

23rd sitting of the Sejm, 19–22 July 2016

Considered in the first reading

- Government's bill on the principles for accounts as regards the goods and services tax and the reimbursement of public funds intended for the realisation of projects financed with the participation of funds from the European Union budget or Member States of the European Free Trade Agreement, by the units of the territorial government (referred to the Public Finances Committee);
- Government's bill on trust services and electronic identification (referred to Digitalisation, Innovation and Modern Technologies Committee; Marshal of the Sejm set the deadline of 5 September 2016 for the presentation of the report by the Committee);
- Government's bill amending the act on the functioning of the coal mining industry and some related acts (referred to the Energy and State Treasury Committee);
- Citizens' bill amending the act on retirement pay and social benefits financed out of the Social Insurance Fund and some related acts (referred to the Social Policy and Family Committee);
- Deputies' bill amending the act on salary for persons holding state executive offices and some related acts (during the first reading of the bill, a motion to reject it was submitted; as the authors – Law and Justice Deputies – withdrew the bill, the vote on the motion proved purposeless);
- Deputies' draft resolution concerning TTIP and CETA international agreements (the Sejm did not accept the motion to reject the draft resolution in the first reading and referred it to European Union Affairs' Committee);
- Deputies' draft resolution concerning the objection to the procedure for ratification of the CETA agreement between the European Union and Canada with no consent of the Member States, as suggested by the European Commission (the Sejm did not accept the motion to reject the draft resolution in the first reading and referred it to European Union Affairs' Committee).

Bills referred to committees – continuation

- Deputies' bill amending the act on agricultural chambers and some related acts (during the first reading, at the 22nd sitting of the Sejm, a motion was submitted to reject the bill; the Sejm did not accept the motion and referred the

bill to Agriculture and Rural Development Committee with a suggestion to consult Public Finances Committee).

Passed acts

- amending the Energy Law and some related acts;
- amending the act on copyright and related rights;
- on the access to genetic resources and sharing of benefits arising from their utilisation;
- amending the act on professional and social rehabilitation and on the employment of disabled persons, and some related acts;
- amending the act on the personal income tax and the act on the corporate income tax;
- amending the act on supporting the family and the system of foster care, the act on the social aid and the act which itself amended the act on the commune government and some related acts;
- amending the act on the health care benefits financed out of public funds and some related acts;
- amending the act on the public mass transportation;
- amending the act on particular principles for the preparation and realisation of investments in the scope of public use airports;
- amending the act on tourist services and the act on obligatory insurances, Insurance Guarantee Fund and the Polish Motor Insurers' Bureau;
- amending the Code of Civil Procedure, the Notary Law and the act which itself amended the Civil Code, the Code of Civil Procedure and some related acts;
- amending the Aviation Law;
- on the principles for accounts as regards the goods and services tax and the reimbursement of public funds intended for the realisation of projects financed with the participation of funds from the European Union budget or Member States of the European Free Trade Agreement, by the units of the territorial government.

Considered resolutions of the Senate concerning the acts

- on the Constitutional Tribunal (the Sejm rejected the motion to hold a roll-call vote on the Senate's amendments; some of the Senate's amendments were accepted);

- amending the Law on Higher Education and some related acts (the Senate's amendment was rejected);
- amending the act on the sustainable development of the fishing sector with the participation of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (the Senate's amendments were accepted);
- amending the act on the minimum wage and some related acts (the Senate's amendments were accepted);
- amending the Energy Law and some related acts (the Senate's amendments were accepted);
- amending the act on health protection against the consequences of the use of tobacco and tobacco products (the Senate's amendments were accepted).

Adopted resolutions

- concerning accepting the report on the implementation of the State Budget in 2015 and granting approval of the financial accounts submitted by the Council of Ministers;
- on appointing a Special Committee to examine the correctness and legality of actions of public organs and institutions against parties constituting "Grupa Amber Gold";
- concerning the election of the personal composition of the Special Committee to examine the correctness and legality of actions of public organs and institutions against parties constituting "Grupa Amber Gold";
- honouring the victims of the genocide performed by Ukrainian nationalists on the citizens of the Second Republic of Poland in the years 1943–1945;
- concerning changes within the personal composition of the Sejm committees (print no. 762);
- concerning changes within the personal composition of the Sejm committees (print no. 740).

Organs of the state information

- report on the activity of the National Bank of Poland (Narodowy Bank Polski) in 2015;
- information of the President of the Institute of National Remembrance on the activity of the Institute of National Remembrance – Commission for the Prosecution of Crimes against the Polish Nation in the period between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2015;
- information on the activity of the Supreme Court in 2015;

- information on the relevant problems resulting from the activity and jurisprudence of the Constitutional Tribunal.

Government information

- information on the results of the referendum held in Great Britain on the further membership of Great Britain in the European Union, presented by the Prime Minister;
- information on warranties and guarantees granted in 2015 by the State Treasury, particular legal persons and the National Household Bank (Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego), submitted by the Prime Minister;
- information on the realisation of the act on special economic zones, the state as of 31 December 2015, presented by the Prime Minister;
- information on the current situation in the basic agricultural markets, the settlements of the EU Agriculture and Fisheries Council as regards the situation in the agricultural markets and the planned means of support, the programme for the development of the main agricultural markets in Poland in the years 2016–2020, submitted 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).

Government's current information

- on the effects of amending the act which itself amended the act on retirement pay and social benefits financed by the Social Insurance Fund and some related acts.

Jarosław Szarek was appointed the President of the Institute of National Remembrance – Commission for the Prosecution of Crimes against the Polish Nation; the Sejm accepted his oath.

Witold Kołodziejcki and **Elżbieta Więclawska-Sauk** were elected members of the National Broadcasting Council.

Krzysztof Czabański, **Joanna Lichocka** and **Elżbieta Kruk** were elected members of the National Media Council.

Grzegorz Piechowiak took the Deputies' oath.

