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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw concludes discussions on national planning bill

Nay Pyi Taw, 27 Feb—Healthcare, school upgrades and improvements to the banking system were on the agenda during Friday’s session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, which concluded discussions on the National Planning Bill for 2015-16. The national legislature session also heard deliberations on a number of specific projects.

Representative Dr Aung Than of Shwebo Constituency said there are more hospitals and clinics thanks to the increased budget for health, but it is necessary to appoint more staff to improve healthcare for citizens. Representative U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency said that standard requirements for upgrading basic education schools, such as those concerning student numbers and furniture, make it more difficult to improve schools, while the number of primary school drop-outs has been increasing.

Representative U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency (5) said it is necessary to upgrade the banking system in order to increase the public use of banks and to scrutinize work of government agencies so that funding for projects is not overlapped. He also talked of the need for strict regulations on foreign loans, ordinary spending and capital spending, to prevent use of budgets under different titles. Representative Dr Nay Lin of Seikkan Constituency said that it is important to nurture doctors, nurses and midwives in human resources development sector and to exert concerted efforts for a more responsible and accountable healthcare system. Representative Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency (4) said that it is essential to reduce the number of staff in order to increase their salaries.

Deputy Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa said that abuse of public funds can be prevented by closely monitoring tender systems. Discussions on principles and fundamental principles of the National Planning Bill concluded at the session and members of union-level organizations will explain the matters related to the bill on 5 and 6 March. The Pyithu Hluttaw session today put the foreign trips of President U Thein Sein on record.—MNA