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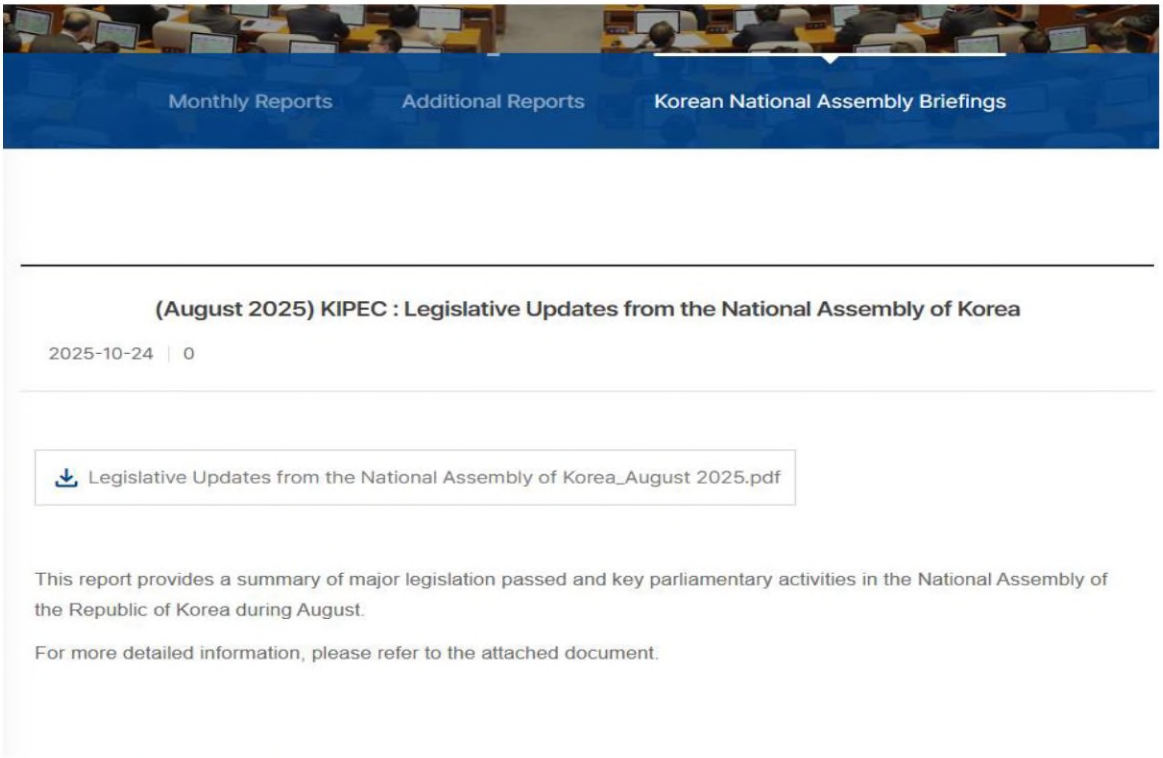

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Key Legislation Passed in August

Partial Amendment to the Labor Union and Labor Relations Adjustment Act

This bill seeks to amend the Labor Union and Labor Relations Adjustment Act by expanding the scope of the term "employer" to include individuals who possess substantial and specific authority to control or determine employee's working conditions. The amendment also broadens the definition of labor disputes by expanding it from traditional issues like wages, working hours and employee welfare to include management decisions that affect working conditions and clear violations of collective agreements by employers. In addition, the bill introduces provisions to limit excessive claims for damages by employers against workers participating in strikes.

Partial Amendment to the Broadcasting Act

This bill proposes amendments to the Broadcasting Act to increase the number of directors of the Korean Broadcasting System (KBS) from 11 to 15. The amendment also expands the authority to recommend directors to a wider range of entities, including parliamentary groups (6 directors), KBS's Viewer Committee (2 directors), KBS employees (3 directors), academic associations related to broadcasting and media (2 directors), and bar associations (2 directors).

Partial Amendment to the Grain Management Act

This bill provides that when the production volume or price decline of rice exceeds the standards set by the Grain Supply and Demand Management Committee, the government shall purchase the surplus production to stabilize the market.
To implement this measure, the amendment establishes the Grain Supply and Demand Management Committee and provides the legal basis for the development and operation of a comprehensive government-managed grain management system.

Partial Amendment to the Act on the Promotion of the Use of Local Gift Certificates

This bill aims to revise the Act on the Promotion of the Use of Local Gift Certificates to strengthen efforts toward revitalizing local economies and promoting balanced regional development to address the decline of local communities.
Under the amendment, the Minister of the Interior and Safety is required to establish a Basic Plan for the Promotion of Local Gift Certificates every five years, and to formulate and implement annual implementation plans based on that framework.

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Major News from the National Assembly of South Korea

August 6th

The Industry, Trade, and Small and Medium Enterprises Committee held a plenary session to question the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy regarding the results of the Korea-U.S. tariff negotiations and the Ministry's plans.

