Pyidaungsu Hluttaw ends debate on Former Presidents’ Security Bill

THE 13th regular session of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw concluded its discussions on two bills, including the Former Presidents’ Security Bill, which Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) and Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) debated yesterday.

Yesterday’s session documented an event in which President U Thein Sein addressed the parliament regarding activities carried out during the Union government’s five-year term.

Next, U Tin Maung Oo of Amarapura Constituency read out the Joint Bill Committee’s report on the Condominium Law, which was sent back by the president with remarks.

Then, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann sought parliamentary approval on the bill and approved it in accordance with the laws and regulations of the parliament.

The bill was subsequently approved in accordance with the laws and regulations of the parliament. Then, Deputy Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa elaborated on the activities of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw’s 41st session continues today.—Myanmar News Agency

First Amyotha Hluttaw session concludes

THE first Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) session concluded yesterday with a Q&A session in which members of Union-level organisations answered questions raised by parliamentarians.

U Khin Maung Aye, a member of the Union Civil Service Board (UCSB), replied to a question raised by MP Daw Khin Wyne Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency 1 on whether there is a plan to allow civil servants to receive cash instead of leave they have earned but not taken.

The UCSB member said regulation 80, which once allowed civil servants to enjoy cash rewards for their earned leave if they do not take it, was suspended as after civil servants received four pay raises under the current government due to the country’s financial situation.

Likewise, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Win Myint responded to a question raised by MP U Tin Maung Win of Mandalay Region Constituency 3 on whether there are plans to conduct a census on the Lisu population in Mandalay Region.

The deputy minister replied that data on the Lisu population in Mandalay Region will be announced when approval is given after coordination between the departments and organisations concerned. He also said the data would come from the 2014 Myanmar Population and Housing Census.

There are no new plans to conduct a census on the Lisu population in the region, he added.

Next, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint explained the implementation of tasks during the period of the first Amyotha Hluttaw.

According to the Hluttaw, the second Amyotha Hluttaw’s first regular session is scheduled to be held on 1 February.—Myanmar News Agency

Pyithu Hluttaw concludes final session

THE first Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) concluded its 13th session in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, with lawmakers exchanging farewell statements.

Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa called on lawmakers to carry on their contributions to the development of the country by making the best use of their knowledge and experiences gained during their five-year term in the outgoing parliament.

Lawmakers from ethnic parties and representatives of the unity of all people in Myanmar.—Myanmar News Agency

MPs oversee donations to senior living facility

PYITHU HLUTTAW (Lower House) speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attended a ceremony celebrating the donation of funds for the Garuna Gabar Home for the Aged at a hall of the Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Lt-Gen Tun Kyi (Retd), chairman of the committee for the Garuna Gabar Home for the Aged, accepted the cash donations from members of the public.

The ceremony was also attended by U Htay Myint, chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Investment and Industrial Development Committee, Dr Khin Shwe, chairman of the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) Relief and Resettlement Committee and family members of the Speaker.—Myanmar News Agency

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann poses for photo at a donation of funds for the Garuna Gabar Home for the Aged. PHOTO: MNA