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This **Linkages Update** aims to provide information on legislations approved and enacted into law, bills passed on third reading by the Senate, outputs of Forums conducted by ILS, and other concerns of national importance. Presented in this issue is the Laws Passed during the Seventeenth Congress covering the period July 2016 to December 2016.

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Provided below are the laws passed and approved by the President of the Philippines during the 1st Regular Session of the 17th Congress:

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10923

“AN ACT POSTPONING THE OCTOBER 2016 BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS, AMENDING FOR THE PURPOSE REPLUBLIC ACT NO. 9164, AS AMENDED BY REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9340 AND REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10656 PRESCRIBING ADDITIONAL RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF BARANGAY AND SANGGUNIANG KABATAAN ELECTIONS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON OCTOBER 15, 2016

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10924

“GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2017”

- APPROVED INTO LAW ON DECEMBER 22, 2016

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The Senate of the Philippines As an Institution

The Senate of the Philippines is one of the pillars of the country's lawmaking body, the one being the House of Representatives. It is composed of 24 elected Senators whose terms of office shall be six (6) years. This dynamic institution is established to balance our economic, social and political environment and whose concerns are national in scope.

As the bastion of democracy, its action is centered on consensus and consultation with the end purpose of serving the best interest of the Filipino people.

The SENATE also values the importance of having productive and harmonious relationship with other institutions, from the government and the private sector, to create an environment where rapport and goodwill among institutions prevail. Its main objective is the passage of good, implementable and doable laws in pursuit of democratic ideals that would truly serve the national interest and the welfare of the people.

-Julieta J. Cervo-