

## CEREMONIAL MEETING OF DEPUTIES AND SENATORS, 17 DECEMBER 2014

*Poles reached out their brotherly hand, when the enemy invaded our home. Ukrainians shall never forget your help* – said the President of Ukraine, Petro Poroshenko, at the ceremonial meeting of Deputies and Senators held in the Sejm. The special announcement by the Ukrainian President was also heard by i.a. the President of the Republic of Poland, members of the Government and the diplomatic corps.

As the President of Ukraine reminded, Ukraine regained its independence peacefully in 1991, but today pays a high price for both being independent and for its European identity – the price of human life. *A year ago Ukrainians proved to be worth their ancestors and their history. They proved to be a European nation* – he emphasized. He also thanked for the Polish presence at the Maidan and the help, including humanitarian aid, which Ukraine receives.

Ukrainian President also talked about the persistent support of the Polish President, the Sejm, the Senate and the Government for Ukraine's European aspira-

tions. *During the Polish Presidency of the European Union we were able to finalize our negotiations and thus to prepare a historic agreement, the Ukraine-European Union Association Agreement* – he reminded.

According to President Poroshenko, the conflict presently taking place in the east of Ukraine is in fact a war. As he said, Ukraine is not only standing up for its sovereignty and territorial integrity. *Today, at our eastern borders, at the borders of our country, we are defending Europe, European affairs, and the democracy* – the pointed.

At the forum of the Polish Parliament, Petro Poroshenko also announced abandoning Ukraine's non-aligned status proclaimed in 2010, as it did not guarantee the country the security and territorial integrity.

The President also pointed that Ukraine is already now intensifying its cooperation with the NATO. In his announcement, Petro Poroshenko assured that Ukraine is aware of the necessity to conduct reforms so as to bring the country closer to Europe.

## 82<sup>ND</sup> SITTING OF THE SEJM, 16–17 DECEMBER 2014

### THE SEJM RETURNED TO COMMITTEES

- Government draft budget for 2015;
- Senate's bill amending the act on waste and some related acts;
- Committee bill amending the act on railway transport and some related acts;
- Deputies' bill amending the act on biocomponents and liquid biofuels and some related acts;
- Government bill on sea fishing;
- Government bill on the protection of animals used for scientific or educational purposes;
- Government bill on found property and on amending some related acts.

### THE SEJM CONSIDERED IN THE SECOND READING

- Deputies' bill amending the act on the organization of the milk and dairy products market;
- Government bill amending the act on identification documents, the act on population records and the Law on vital records.

**THE SEJM CONSIDERED IN THE FIRST READING** the Government bill amending the act on public statistics and some related acts (*the vote on the motion to exclusively refer the bill to the Administration and Digitalization Committee was postponed to the next sitting of the Sejm*).

**THE SEJM CONSIDERED** the report of the Government of the Republic of Poland on actions undertaken in 2013 for the purpose of realization of the provisions of the resolution of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland of 1 August 1997 – The Charter of the Disabled Persons (*the motion to reject the information shall be subject to a vote at the next sitting of the Sejm*).

**THE SEJM CONSIDERED** the motion of the Commander of the Warsaw Municipal Police of 16 September 2014 to bring Deputy Armand Kamil Ryfiński to criminal accountability (*the vote on the motion to grant consent thereto was postponed to the next sitting of the Sejm*).

**Grażyna Ciemniak, Marcin Duszek, Tadeusz Naguszewski and Jarosław Stawiarski** took the Deputies' oath.

**WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE, THE SEJM HONoured** Jerzy Koralewski who died on 8 December 2014, the Deputy to the Contract Sejm and the Sejm of the second and third term.

**WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE, THE SEJM HONoured** the memory of victims to the tragic events of December 1970 in Northern Poland and the victims of the martial law.

## 83<sup>RD</sup> SITTING OF THE SEJM, 17–19 DECEMBER 2014

### THE SEJM PASSED THE ACTS

- Budget Act for 2015;
- amending the act on specific solutions related to protection of work places;
- amending the act on waste and some related acts;
- amending the act on railway transport and some related acts;
- amending the act on biocomponents and liquid bio-fuels and some related acts;
- amending the act on the organization of the milk and dairy products market;
- on sea fishing;
- amending the act on identification documents, the act on population records and the Law on vital records;
- on the protection of animals used for scientific or educational purposes.

### THE SEJM ADOPTED RESOLUTIONS

- amending the Standing Orders of the Sejm of the Republic of Poland;
- concerning changes within personal composition of the Sejm committees;
- concerning granting the consent by the Sejm of the Republic of Poland to bring Deputy Armand Kamil Ryfiński to criminal accountability.

### THE SEJM CONSIDERED THE SENATE'S RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE ACTS

- amending the act on identification documents, the act on population records and the Law on vital records;
- amending the Pharmaceutical Law and some related acts;
- amending the act on emergency notification system.

### THE SEJM REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

- Citizens' bill amending the Construction Law and some related acts;
- Deputies' bill amending the act on the commune guard, the Road Traffic Law and the Petty Offences Procedure Code;
- Deputies' bill amending the act on the protection of tenants' rights, housing resources of the commune, as well as amending the Civil Code and some related acts.

### THE SEJM REJECTED IN THE THIRD READING

the Deputies' bill amending the Constitution of the Republic of Poland.

**THE SEJM ACCEPTED** the report on water management in Poland in the years 2012–2013 submitted by the Minister of the Environment (*the Sejm did not accept the motion to reject the report submitted at the 81<sup>st</sup> sitting*).

**THE SEJM CONSIDERED THE CURRENT INFORMATION** concerning contracts for foreign currency options.

**Bożena Henczyca, Grzegorz Karpiński, Przemysław Krzysztofiak, Katarzyna Stachowicz, Jarosław Gromadzki and Krzysztof Maciejewski** took the Deputies' oath.

**WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE, THE SEJM HONOURED** the memory of Marian Kozłowski, who died on 18 December 2014, the Deputy to the Sejm of the first term and the Senator to the Senate of the fifth term.

**WITH A MOMENT OF SILENCE, THE SEJM HONOURED** the memory 140 victims of the Taliban attack on the school in Peshawar, Pakistan.

