Second regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw concludes successfully

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NAY PYI TAW, 25 Nov-The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continued for the sixth day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 589 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

At the session, the messages of the President were read, approval for the remarks of the President was sought, one bill approved, member of the joint committee substituted and tasks of the session explained.

With regard to reading the messages of the President, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw read the message on reformation of Union ministry sent by the President.

In his speech, the Speaker said that it is necessary to seek the resolution of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw whether it is agreed to combine the Ministry of Industry-1 and the Ministry of Industry-2 to be the Ministry of Industry. Although the dates should be designated for the Hluttaw representatives wishing to enlist and to participate in the discussions on reformation of the ministry, the dates for submission on list of representatives and on holding discussions could not be designated due to the fact that this session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was the final day for the second regular session, he said.
Thus, he continued to say that if the Hluttaw representatives wishing to participate in discussions of reforming the Ministry of Industry, they must describe the discussions on paper with signatures to be submitted, not later than 1 December. If there are objections to discussions in the prescribed date, it will be submitted to the next Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and decision will be sought through voting. If not, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will assume that all the representatives agree formation of the Ministry of Industry with combination of the Ministry of Industry-1 and the Ministry of Industry-2, and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will submit its agreement to the President.

Likewise, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw read the message sent by the President for concurrent assignment of the Union minister at the ministries.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw decided to put the message sent by the President on record for concurrent assignment of Union Minister U Ohn Myint for Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in addition to the Ministry of Cooperatives.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw also decided to put the message sent by the President on record for assignment of Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein for National Planning and Economic Development and for Livestock and Fisheries as Minister for National Planning and Economic Development only.

With regard to seeking the resolution to remarks of the President, as there was no Hluttaw representative who enlisted to participate in discussion for the Microfinance Bill sent by the President with his remarks to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the remarks of the President were accepted. Then, the approval of the Hluttaw was sought for amending the bill.

At that juncture, as the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw agreed it, it accepted the remarks of the President concerning the bill and decided to amend the bill.

Regarding the approval of the bill, amendments of Hluttaw representatives were discussed paragraph by paragraph for the Ward or Village-tract Administration Bill.

Concerning the paragraph 5 (b) of the original bill, Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 1 held her discussions.

The approval of Pyithu Hluttaw was to attain the age of 25 and the amendment of Daw Khin Waing Kyi was to attain the age of 30.

There were many objections against the amendment of Daw Khin Waing Kyi, the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw was decided to be part of the bill.

As there were many supporting votes for amendment of the Joint Bill Committee for the paragraph 5(e) of the original bill, the Hluttaw decided that the amendment of the Joint Bill Committee shall be part of the bill.
Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 1 discussed matters related to paragraph 5(f) of the original bill.

The approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw was to be the person with dignity and integrity admired by the community, whereas the amendment of Daw Khin Waing Kyi was to be the person with dignity, integrity and good character admired by the community.

There were many objections against the amendment of Daw Khin Waing Kyi, the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw was decided to be part of the bill.

With regard to the paragraph 6 of the original bill, Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 1 submitted her discussions.

In its approval, the Pyithu Hluttaw stated that the township administrator shall choose five admirable townolders with power in the wards or village-tracts wishing to discharge duty of supervising the selection of ward or village-tract administrator to form supervisory committee. The amendment of Daw Khin Waing Kyi was that the township administrator shall choose at least five admirable townolders with power in the wards or village-tracts who must not be members of political parties wishing to discharge duty of supervising the selection of ward or village-tract administrator, depending on equal ratio of village or ward in accord with the wishes of the majority to form supervisory committee.

There were many objections against the amendment of Daw Khin Waing Kyi, the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw was decided to be part of the bill.

Regarding to the paragraph 7 (c) of the original bill, Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No. 7 took part in the discussions.

The approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw was that leaders of the respective households in a tenhousehold group shall elect a qualified person among the residents in the tenhousehold group by secret vote and the nomination and profile of the elected person shall be submitted. The amendment of Dr Banya Aung Moe was that leaders of the respective households or one each representative of households attaining the age of 18 years in a ten-household group shall elect a qualified person among the residents in the ten-household group by secret vote and the nomination and profile of the elected person shall be submitted.

There were many objections against the amendment of Dr Banya Aung Moe, the approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw was decided to be part of the bill.

U Thaung Han of Yinmabin Constituency discussed matters related to paragraph 13 (k) of the original bill.
The amendment of U Thaung Han was to inform the authorities about arresting and taking action against those who involved in the gambling at any place of the ward or village-tract area. The amendment of the Joint Bill Committee was to inform the authorities about arresting and taking action against those who involved in the gambling at public place.

There were many supporting votes for the amendment of the Joint Bill Committee, the proposal was approved.

Regarding the paragraph 13 (v) of the original bill, Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No. 7 submitted his discussion.

The approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw was to maintain the dams and reservoirs, canals among the farmlands, drains, sewerage systems, wells and lakes, tube-wells, artisan wells and springs in ward or village-tract and inform the authorities concerned of taking action against those who destroyed these facilities.