August 8th

Speaker Woo Won-shik visited the Korea Aerospace Administration (KASA), emphasizing that the National Assembly will fully support KASA in its role as the central coordinating body for South Korea's goal of becoming one of the world's top five space powers.

August 12th

Speaker Woo met with General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam To Lam to discuss ways to promote bilateral trade and investment, participate in major infrastructure projects, expand cooperation in science and technology, and enhance people-to-people exchanges between the two countries.

August 15th

The National Assembly held the 80th Anniversary Liberation Day Ceremony, reflecting on the history of the independence movement and the significance of Korea's liberation. Speaker Woo also hosted a luncheon with around 40 descendants of independence activists to honor their contributions and discuss support measures.

August 17th

Speaker Woo attended the 50th Memorial Ceremony of democratization activist Jang Jun-ha, expressing gratitude to all who have worked to honor his legacy and uncover the truth behind his unjust death, and reaffirming the National Assembly's commitment to these efforts.

August 18th

Speaker Woo met with U.S. Senator Andy Kim to exchange views on enhancing Korea-U.S. cooperation and promoting inter-parliamentary engagement.

August 18th

The Health and Welfare Committee held a plenary session to approve the election of the chairpersons for the Legislation and Judiciary Subcommittee and the Budget and Accounts Subcommittee. The Committee also reviewed and considered 247 bills, 3 petitions, and the FY2024 budget settlement along with contingency fund expenditure approvals.

August 18th - 21st

The National Assembly conducted the 2025 Ulchi Exercise over four days, which included emergency convening drills and cyberterrorism response training. Secretary General Kim Min-ki presided over the situation briefing, emphasizing that the Assembly's core functions must be maintained under any emergency scenario.

August 21st

Choo Mi-ae of the Democratic Party was elected as the new Chair of the Legislation and Judiciary Committee.

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This report provides a summary of major legislation passed and key parliamentary activities in the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea during September.

For more detailed information, please refer to the attached document.

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Key Legislation Passed in September

Partial Amendment to the Act on the Appointment of Special Prosecutors for the Investigation of Misconduct in State Affairs and Illegal Election Interference Involving Kim Geon-hee, Myung Tae-kyun, and Geon Jin-beopsa

This bill seeks to amend the Act on the Appointment of a Special Prosecutor responsible for investigating misconduct in state affairs and illegal election interference involving Kim Geon-hee, Myung Tae-kyun, and Geon Jin-beopsa.

The amendment expands the personnel structure to include up to six Deputy Special Prosecutors, up to seventy dispatched prosecutors, and up to 140 dispatched public officials.

Amendment to the Special Prosecutor Act on Former President Yoon Seok-yeol

On December 3, a bill was introduced for the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate the acts of rebellion and foreign exchange offenses allegedly committed by former President Yoon Seok-yeol in connection with the declaration of martial law.

The bill expands the personnel structure to allow up to 70 dispatched prosecutors and up to 140 dispatched public officials.

Partial Amendment to the Act on the Appointment of a Special Prosecutor for the Investigation of Obstruction and Concealment in the Case of the Fallen Marine

This bill proposes appointing a special prosecutor to investigate allegations of obstruction and concealment during the 2023 investigation into the death of a Private in the 1st Marine Division. It also expands the personnel structure to include up to 30 dispatched prosecutors, 60 dispatched public officials, and 50 dispatched investigative officers.

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Major News from the National Assembly of South Korea

September 1st

The National Assembly officially opened the 429th Regular Session of the 22nd National Assembly, marking the start of a 100-day legislative period. Speeches by party leaders were delivered on September 9-10, followed by government questioning sessions from September 15-18.

September 2nd

Confirmation hearings were held for Choi Gyo-jin, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, and Lee Eok-won, nominee for Chairman of the Financial Services Commission.

September 3rd

Confirmation hearing for Won Min-kyung, nominee for Minister of Gender Equality and Family.

September 8th

The Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee held an emergency briefing with officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Unification regarding the mass detention of South Koreans in Georgia, United States.

September 10th

Speaker Woo Won-shik met with Bae Kyung-hoon, Minister of Science and ICT.

September 17th

Speaker Woo met with Song Mi-ryeong, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

September 18th

Speaker Woo met with Choi Gyo-jin, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education, and Kim Yoon-duk, Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport.

September 22nd

The Special Committee to Support the APEC Summit adopted the National Assembly Resolution on the Successful Hosting of the 2025 Gyeongju APEC Summit and the Promotion of Peace and Prosperity on the Korean Peninsula, affirming the Assembly's commitment to advancing peace on the Korean Peninsula, ensuring regional stability in Northeast Asia, and fostering investment and exchanges through the successful hosting of the summit.

September 23rd - 24th

The National Assembly hosted the 2025 Legislative Expo, engaging with civil society organizations and public institutions on three key issues: mitigating the climate crisis, addressing local population decline, and revitalizing the people's economy. The event produced 46 legislative proposals.

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