



31st sitting of the Sejm, 29–30 November and 1–2 December 2016

Considered in the first reading

- Deputies' bill amending the act on research institutes (referred to Education, Science and Youth Committee);
- Government's bill – Education Law (referred to Education, Science and Youth Committee and Local Government and Regional Policy Committee);
- Government's bill – Introductory provisions to Education Law (referred to Education, Science and Youth Committee and Local Government and Regional Policy Committee);
- Government's bill on the principles for managing state property (referred to Energy and State Treasury Committee);
- Government's bill – Introductory Provisions to the act on principles for managing state property (referred to Energy and State Treasury Committee);
- Government's bill on the State Treasury Solicitors' Office of the Republic of Poland (referred to Energy and State Treasury Committee and Justice and Human Rights Committee);
- Deputies' bill – Introductory provisions to the act on the organization and procedures before the Constitutional Tribunal and the act on the status of judges of the Constitutional Tribunal (referred to Justice and Human Rights Committee);
- Government's bill amending the Code of Civil Procedure and some related acts (referred to Justice and Human Rights Committee);
- Government's bill amending the Hunting Law and the act which itself amended the Hunting Law (referred to Environment Protection, Natural Resources and Forestry Committee and Agriculture and Rural Development Committee);
- Deputies' bill on the regulation of rights to properties within the territory of the capital city of Warsaw (referred to Legislative Committee);
- Government's bill on particular principles for the removal of legal effects of reprivatization decisions relating to Warsaw properties passed in breach of law (the motion to reject the bill in the first reading shall be subject to a vote at the next sitting of the Sejm);
- Deputies' bill amending the act on the personal income tax and some related acts (the motion to reject the bill in the first reading shall be subject to a vote at the next sitting of the Sejm);
- Government's bill amending the act on retirement pensions of the office holders of the Police, Internal Security Agency, Foreign Intelligence Agency, Military Counterintelligence Services, Military Intelligence Services, Central Anticorruption Bureau, Border Guard, Government Protection Bureau, State Fire Service, Prison Service and their families (the motion to reject the bill in the first reading shall be subject to a vote at the next sitting of the Sejm).

Passed acts

- on the organization and procedures before the Constitutional Tribunal;
- amending the Law on Assemblies;
- amending the act on purchasing real estate property by foreigners and some related acts;
- amending the act on supporting the development of rural areas with the contribution of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development within the Rural Development Programme for the years 2014–2020 and some related acts;
- amending the act on seed production and the act on plant protection;
- amending the act on preventing the dishonest use of the contract advantage in the turnover of agricultural and food products;
- amending particular acts in order to improve entrepreneurs' legal environment;
- amending the Energy Law and some related acts;
- amending the act on the functioning of the coal mining industry and some related acts;
- amending the act on the Polish Air Navigation Services Agency;
- amending the act on vehicle drivers and some related acts;
- amending the act on health care services financed out of public funds;
- amending the act on retirement pay and social benefits financed out of the Social Insurance Fund and some related acts;
- amending the act on social aid;
- amending the act on the income of the units of local government and some related acts;
- amending the Law on Higher Education and some related acts;
- on maritime equipment;
- amending particular acts as regards the safety and hygiene of service;
- ratifying the Protocol amending the Agreement on Multilateral Accounts in Transfer Rubles and on the Organization of the International Bank for Economic Cooperation of 22 October 1963, amended by Protocols of 18 December 1970 and 23 November 1977, as well as the Statute of this Bank amended by Protocols of 18 December 1970 and 23 November 1977, drawn up in Moscow on 18 December 1990;
- ratifying the Protocol amending the Agreement on the Establishment and Functioning of the International Bank for Economic Cooperation of 22 October 1963, amended by Protocols of 18 December 1970, 23 November 1977 and 18 December 1990, and the Statute of the International Bank for Economic Cooperation, amended by Protocols of

18 December 1970, 23 November 1977 and 18 December 1990, drawn up in Warsaw on 25 November 2014;

- ratifying the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander Transformation and Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe amending the Protocol on the status of international military headquarters established on the basis of the North Atlantic Treaty, signed in Warsaw on 9 July 2016.

Considered resolutions of the Senate concerning the acts

- amending the act on the personal income tax, the act on the corporate income tax and the act which itself amended the Tax Ordinance and some related acts (the Senate's amendments were accepted);
- amending the Law on the system of common courts and some related acts (the Senate's amendments were accepted);
- on the status of judges of the Constitutional Tribunal (the Senate's amendments were accepted);
- on payment services and some related acts (some of the Senate's amendments were accepted);
- amending the act on the goods and services tax and some related acts (the Senate's amendment was accepted);
- on particular solutions serving the realization of the Budget Act for 2017 (the Senate's amendments were accepted).

32nd sitting of the Sejm, 13–15 December 2016

Considered in the first reading

- Government's bill on particular principles for the removal of legal effects of reprivatization decisions relating to Warsaw properties passed in breach of law – continuation (discussed at the 31st sitting; at the 32nd sitting referred to Legislative Committee);
- Deputies' bill amending the act on the personal income tax and some related acts – continuation (discussed at the 31st sitting; at the 32nd sitting referred to Public Finances Committee);
- President of the Republic's bill on the Nationwide Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Regaining of Freedom by the Republic of Poland (referred to Culture and Media Committee);
- Government's bill on auditors, audit companies and on public supervision (referred to Public Finances Committee; the Committee is to present its report by 24 January 2017);
- Government's bill on the exchange of tax information with other countries (referred to Public Finances Committee; the Committee is to present its report by 24 January 2017).