The amendment of Dr Banya Aung Moe was to maintain the dams and reservoirs, rivers and creeks, canals among the farmlands, drains, sewerage systems, wells and lakes, tube-wells, artisan wells and springs in ward or village-tract and inform the authorities concerned of taking action against those who destroyed these facilities.

As there were many supporting votes for the amendment of Dr Banya Aung Moe, his proposal was approved.

Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No. 7 submitted the proposal to insert the finding that it is correct for submission of more than a half of the voters in accord with the Section 17 as the paragraph 15 (g) in the original bill, the proposal to insert that if it is found that the ward or village administrator offends the ethics prescribed in the Chapter V or the ward or village administrator is disqualified, more than a half of the voters may submit the abovementioned matters to the township administrator together with their signatures as the paragraph 17 in the original bill, and the proposal to add in the original bill as the paragraph 45, stating that a village-tract/ward administrator is to select five persons out of ten-household representatives in order to assist and give him necessary advices that can help carry out his tasks effectively and submit the name list to the township administrator for seeking approval, As the majority was not in favour of the proposals, the Hluttaw decided not to approve it.

Regarding the Chapter (11) of the original bill, Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No (1) discussed.
Pyithu Hluttaw had already agreed to cancel the whole chapter—Chapter (11) Taking action in accord with the ways and means of management of the original bill, and the amendment submitted by Daw Khin Waing Kyi is to amend the title of Chapter (11) of the original bill as “Taking measures in accord with the ways and means of management” and to amend from paragraph 25 to 32 of the original bill in accord with the amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw.

As the majority was not in favour of the proposal in which the amendment of Daw Khin Waing Kyi should be part of the bill, the Hluttaw decided to cancel the Chapter (11) of the original bill.

As the majority was in favour of the remark of the Joint Bill Committee that said the remaining paragraphs and subparagraphs, except paragraphs and subparagraphs approved by the Hluttaw, should be sought for the approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw as approved in Pyithu Hluttaw, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved it.

In the sector of substitution of the member of the Joint Bill Committee, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the substitution of member of Joint Public Accounts Committee U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency with member of Public Accounts Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw U Aung Lin Hlaing of Bokpyin Constituency submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw.

As U Kyi Tha was transferred to take the responsibility of the secretary of Investment and Industrial Development Committee of Pyithu Hluttaw, his place was substituted with U Aung Lin Hlaing.

In the sector of making clarification on undertakings of the second regular session of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw clarified that Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved five tax and revenue bills out of the bills submitted by Union level organizations which are required to be discussed and decided in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Those laws are Law Revoking the Revenue Law, Law Amending the Myanmar Stamp Act, Law Amending the Commercial Tax Law, Law Amending the Income Tax Law and Law Amending the Office Tax Act.

Among the bills submitted by Union level organizations to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, eight bills was sent to be discussed first in Pyithu Hluttaw and 10 bill was sent to be discussed first in Amyotha Hluttaw. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw put eight bills approved by two Hluttaws on record. Those bills are Bill to Amend the Union Election Commission, Labour Organization Bill, Bill to Amend the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law, Bill to Amend the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law, Bill to Amend the Region or State Hluttaw Election Law, Bill to Amend the Political Parties Registration Law, Bill to Revoke the 1964 Law Defining the Fundamental Rights and Responsibilities of People’s Workers and Micro Finance Institution Bill.

A total of 13 Bills- five approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and eight approved by two Hluttaws- were sent to the President to sign and promulgate.
Among them, Micro Finance Institution Bill with remarks of the President was sent back to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Today’s session accepted the remarks of the President and decided to amend the bill.

There are five bills on which two Hluttaw did not make an agreement to be sought for the approval of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Among them, Private School Registration Bill, Peaceful Assembling and Processing Bill and Ward or Villagetract Administration Bill were approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Works will be carried out to sign and issue those bills by the President. Pyithu Hluttaw Bill and Region or State Hluttaw Bill on which two Hluttaw did not make an agreement are under scrutiny. There are two bills—Farmland Bill and Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Bill—which are underway in Pyithu Hluttaw.

Bill to Amend the Amyotha Hluttaw Law and Hluttaw Office Bill were suspended and Environmental Conservation Bill is underway in Amyotha Hluttaw.

In conclusion, 12 out of 18 bills submitted by Union level organizations have been signed by the President and issued. Four Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved-bills will be sent to the President to sign and issue. Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Bill and Environmental Conservation Bill submitted by Union level organizations will be discussed in coming Hluttaw sessions.

Likewise, Farmland Bill, Bill to Amend the Amyotha Hluttaw Law and Hluttaw Office Bill submitted by Hluttaw representatives, Pyithu Hluttaw Bill and Region or State Hluttaw Bill submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw Rights Committee will be discussed in coming Hluttaw sessions.

Today’s session was ended at 12.45 pm and the second regular session of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw successfully concluded.

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