

# SENATE OF PAKISTAN

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### (286<sup>TH</sup> SESSION)

Date and Day	31 <sup>st</sup> January, 2019 (Thursday)
Commenced at	03:00 P.M.
Adjourned at	06:47 P.M.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	57
Total Working Hours	03 Hours 47 Minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

### **LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

### **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:**

- Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented interim report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2019, regarding killing of four people by a team of Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) officials near Sahiwal on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

Senator Abdul Rehman Malik also briefed the House about the report.

The following Members also spoke on the report:-

1. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati
2. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh
3. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif
4. Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti

Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, pointed out that the issue of Sahiwal incident is under consideration of two Committees of the Senate i.e. Standing Committee on Interior and Functional Committee on Human Rights and proposed that in order to avoid any delay and complications both the Committees should take up the issue in a joint meeting. In view of the statements of the officials of CTD, he urged for constitution of a Parliamentary Commission to probe into all operations conducted by the CTD.

**The Honourable Chairman Senate informed that he will look into the proposal regarding joint meetings of the two Committees of the Senate on the issue.**

## **MOTIONS**

**[Under Rule 194(1)]**

- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on behalf of Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Foreign 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2018, regarding arrest of a Pakistani citizen in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia due to expiry of his visa, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

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

- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on behalf of Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Foreign 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 Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, regarding provision of relief to a person belonging to Balochistan imprisoned in UAE, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

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

## **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES**

- Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum was to draw attention of the Minister for Railways towards delay in revival of hundred years old Mandra-Chakwal-Bhoun Railway line which is resulting in extra load on road network and mass scale encroachment of precious Railway land. **However, the Calling Attention Notice was deferred on the request of the member.**
- Senator Sherry Rehman drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards surging of Pakistan's total debt to an all-time high which denotes a drastic increase from June, 2018 figures.

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESENCE**

● The Chairman acknowledged the presence of the following in the Gallery to witness the proceedings of the House:-

- (i) a group of 59 students from the National Institute of Pakistan Studies, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad;
- (ii) Officers from the Secretariats of Provincial Assemblies of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan on placement in the Senate Secretariat to study library and legislative research services, a first of its kind initiative of the Senate of Pakistan.

**ORDINANCE LAID**

● Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, laid before the Senate the Elections (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 (Ordinance No. I of 2019), as required by clause (2) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

**POINTS OF ORDER**

● Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi raised a point of order regarding abolition of representation of the Parliament in the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council, through the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 2019.

● Senator Mian Raza Rabbani also raised the following points of order regarding:-

- (i) elimination of representation of the Parliament in the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council;
- (ii) alleged breach of privilege of the House as well as of the Member, violation of Article 89 of the Constitution and ruling of the Chair by the Government by not laying copies of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 2019, on the Table of the House; and
- (iii) issuing the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 2019, in violation of the Constitution and the Supreme Court's judgment without prior approval of the Council of Common Interest.

Senator Sherry Rehman, Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, and Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, also spoke on the issue.

**The Honourable Chairman Senate asked Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, to convey it to the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination to attend the session of the Senate tomorrow to make a statement on the matter.**

- Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif raised a point of order regarding appointment of a Deputy Governor State Bank of Pakistan, as Banking Ombudsman and requested that his oath taking may be deferred till the issue of conflict of interest is resolved.

**The Honourable Chairman Senate asked Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, to apprise the House of the facts and the Oath taking may be deferred till the issue is resolved.**

[At 04:20 p.m. the Opposition staged **walkout** as protest against issuance of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 2019 and non-laying the same on the Table of the House]

[Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi pointed out the quorum. Count was made but the House was not in quorum. Therefore, the bells were rung for five minutes and re-count was made but the House was still not in quorum. **Therefore, at 04:25 p.m., the House was adjourned for 30 minutes.**

**The House re-assembled at 04:55 p.m.**

### **M O T I O N**

- 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 Abdul Rehman Malik
2. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh
3. Senator Samina Saeed
4. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi
5. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo

[At 05:45 p.m. the proceedings of the House were adjourned for Maghrib prayers and the House re-assembled at 06:00 p.m.]

6. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi
7. Senator Sitara Ayaz
8. Senator Seemee Ezdi
9. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood

Further consideration of the Motion was deferred

### **POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

- Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, raised a point of public importance regarding difficulties being faced by special persons traveling in the country by PIA and Air Blue.

**The Chairman referred the issue to the Standing Committee concerned.**

- Senator Mushtaq Ahmed raised a point of public importance regarding spread of Leishmaniasis disease in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province.

**The Chairman termed it as a provincial matter, but asked the Secretariat, to seek report form the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.**

- Senator Muhammad Akram raised points of public importance regarding:-
  - (i) ban on distribution of daily Dawn in the Province of Balochistan;
  - (ii) ban on sale and distribution of Balochi literature in Turbat Balochistan;
  - (iii) non-availability of internet service in Balochistan particularly in Makran;

**The Chairman apprised that the issue of internet service is already referred to the Standing Committee concerned and asked the Secretariat to check its fate.**

- Senator Mian Raza Rabbani raised a point of public importance regarding America-Afghan-Taliban peace dialogue and requested the Chair to call the Minister for Foreign Affairs for statement on the issue in the House.

**The Chairman directed the Secretariat, to ask the Ministry of Foreign Affairs that the Minister may make a statement in the House tomorrow.**

**At 06:47 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.**

**Islamabad,  
The 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2019.**