

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

DAILY JOURNAL

(284TH SESSION)

Date and Day	16 th November, 2018 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:30 A.M.
Adjourned at	01:00 P.M.
Presided by	Senator Atta Ur Rehman till 11:35 a.m. and after that Acting Chairman Senate till end of the sitting
Attendance	63
Total Working Hours	02 hours 30 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 64, 77, 78 and 80 were asked and replied in the House. Question Nos. 71 and 79 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Question Nos. 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 82, 83 and 84 were deferred on the request of the Leader of the House, as the Minister concerned was not present in the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Presiding Officer.

[The Acting Chairman Senate occupied the Chair]

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

The Acting Chairman acknowledged the presence of a group of 35 students along-with 8 faculty members from Dar-ul-Arqam School, Islamabad, in the Visitors' Gallery to witness the proceedings of the House.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Shammim Afridi on behalf of Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman, Standing Committee on Petroleum, presented periodical report of the Standing Committee on its performance during the period from May to October, 2018.

Senator Sitara Ayaz, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Climate Change, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Sana Jamali on 11th April, 2018, regarding Juniper forest and water issues at District Ziarat, Balochistan.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi drew attention of the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training towards the shortage of teachers in the colleges under the administrative control of the Federal Government and posting of interns as teachers to overcome the shortage.

Mr. Shafqat Mahmood, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, made a statement and hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed off accordingly.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Science and Technology, on behalf of Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, moved that the Bill further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 [The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2018], 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. There was no amendment in any clause of the Bill, therefore, the clauses were put to the House and stood part of the Bill.

After clause by clause consideration, Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Science and Technology, on behalf of Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, moved that the Bill further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 [The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2018] be passed.

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

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Sherry Rehman drew attention of the Minister for Climate Change towards the recurring issue of smog and its repercussions in the country.

Ms. Zartaj Gul, Minister of State for Climate Change, made a statement and hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed off accordingly.

MOTION OF THANKS

Discussion on the following motion moved by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Science and Technology on behalf of Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, on 9th November, 2018:-

"This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both the Houses assembled together on 17th September, 2018."

Discussion on the motion was, deferred.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, raised a point of public importance regarding objectionable remarks for the Chairman Senate, by the Minister for Information and Broadcasting in a press conference. The Honourable Senator also suggested formation of a Federal Accountability Commission to probe in to across the board corrupt practices in the society.

Senator Moula Bux Chandio, also raised a point of public importance regarding objectionable remarks for the Chairman Senate, by the Minister for Information and Broadcasting in a press conference, with reference to the Cabinet Meeting. The Honourable Senator demanded the Prime Minister to take action against the Minister concerned.

The Acting Chairman termed this as a personal opinion of the Minister and assured that all steps will be taken to protect the House and democracy.

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, responded the issues raised. He also suggested formation of the Parliamentary Committee on Ethics, comprising of senior most Members of the Parliament.

In the light of the suggestion of the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, the Acting Chairman announced that he will discuss the matter with the Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition.

Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar raised a point of public importance regarding non-payment of salaries to "Dock workers" of Port Qasim, Karachi, for the last nine months.

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee concerned with the direction to report back to the House within a period of seven days.

Senator Sherry Rehman, raised a point of public importance regarding failure of the Minister of State for Interior in submitting to the House, the detailed report of kidnaping and murder of Mr. Tahir Khan Dawar, S.P. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Senator Sitara Ayaz, also raised the issue regarding kidnaping and murder of Mr. Tahir Khan Dawar, S.P. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and failure of the Government in submission of the comprehensive report to the House.

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, responded the issue raised by the Honourable Senators and assured that the Minister of State for Interior will submit comprehensive report on the incident to the House during the next session.

Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak, raised a point of public importance regarding publication of expunged portion of debates of the House in the press and social media and suggested that the same should be expunged well in time and should not be allowed to go to the social media.

The Acting Chairman directed the Secretariat to ensure non-publication of expunged proceedings of the House.

Senator Quratulain Marri, raised a point of public importance regarding sale out of shares of Premier Oil Company, which owns approximately 25 percent of oil and gas production of the country.

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Petroleum for consideration and report within a period of seven days.

CARRYING FORWARD OF THE BUSINESS

The questions, motions under rule 218 and resolutions which could not be taken up during the session were carried forward for the next session.

At 1:00 p.m. the Acting Chairman read out the prorogation order signed by the President.

Islamabad,
The 16th November, 2018.