Services	310,620
Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	719,182
Total Current Operating Expenditures	1,832,890
Capital Outlays	
36 Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Books Outlay	8,294
Total Capital Outlays	8,294
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	1,841,184

C.1 HOUSE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL

For general administration and support, and operations, as indicated hereunder..... P 57,997,000

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New Appropriations, by Program/Project

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A. PROGRAMS

Current Operating Expenditures

	Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	Capital Outlays	Total
Personal Services			

I. General Administration and Support			
a. General Administration and Support Services	P 13,073,000	P 5,992,000	P 19,065,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	388,000		388,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	13,461,000	5,992,000	19,453,000
II. Operations			
a. Adjudication of Electoral Contests involving Members of the House of Representatives	22,798,000	15,746,000	38,544,000
Sub-Total, Operations	22,798,000	15,746,000	38,544,000
Total, Programs	36,259,000	21,738,000	57,997,000
TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	P 36,259,000	P 21,738,000	P 57,997,000

PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
I. General Administration and Support				
a. General Administration and Support Services				
1. General Management and Supervision	P 13,073,000	P 5,992,000		P 19,065,000
b. Productivity Incentive Benefits	388,000			388,000
Sub-Total, General Administration and Support	13,461,000	5,992,000		19,453,000
II. Operations				
a. Adjudication of Electoral Contests involving Members of the House of Representatives	22,798,000	15,746,000		38,544,000
Sub-Total, Operations	22,798,000	15,746,000		38,544,000
TOTAL, PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	P 36,259,000	P 21,738,000		P 57,997,000

New Appropriations, by Object of Expenditures

(In Thousand Pesos)

A. Programs/Locally-Funded Projects

Current Operating Expenditures

Personal Services

 Salaries of Permanent Positions 27,343

 Total Salaries/Wages 27,343

Other Compensation

Terminal Leave Benefits	116
Per Diems	888
PAG-IBIG Contributions	233
Medicare Premiums	87
Employees Compensation Insurance Premiums (ECIP)	70
Representation and Transportation Allowances	1,002
Honoraria	500
Year-End Bonus and Cash Gift	2,473
Step Increments for Length of Service	273
Personnel Economic Relief Allowance	1,164
Additional P500 Allowance	1,140
Clothing/Uniform Allowance	582
Productivity Incentive Benefits	388

Total Other Compensation	8,916
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01 Total Personal Services	36,259
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Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses

02 Travelling Expenses	1,106
03 Communication Services	404
04 Repair and Maintenance of Government Facilities	650
05 Repair and Maintenance of Government Vehicles	200
06 Transportation Services	3,000
07 Supplies and Materials	2,728
08 Rents	900
14 Water, Illumination and Power Services	996
15 Social Security Benefits, Rewards and Other Claims	1,401
17 Training and Seminar Expenses	150
18 Extraordinary and Miscellaneous Expenses	166
23 Gasoline, Oil and Lubricants	150
24 Fidelity Bonds and Insurance Premiums	500
29 Other Services	9,387

Total Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	21,738
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Total Current Operating Expenditures	57,997
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TOTAL NEW APPROPRIATIONS	57,997
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Special Provisions Applicable to the Congress of the Philippines

1. Augmentation of Any Item in the Appropriations of the Congress of the Philippines. Pursuant to Section 25(5) of Article VI of the Constitution, the President of the Senate, with respect to the Senate and the Commission on Appointments, the Speaker, with respect to the House of Representatives and the Chairmen of the Senate and the House of Representatives Electoral Tribunals, are hereby authorized to augment any item in the general appropriations law for their respective offices from savings in other items of their respective appropriations.

2. Organizational Structure of the Senate, the House of Representatives, the Senate and House of Representatives Electoral Tribunals and the Commission on Appointments. Any provision of law to the contrary notwithstanding and within the limits of the appropriation authorized in this Act, the President of the Senate, with respect to the Senate and the Commission on Appointments, the Speaker, with respect to the House of Representatives and the Chairmen of the Senate and House of Representatives Electoral Tribunals, are authorized to formulate and implement the organizational structures of their respective offices, to fix and determine the salaries, allowances and other benefits of their respective members, employees and consultants, subject to Section 10, Article VI of the Constitution, and whenever public interest so requires, make adjustments and reorganization of positions in the regular personnel with the corresponding transfer of items of appropriations or create new ones in their respective offices: PROVIDED, That officers and employees whose positions are affected by such adjustments or reorganization shall be granted retirement gratuities and separation pay in accordance with existing laws, which shall be payable from any unexpended balance of, or savings in the appropriations of their respective offices. (GENERAL OBSERVATION - President's Veto Message, February 14, 1998, page 1523, R.A. 8522)

3. Release of Appropriations. Appropriations authorized for the Congress shall be automatically and regularly released to the Senate or House of Representatives, or the Senate and House of Representatives Electoral Tribunals and the Commission on Appointments, as the case may be.

4. Realignment of Allocation for Operational Expenses. A member of Congress may realign his allocation for operational expenses to any other expense category provided the total of said allocation is not exceeded.

GENERAL SUMMARY
 CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

Current Operating Expenditures

	<u>Personal Services</u>	<u>Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlays</u>	<u>Total</u>
A. Senate	P 495,346,000	P 372,324,000	P 50,978,000	P 918,648,000
A.1 Senate Electoral Tribunal	31,883,000	37,201,000	1,500,000	70,584,000
B. Commission on Appointments	73,005,000	80,688,000	3,660,000	157,353,000
C. House of Representatives	1,113,708,000	719,182,000	8,294,000	1,841,184,000
C.1 House Electoral Tribunal	36,259,000	21,738,000		57,997,000
Total New Appropriations, Congress of the Philippines	P 1,750,201,000	P 1,231,133,000	P 64,432,000	P 3,045,766,000