

## **Five bills approved at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Sept-The 13th as well as the final day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw took place at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 609 MPs.

Firstly, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw's agreement to appointment of Lt-Gen Wai Lwin as the Union Minister for Defence and U Thein Htaik as the Auditor-General of the Union as nominated by the President.

He then announced the Hluttaw's agreement to appointment of U Aye Myint Kyu, Maj-Gen Zeyar Aung, Dr Myint Aung, U Kyaw Lwin, U Win Shein, Dr Kan Zaw, U Maung Myint, Dr Ko Ko Oo, U Htay Aung and Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin as Union ministers as nominated by the President.

Next, nominated Union ministers Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, U Aye Myint Kyu, U Zeyar Aung, Dr Myint Aung, U Kyaw Lwin, U Win Shein, Dr Kan Zaw, U Maung Myint, Dr Ko Ko Oo, U Htay Aung, Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and nominated Auditor-General of the Union U Thein Htaik and Union Election Commission member U Win Ko took oath in the presence of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.

Union Minister U Win Shein explained matters related to arranging loan from abroad to set up fund required for the Union ministries to the Hluttaw.

Secretary of Joint Bill Committee U Saw Hla Tun presented assessment report of the committee with regard to the case. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sought approval from the Hluttaw which approved the report.

Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw explained matters related to including Myingyan Steel Factory and Pimpet Steel Factory in the ongoing projects of No.1 Heavy Industries Enterprise of the Industry Ministry and the revised additional budget for 2012-2013 fiscal year to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Member of Joint Bill Committee U Aung Kyi Nyunt presented assessment report of the committee regarding to the case. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw sought approval from the Hluttaw which approved the report.

Chairman of Joint Bill Committee U Mya Nyein explained findings and remarks of the committee on Foreign Investment Bill.

Regarding the different opinions of the two Hluttaws on bill amended by the Joint Bill Committee, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker sought the approval from the Hluttaw paragraph by paragraph and announced that the changes in paragraphs and in the entire bill are part of the bill.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker explained the functions of the Hluttaw fourth regular session. There were five bills approved by the Hluttaw and countersigned by the President during the Hluttaw session period, namely Staple Commodities and Service Law, Foreign Currency Management Law, the law amending the 1995 Government Housing (Expelling), 2012 Social Security Law, and the law revoking the Foreign Relations Act. Import, Export Bill has been sent to the President to seek his approval and the Foreign Investment Bill approved today has still yet to be sent to the President. In addition, three proposals were discussed and approved, the proposal of the Joint Public Accounts Committee on asking additional budget discussed and approved, a new Vice-President elected, appointment of 13 Union level personalities including 11 Union ministers, the Auditor-General of the Union and a member of the Union Election Commission approved, investigation commission formed to protect the interests of the people from confiscation of farmland and other land, and matters related to JICA loan and raising loan from the Central Bank as the circulation fund to the State-owned profit-making organization as proposed by the Union Government were approved.

The session came to an end at 11.30 am, bringing an end to fourth regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.-MNA

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