

# SENATE OF PAKISTAN

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

Date and Day	24 <sup>th</sup> January, 2019 (Thursday)
Commenced at	03:00 P.M.
Adjourned at	06:54 P.M.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	73
Total Working Hours	03 Hours 54 Minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

### **LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

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

• Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented reports of the Standing Committee on the following Bills:-

- (i) The Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2016, introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016;
- (ii) The Right to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018, introduced by Senator Samina Saeed, on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2018; and
- (iii) The Trained Paramedical Staff Facility Bill, 2018, introduced by Senator Quratulain Marri, on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

### **MOTION**

[Under Rule 194(1)]

• Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, 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 the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues (Amendment) Bill, 2018, introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2018, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

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

### **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE**

- Senator Sherry Rehman was to draw 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. **However, the Calling Attention Notice was deferred on the request of the Member.**

### **POINT OF ORDER**

- Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, raised the issue of non-presence of the Ministers in the House, particularly the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs in whose name business was included in the Orders of the Day.

The following Members also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani
2. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House
3. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition
4. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati
5. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini

[At this stage the Opposition staged **walkout** as protest against non-presence of the Ministers.]

[At 03:25 p.m. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar 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 03:30 p.m., the House was adjourned for 30 minutes.**

**The House re-assembled at 04:00 p.m.**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESENCE**

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

- A group of 20 students along-with 9 faculty members from Government Degree College Kher Abad, Mardan;
- A group of 46 members of Provincial Youth Assembly, Capital Chapter, Islamabad; and
- