

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

DAILY JOURNAL

(286TH SESSION)

Date and Day	29 th January, 2019 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	03:30 P.M.
Adjourned at	07:15 P.M.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	69
Total Working Hours	03 Hours 45 Minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

- Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research, presented report of the Standing Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 107, asked by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan on 30th August, 2018, regarding the quantum of wheat production during the last five years with year-wise and province-wise breakup.

Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, also briefed the House about the report.

- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on behalf of Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, presented reports of the Standing Committee on the following Private Member's Bills introduced by Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, on 12th November, 2018:-

- (i) The Banking Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2018;
- (ii) The SBP Banking Services Corporation (Repeal) Bill, 2018; and
- (iii) The State Bank of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

MOTION
[Under Rule 194(1)]

- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on behalf of Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance, raised by Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif on 30th August, 2018, regarding problems being faced by advocates and politicians in opening their accounts in the banks or any financial institutions, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 29th January, 2019.

The Motion was put to the House and carried and the requisite extension was granted.

POINT OF ORDER

- Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, raised the issue of non-presence of the Ministers in the House.
- Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, raised the issue of not taking into confidence the Parliament by the Government regarding the recent United States of America-Afghan-Taliban peace dialogue facilitated by Pakistan. He also spoke on the issue of non-presence of the Ministers in the House.

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, also spoke on the issues raised by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi and Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.

The Chairman Senate informed the House that he has taken serious notice of the absence of the Ministers and the Senate Secretariat has already written a letter to apprise the Honourable Prime Minister of the position.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

- Senator Sherry Rehman drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards missing of revenue collection target of Rs.175 billion by the Federal Board of Revenue which is causing a slowdown in the economy.

Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister of State for Revenue, made a statement and hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed off accordingly.

MOTION

- Further consideration of the following motion moved by Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister of State for Revenue on 23rd January, 2019:-

“That the Senate may make recommendations to the National Assembly on the Money Bill, the Finance Supplementary (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019, under Article 73 of the Constitution.”.

The following Members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem
2. Senator Sherry Rehman
3. Senator Sirajul Haq
4. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani
5. Senator Pervaiz Rasheed
6. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
7. Senator Kalsoom Perveen

[At 05:40 p.m. the proceedings of the House were adjourned for Maghrib prayers and the House re-assembled at 06:00 p.m.]

8. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq
9. Senator Manzoor Ahmed

Further consideration of the motion was deferred till Tuesday, the 29th January, 2019.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER

- Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, made a statement on a point of public importance raised by Senator Nighat Mirza on 19th December, 2018, regarding Pakistanis stranded on Egyptian defaulter ship, for the last five months. He also clarified the issue raised by Senator Pervaiz Rasheed, regarding alleged arrest of foreigners from the mills of Pakistanis Industrialists, who traveled in to Pakistan without proper security procedure, which appeared in the media during the years 2015 to 2017.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, raised a point of public importance regarding reservations of the family members of the deceased on the composition of the JIT to probe into the Sahiwal incident and requested the Government to appoint an independent Judicial Commission to probe into the incident.

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani and Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, also spoke on the issue raised by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi.

- Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, raised a point of public importance regarding VISA problem being faced by the Pakistani community living in Kuwait and demanded for increasing PIA flights to Kuwait in order to facilitate the Pakistanis living there.

Mr. Chairman Senate asked the Secretariat to convey the issue to the Aviation Division for Ministerial response within a week.

- Senator Aurangzeb Khan, raised points of public importance regarding:-
 - (i) trade deficit between Pakistan and Afghanistan;
 - (ii) complicated VISA process for Pakistanis students who intend to study in Turkey;
- Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood, raised a point of public importance regarding casualties due to land sliding near Dusso, Gilgit Baltistan, and requested for construction of tunnels at the land sliding area for smooth flow of traffic on the Karakoram Highway.

Mr. Chairman Senate asked the Secretariat to get Ministerial response on the issue.

- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, raised points of public importance regarding:-
 - (i) recent incident of terrorism in Balochistan; and
 - (ii) delay in the Higher Education Commission funded medical scholarships for the students of Balochistan and FATA.

Mr. Chairman Senate referred the issue regarding delay in the Higher Education Commission funded medical scholarships for the students of Balochistan and FATA, to the Standing Committee concerned.

- Senate Mushtaq Ahmed, raised a point of public importance regarding the request of United States of America to Pakistan to use its influence over the Taliban to release two Professors one American and the other Australian abducted in 2016 and proposed the Government to avail this opportunity for release of Dr. Afia Siddiqui.

Mr. Chairman Senate announced that after taking the issue with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, he will inform the Member accordingly.

- Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif, raised points of public importance regarding:-

- (i) appointment of a full-fledged Minister for Interior;
- (ii) advising the Government not to engage with Taliban on the issue regarding release of two abducted professors in Afghanistan till exclusion of Taliban from the enemy combatant status by the Security Council; and
- (iii) irrelevant course work designed by the Higher Education Commission for the Law Ph.D. students on the lines of American Universities.

Mr. Chairman Senate referred the issue of Law Ph. D. students to the Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training.

- Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak, raised a point of public importance regarding alleged wastage of time and money on the sessions of the Parliament.

- Senator Dilawar Khan, raised a point of public importance regarding delaying tactics by the Higher Education Commission for giving compensation to the people whose land was acquired for Faculty of Agriculture, Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan in 2008-2009.

Mr. Chairman Senate referred the issue to the Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training.

At 07:15 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 31st January, 2019, at 03:00 p.m.

**Islamabad,
The 29th January, 2019.**