

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

DAILY JOURNAL

(281ST SESSION)

Date and Day	27th August, 2018 (MONDAY)
Commenced at	3:00 P.M.
Adjourned at	5:20 P.M.
Presided by	Acting Chairman Senate
Attendance	83
Total Working Hours	2 hours & 20 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICER FOR 281ST SESSION

1. Senator Haroon Khan
2. Senator Muhammad Ali Saif
3. Senator Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

FATEHA

- The House offered Fateha for the departed souls in various incidents during the intervening period of 280th and 281st sessions.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to repeal the West Pakistan Prohibition of Smoking in Cinema House Ordinance, 1960 [The West Pakistan Prohibition of Smoking in Cinema House (Repeal) Bill, 2018].

2. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the holding of Free, Fair and Transparent Elections / Security of General Elections, 2018.

Following Member spoke on the report:-

1. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik.
2. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq

At this stage, the Leader of the Opposition stated that there should be a parliamentary commission to probe the rigging in General Elections, 2018. The Opposition Benches staged token walkout to record their protest against the alleged rigging in General Elections, 2018.

BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED

Following Private Members' Bills were introduced:-

1. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani was to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956 [The State Bank of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2018], however, the Motion was deferred on request of the Member till next Private Members' Day.
2. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the implementation and enforcement of measures to prevent and control of diseases in the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Capital Territory Public Health (Surveillance and Response) Bill, 2018].

The Motion was not opposed by Mr. Babar Awan, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs, however, he suggested that the Member should do proper research work and may also consult with the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs before drafting a Bill in order to avoid duplicity.

Thereafter, the Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted and the Bill to provide for the implementation and enforcement of measures to prevent and control of diseases in the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Capital Territory Public Health (Surveillance and Response) Bill, 2018]

was introduced and referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

3. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the employment, rehabilitation and welfare of the disabled persons [The Disabled Persons (Employment and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018].

The Adviser to Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs did not oppose the Motion. The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted and the Bill to provide for the employment, rehabilitation and welfare of the disabled persons [The Disabled Persons (Employment and Rehabilitation) Bill, 2018] was introduced and referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

4. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati moved for leave to introduce a Bill to prohibit ostentatious displays and wasteful expenses in marriages and ceremonies relate thereto [The Marriage Functions (Prohibition of Ostentatious Displays and Wasteful Expenses) Bill, 2018].

The Adviser to Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs did not oppose the Motion. The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted and the Bill to prohibit ostentatious displays and wasteful expenses in marriages and ceremonies relate thereto [The Marriage Functions (Prohibition of Ostentatious Displays and Wasteful Expenses) Bill, 2018] was introduced and referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

5. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati moved for leave to introduce a Bill to make provisions for the protection against harassment of women at the workplace [The Protection against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Bill, 2018].

Following Member spoke on the bill:-

1. Senator Sherry Rehman objected the Bill and stated that the existing legislation cannot be repealed without any plausible justification.
2. Senator Saadia Abbasi stated that she has also drafted a similar Bill but she could not introduce the same but she has done a lot of work on drafting of the Bill.

**After detailed discussion in the House, with the sense of the House, Senator Azam Khan Swati withdrew his Bill for its review. **

6. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani was to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962 [The Banking Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2018] however, the Motion was deferred on request of the Member till next Private Members' Day.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved that the Bill to amend the National Disaster Management Act, 2010 [The National Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted. Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

After clause by clause consideration, Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh moved that the Bill to amend the National Disaster Management Act, 2010 [The National Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2017] be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani was to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the newly constructed Islamabad International Airport should continue to be named as "Benazir Bhutto International Airport.”

The Resolution was deferred on the request of the Member.

Senators Sirajul Haq on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Mushtaq Ahmed moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take immediate steps to ensure appointment of disabled persons against the quota reserved for them in the Federal Government departments.”

Following Members spoke on the resolution:-

1. Senator Sirajul Haq
2. Senator Quartulain Marri
3. Senator Saadia Abbasi
4. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
5. Senator Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar
6. Senator Mehar Taj Roghani

Thereafter, the Resolution was put to the House which was passed with slight amendment.

Senator Shibli Faraz moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps for creation of analytical data base wing in all Ministries in order to facilitate policy making of the respective Ministry.”

Following Members spoke on the resolution:-

1. Senator Pervaiz Khattak
2. Senator Atta ur Rehman
3. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak
4. Senator Sirajul Haq
5. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik

The Resolution was put to the House and passed.

UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House moved a unanimous resolution condemning the holding of a blasphemous cartoon contest in the Netherlands.

The Resolution was put to the House and passed unanimously.

Mr. Imran Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan made detailed statement on the issue.

STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF PAKISTAN

Mr. Imran Khan, Prime Minister of Pakistan made his maiden speech in the Senate of Pakistan and addressed the national and international issues with particular reference to financial crisis being faced by the country.

After making statement, the Prime Minister departed from the House upon which the Opposition staged walkout as protest and demanded that the Prime Minister should remain in the House to listen the Members in response to his statement.

- At this point Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out that the House was not in quorum, bells were rung for five minutes. The count was made again and the House was not found in quorum.
- **At 05:20 p.m. the Acting Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday, the 28th August, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.**

Islamabad,
The 27th August, 2018.