Considered in the second reading

- Government's draft Budget Act for 2017 (referred again to Public Finances Committee);
- Government's bill amending the act on retirement pensions of the office holders of the Police, Internal Security Agency, Foreign Intelligence Agency, Military Counterintelligence Services, Military Intelligence Services, Central Anticorruption

Adopted resolutions

- amending the Standing Orders of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland;
- condemning the mass extermination of religious minorities by the so-called Islamic State;
- concerning the proposal for the establishment of the EU correction mechanism for refugee allocation and the financial solidarity mechanism;
- honouring the 100th anniversary of reactivating municipal governments in Radom, Kielce, Lublin and Piotrków;
- concerning changes within the personal composition of the Sejm committees (print no. 1065);
- concerning changes within the personal composition of the Sejm committees (print no. 1090).

Government's current information

- on changing the borders of the city with district rights Opole and Dąbrowa commune, Dobrzeń Wielki commune, Komprachcie commune and Prószków commune, which – on the basis of the regulation of the Council of Ministers of 19 July 2016 on establishing borders of particular communes and cities and on granting particular towns the status of a city – shall enter into force on 1 January 2017.

With a moment of silence, the Sejm honoured

- the memory of miners who died on 29 November 2016 in an accident in Rudna mine in Polkowice;
- the memory of miners who began their eternal shift.

Bureau, Border Guard, Government Protection Bureau, State Fire Service, Prison Service and their families (referred again to Administration and Internal Affairs Committee and Social Policy and Family Committee);

- Deputies' bill amending the act on research institutes (referred again to Education, Science and Youth Committee);
- Government's bill amending the Code of Civil Procedure (referred again to Special Committee for codification changes);
- Deputies' bill amending the act on the environment protection and some related acts (the second reading was completed).

Passed acts

- on the State Treasury Solicitors' Office of the Republic of Poland;
- Introductory provisions to the act on the organization and procedures before the Constitutional Tribunal and the act on the status of judges of the Constitutional Tribunal;
- on principles for managing the state property;
- Introductory provisions to the act on principles for managing the state property;
- amending the Budget Act for 2016;
- amending the act on particular solutions serving the realization of the Budget Act for 2016;
- amending the Code of Civil Procedure and some related acts;
- amending the Penal Execution Code;
- Education Law;
- Introductory provisions to Education Law;

- establishing the "Police, Customs Law, State Fire Service and Government Protection Bureau modernization programme for the years 2017–2020";
- amending the act on the Prison Service and some related acts;
- establishing the "Prison Service modernization programme for the years 2017–2020";
- amending the act on gambling games and some related acts;
- amending the act on public roads and some related acts;
- amending the Accounting Act;
- amending the act on the right to discounted fares in the means of public mass transportation and some related acts;
- ratifying the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN), drawn up in Geneva on 19 January 1996.
- on the principles for the avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income applied by the Republic of Poland and the territory, to which tax law by the Minister of Finance of Taiwan is applied.

Considered resolutions of the Senate concerning the acts

- amending the Law on Assemblies (the Senate's amendments were accepted);
- establishing the Eastern Cross (some of the Senate's amendments were accepted);
- amending the act on crops and livestock insurance (the Senate's amendment was accepted);
- amending the act on the funds for the promotion of agricultural and food products (the Senate's amendments were accepted);
- amending the act on supporting the development of rural areas with the contribution of the European Agricultural

33rd sitting of the Sejm, 16 December 2016

Considered in the first reading

- Government's bill amending the Introductory provisions to the act on the local government and the act on the employees of the local government (referred to Local Government and Regional Policy Committee);
- Committee bill amending the Code of Administrative Procedure (the motion to reject the bill in the first reading shall be subject to a vote at the next sitting of the Sejm).

Passed acts

- Budget Act for 2017;
- amending the act on retirement pensions of the office holders of the Police, Internal Security Agency, Foreign Intelligence Agency, Military Counterintelligence Services, Military Intelligence Services, Central Anticorruption Bureau, Border Guard, Government Protection Bureau, State Fire Service, Prison Service and their families;
- amending the act on research institutes and the Geological and Mining Law;
- amending the Code of Civil Procedure;
- amending the act on the environment protection and the act on forests.

Fund for Rural Development within the Rural Development Programme for the years 2014–2020 and some related acts (the Senate's amendments were accepted);

- preventing the dishonest use of the contract advantage in the turnover of agricultural and food products (the Senate's amendments were accepted).

Adopted resolutions

- establishing 2017 the Year of the 300th Anniversary of Crowning of the Painting of Our Lady of Częstochowa;
- honouring the anniversary of the Greater Poland Uprising (*Powstanie Wielkopolskie*);
- honouring the memory of Stanisław Mikołajczyk on the 50th anniversary of his death;
- concerning changes within the personal composition of the Sejm committees.

The Sejm did not adopt a resolution

- honouring the 75th anniversary of the death of the Marshal of Poland Edward Śmigły-Rydz.

Government's current information

- concerning Government's actions aimed at improving the situation on the labour market, the increase of wages and employment.

The Sejm elected

- Michał Warciński for the position of a judge of the Constitutional Tribunal.

With a moment of silence, the Sejm honoured

- the memory of the victims of the Marshal Law on the 35th anniversary of its introduction.

Considered resolutions of the Senate concerning the acts

- amending particular acts in order to improve entrepreneurs' legal environment (the Senate's amendments were accepted);
- amending the act on seed production and plant protection (the Senate's amendments were accepted);
- on principles for managing the state property (some of the Senate's amendments were accepted);
- Introductory provisions to the act on principles for managing the state property (the Senate's amendments were accepted).

Adopted resolutions

- honouring the 35th anniversary of the tragic December events in the "WUJEK" Coal Mine.

Government's information

- on the realization of the "Programme of activities of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in the years 2015–2019" within the period between 18 November 2015 and 17 November 2016, presented by the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (the motion to reject the information shall be subject to a vote at the next sitting of the Sejm).