Pyidaungsu Hluttaw passes three amendment bills

THREE amendment bills received parliamentary approval at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw yesterday with one report coming under discussion.

The Veterinary Council amendment bill, the Foreign Investment amendment bill and the Myanmar Citizens Investment amendment bill were put on record as approved by the parliament.

The Projects and Financial Development Joint Committee presented its findings on the report of the first six-month implementation of the National Plan in 2015-16 fiscal year.

Six MPs discussed the report, with U Kyi Tha of the Gwa constituency calling for reconsideration of the efforts for the development of the industrial sector.

In the first six months of this fiscal year, agricultural products accounted for 25.9 per cent of the total imports while finished industrial products stood at 8.8 per cent, he noted.—Myanmar News Agency

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ASEAN Highway extension questioned by Pyithu Hluttaw

THE Ministry of Construction responded to queries on the construction of the ASEAN Highway and the Thuwunna housing estate at the Pyithu Hluttaw yesterday.

U Sai Win Khang of the Theinnyi (also Hsemaw) constituency inquired about the planned compensation to the residents affected by the extension of the ASEAN Highway, known as AH 14 between Lashio and Theinnyi.

Deputy Minister U Soe Tint responded that arrangements for compensation have been made in coordination with local administrative bodies.

The AH14 is being expanded into a four-lane highway from 173/3 milepost in Lashio to 205/6 milepost in Theinnyi.

U Thein Nyunt of the Thanggangyun constituency asked about the rising rents in Thuwunna housing estate and the possibility of ownership change.

Ownership of the house will pass from husband to wife and then to their offspring, the deputy minister responded, adding that the monthly rents range from K1,000 to K3,000. He called the rents relatively low.

"Property ownership is not transferable," he said, hinting at a further reduction in rental fees. The Pyithu Hluttaw approved the report submitted by its International Relations Committee and the Criminal Procedure bill as commented on by the Amyotha Hluttaw.—Myanmar News Agency

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Amyotha Hluttaw approves draft public debt management law

THE Amyotha Hluttaw yesterday approved the draft public debt management law as commented on by the Pyithu Hluttaw.

An MP inquired about the possibility of updating the GSM network from 2G to 3G in Chin State, with the deputy minister for Communications and Information Technology responding that steps are being taken to finish the installation of radio stations for GSM towers in the 2015-16 fiscal year.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker meets Korean parliamentary delegation

U KHIN AUNG MYINT, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, received a Korean parliamentary committee delegation led by Mr Kim Sung Chan, a retired general, yesterday, at Amyotha Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw rescue and relief committee and Korea-Myanmar parliamentary friendship association Dr Khin Shwe and members of the Hluttaw affairs committee.—Myanmar News Agency

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Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint chairs Amyotha Hluttaw convened on 17 December, 2015. PHOTO: MNA

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker conferred on AFEO Distinguished Honourary Fellow 2015

SPEAKER of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann was conferred on AFEO Distinguished Honourary Fellow 2015 by ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations-AFEO.

U Win Khang, Chairman of Myanmar Engineering Federation, clarified why the speaker was chosen to be honoured with the certificate.

The Chairman of MEF presented the honourary certificate to Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

The speaker expressed his thanks to the AFEO, saying that he also felt that not only he but also MPs were also conferred on the certificate. He took pride in the achievement for the first time for all MPs who amended, added and enacted 198 laws, he said.—Myanmar News Agency

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