

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues for 19th day. One proposal discussed, three new proposals submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 6 March-The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continued for the 19th day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10.15 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 548 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

They discussed one proposal and submitted three new proposals.

Five Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal urging the Union government to amend provisions in PWD Code and PWA Code and to reprint the books on amended proposals presented on 24 February by U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 6.

U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency said that not only matters related to original departments and enterprises but also that of Directorate of Water Resources Utilization under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Hydropower Implementation Department under the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 are to be described in the code.

U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency discussed that if all departments abide by PWD and PWA codes after asserting, amending and cancelling the provisions, such activities will be designed to practise the systemic spending of public's money.

Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency noted that it is necessary to amend the Civil Account Code, Fundamental Rules & Regulation and manuals of departments in addition to PWD and PWA codes in conformity with the present era, adding more provisions and enacting new laws.

U Sai Kyaw Myint of Mongnai Constituency discussed effectiveness of auditing at a time when the Audit Commissioner's Office was operated and necessarily asserting rights, authority and accountability of auditors into PWA Code.

Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Constituency No. 1 said that as the acts drawn in the colonial period are not in conformity with present era, terms, monetary value and measurements in the acts should be necessarily amended, subtracted and renewed.

With regard to the proposals, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint explained that Public Works, Irrigation Department, Hydropower Implementation Department and some government organizations related to engineering works use the PWD and PWA codes as reference.

However, terms and monetary values in some provisions are not conformity with present management systems. Thus, these provisions should be cancelled, amended and subtracted.

He said that he would like to take excerpts of the provisions.

The Agency Transaction in Para 10 of the Chapter II of PWA Code is to be amended in conformity with the current period. As the Accountant Commissioner was not appointed, all the works were not carried out under control of his subordinate accountants and accountancy staff at different levels are working under supervision of the departmental heads, the provisions concerning accountant commissioner and regional accountants of PWD Code and PWA Code are to be necessarily cancelled, amended and replaced. Moreover, as there was no treasury, the provisions on treasuries and auditing the accounts are to be amended in line with the existing banking system. He said that it is necessary to cancel the paragraphs from 416 to 424 on London Stores in the Chapter XII of the PWA Code, amend provisions on management for government-owned buildings, issuance of furniture, handing over of buildings, renting the building, fixing rental rate and taxation in the Chapter (III) Public Buildings of PWD Code

in conformity with the present situations, and to amend provisions from paragraph 475 to 480 in Takavi Works of Chapter XV of PWD Code. Furthermore, he said that it should amend the provisions in Chapter (II) Contract and Agreements of the PWD Code, abide by order and directives issued by the Union government and amend provisions concerning British colony Indian government paragraphs 422, 447 and 461 in PWD Code Volume I. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Public Accounts Committee is to cooperate with subject-wise experts from the Office of the Attorney-General of the Union, the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union and ministries concerned to carry out amendment, subtraction, assertion and republishing the law books. He said he supported the proposal and urged the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to put the proposal on record.

In taking decisions, as the 'yes' votes were the majority, the Hluttaw approved the proposal.

Next, U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 5 submitted the proposal urging the Union government to amend Social Security Board of the Ministry of Labour as an economic organization of the Union government. As the social security fund was paid into the combined account of the Union from 1963 to January 2012, Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 8 the proposal urging the Union government to refund the remaining money to the social security board. U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency No. 10 submitted the proposal urging the Union government that as savings or input savings that have been paid to the State for over 50 years are own money of the respective people. Thus, the savings are to be refunded to respective farmers. Moreover, Section 5/1953 of Agricultural Bank Law should be cancelled and farmers are to be allowed to save money of their own accord.

It was reported that the Hluttaw representatives wishing to discuss the proposals are to enlist their names after today's session.

Today's session came to an end at 11.50 am and the 20th day session will be held at 10 am on 9 March.-MNA

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