

Pyithu Hluttaw

Pyithu Hluttaw approves motion for agricultural education, rejects discussion on bill

U TUN TUN of Pwintbyu constituency submitted a motion yesterday urging the union government to implement nationwide agricultural training courses and seminars to improve the quality of agricultural education in the country, as well as enhance the livelihoods of farmers.

During the Pyithu Hluttaw session yesterday, Speaker U T Khun Myat called for the Hluttaw's approval to replace Pyithu Hluttaw committee members, while Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation answered asterisk-marked questions and a report was read.

U Myo Zaw Oo of Lewe constituency asked whether the Sin Ohn cistern in Lewe Township would be rebuilt.

Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw replied that the Sin Ohn cistern was in use since 1958, and is linked to Chaung Ma Nge reservoir to irrigate 4,560 acres of monsoon crops and 2,074 acres of summer crops. He said the cistern did not require immediate emergency repairs, so the spending will be focused on other



U Tun Tun. PHOTO: MNA

high priority objectives but added there were plans to inspect the cistern in the future for a detailed analysis.

Livestock farming, making bricks on farmland

U Tun Tun Naing of Kani constituency asked whether farm owners who wished to use their farmlands for breeding livestock and making bricks would receive legal permits in the allotted time.

The deputy minister replied that interested individuals or farmers must first apply to use their farmlands for other ventures, in accordance with the 2012



U Hla Kyaw. PHOTO: MNA

Farmland Law. The concerned farmland management group or department will then systematically review applications in their monthly meetings and act in accordance with the 2012 Farmland Law.

Further water supply system in Kengtung

U Steven of Kengtung constituency asked whether a portion of the union budget would be allotted to establish a further water supply system in Kengtung.

The deputy minister replied that the water distributing process in Kengtung involved

constructing an intake tank that would cost Ks9.7 million and linking 160,000 feet of 8" GI pipes from Kwi Nam Kaing spring to the reservoir at the eight miles checkpoint would cost Ks539.1 million.

He said the Shan State Government had allotted Ks50 million for the 2017-2018 fiscal year period and had begun purchasing 8" GI pipes. The Shan State Government has additionally allotted Ks200 million from its Early Disaster Prevention fund this year, and the remaining costs will be submitted for allocation in the 2018-2019 fiscal year period, he said. The deputy minister then answered questions put forth by Dr. Daw Shwe Pon of Bago constituency, U Nyan Hein of Thanbyuzayat constituency, and U Zarni Min of Shwegu constituency.

MPs to discuss agricultural education, socio-economy of farmers

Next, U Tun Tun of Pwintbyu submitted a motion urging the union government to implement nationwide agricultural training courses and seminars to improve

agricultural education, as well as enhance the livelihoods of farmers. He said Myanmar had surplus rice, crops, meat and fish, in addition to ideal weather conditions and land for agriculture, but the general populace required skills and knowledge to use them effectively.

An MP voiced his approval of the motion and after obtaining the approval of the Hluttaw, the speaker announced that the motion would be taken up for discussion and interested MPs were asked to sign up.

U Ba Shein of Kyaukpadaung constituency then tabled a motion to discuss the bill to amend the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law and an MP seconded the motion. The motion was balloted via electronic voting, and the results were 38 for votes, 328 against votes, and five abstentions. Thus, Speaker U T Khun Myat announced the motion as rejected by the assembly.

The seventh-day meeting of the eighth regular session of the second Pyithu Hluttaw will be held tomorrow.—Aye Aye Thant (MNA) ■

Amyotha Hluttaw

Amyotha Hluttaw discusses juvenile offences, 4th Bill to amend Anti-Corruption Law

THE Amyotha Hluttaw approved the fourth bill amending the Anti-Corruption Law, while Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union U Tha Htay answered two asterisk-marked questions and the MPs discussed the Forestry Bill during the Hluttaw session yesterday.

During the first order of business, Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than obtained the approval of the Hluttaw to replace Colonel Than Htay with Colonel Soe Moe Aung as a member of the Amyotha Hluttaw Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee. Naw Hla Hla Soe of Yangon Region constituency (10) asked about the status of the young people temporarily detained in Thanlyin Juvenile Training School, which is under the Department of Social Welfare, and whether the youth would be given their rights and transferred to relevant authorities. Justice U Tha Htay replied that the juvenile court and township courts within the Yangon Region were working swiftly and accurately to sort out juvenile offences in ac-



U Tha Htay. PHOTO: MNA

cordance with the 1993 Child Law Section 41(C) and Child Rule and Regulation section 74, under the supervision of the Chief Justice of the Yangon region. U Htay Oo of Yangon Region constituency (2) asked whether the Supreme Court had plans to feature their court sessions, summons, progress and verdicts in a daily newspaper.

Justice U Tha Htay replied that the Supreme Court of the Union puts up details of its court



Naw Hla Hla Soe. PHOTO: MNA

procedures, and relevant information about the court sessions and cases on its website at www.unionsupremecourt.gov.mm and Facebook account. As such, there are no plans to feature the court's summons, dates of court hearings and other relevant information in a daily newspaper.

He also said it would be impractical to put the Supreme Court's decisions in a daily newspaper because when an appeal is

submitted to the Supreme Court, a decision to accept or deny the appeal is made by the Justice present in office, and the decision is immediately put up on the Supreme Court's notice board.

Next, the Forestry Bill was discussed by Dr. Khun Win Thaung of Kachin State constituency (11), U Han Win Thein of Taninthayi Region constituency (4), and Daw Shwe Shwe Sein of Bago Region constituency (3).

Later, U Aung Thein of the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee read the committee's report on the fourth bill to amend the Anti-Corruption Law, which was then discussed by MPs.

U Kyi Win of Ayeyarwady Region Constituency (12) appealed for the removal of Section 16, Sub-Section (l), Section 46, and Section 59 from the original Anti-Corruption Law. Naw Hla Hla Soe of Yangon region constituency (10) appealed to amend Section 16, Sub-Section (l) into a separate section by itself and add it as Section 18 after Section 17 of the Anti-Corruption Law. U Hla San of Magway Region constitu-

ency (1) also appealed to remove Section 16, Sub-Section (l).

Section 16, Sub-Section (l), Section 46, and Section 59 are necessary to take action against individuals who send information or complaint letters to purposely defame or impair another individual, and therefore, should not be removed. The appeal to amend Section 16, Sub-Section (l), as a separate section by itself is observed to be not in accordance with legislative procedures. Therefore, the decisions concerning these appeals will be made by the Hluttaw.

The speaker then read each clause of the bill for the decision of the Hluttaw. U Aung Kyi, chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission, motioned for the Hluttaw to accept the bill and U Maung Maung Lett of Sagaing Region constituency (9) seconded the motion. After some discussion, the speaker announced the Hluttaw had accepted the bill.

The seventh-day of the eighth regular session of the second Amyotha Hluttaw will be held tomorrow.—Aung Ye Thwin ■