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NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct - The third-day second regular session of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10.45 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 580 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

At today’s session, two new proposals were submitted, clarification on one bill was made, seven bills approved by Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw were put on record, altering, forming or changing the names of the villages and village-tracts in Sagaing Region were put on record and approval was sought for vetting bills by Constitutional Tribunal of the Union.

In the session of submitting proposal, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, on behalf of the Union Government, submitted a proposal to raise the train and freight fares in order to improve the standard of Myanma Railway and cover losses. U Soe Aung of Thegon Constituency said that he thanked the Union minister for submitting the proposal. As the ministry has the authority to raise the train and freight fares, it is not required to discuss this matter at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, he added.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw decided not to seek the approval of the Hluttaw as that case is under the authority of the Union Government and to put the matter of informing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on record as decision had already been made in the meeting of the Union Government.

Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No (9) submitted a proposal in which the Union government is urged to assess whether income from collecting electricity bills across the nation can assist the relevant ministry to continue to invest in many projects or not. Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe discussed that a report on electricity bills was submitted to Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw twice. The rate of the existing electricity bill is very low. As it is required to raise the rate of electricity bill, the report will be submitted to the Union Government. Only after reporting to the Union Government, that case would be carried out.

As the task described in the proposal of Dr Khin Shwe is the task of the Union Government it is not required to continue to discuss the proposal, and the report of the Union Government was put on record.

In the session of making clarification on one bill, the chairman of Joint Bill Committee gave an account of findings and remarks of the committee on private school registration bill. Hluttaw representatives wishing to discuss differences of two Hluttaws on the bill may enlist to the director-general of Hluttaw Office, describing points they want to discuss after the meeting.

The private school registration bill submitted by the Union Minister for Education to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was sent to Amyotha Hluttaw first on 23 August and the bill with amendments was approved on 7 September, and it was sent to Pyithu Hluttaw to discuss. Discussions on the bill and amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw were held at Pyithu Hluttaw on 26 September and the Pyithu Hluttaw-approved bill with other amendments was sent back to Amyotha Hluttaw.

Discussions on the bill with amendments of Pyithu Hluttaw were held at Amyotha Hluttaw on 5 and 6 October and Amyotha Hluttaw decided that it did not to agree on some amendments.
Before holding discussions on differences between Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule-82, sub-rule (a), the bill was sent to Bill Joint Committee.

In the session of putting the bills on record, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw decided to put Bill amending Union Election Commission Law, Labour Organization Bill, Bill amending Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, Bill amending Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law, Bill amending Region or State Hluttaw Election Law, Bill revoking Law Defining the Fundamental Rights and Responsibilities of People Workers (1964) and Microfinance Industries Bill on record in accord with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law Section -81.

In the session of altering, forming or changing the names of the villages and village-tracts, undertakings related to altering, forming or changing the names of the villages and village-tracts in Sagaing Region which had been carried out by the President with the agreement of the Union Government were put on record in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Two village-tracts and three villages in ChaungU Township of Monywa District and Debayin Township of Shwebo District were renamed and one new village in Homalin Township of Kamti District was formed.

In the session of vetting bills by Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, Joint Bill Committee will be assigned duty to scrutinize the bills before they were sent to the President to sign the bills approved or deemed to be approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in accord with Section 105, sub-section (a) of the State Constitution and to promulgate it as Law.

Hluttaw sought the approval for the case in which bills would be sent to the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union in accord with Section 322, sub-section (b) of the State Constitution if the Joint Bill Committee assumed that there are suspicious matters to be vetted whether the bills are in conformity with the Constitution or not.

As the majority was in favour of the case, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved it. The third-day second regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ended at 11.55 am and the date of the fourth-day session will be informed in advance.

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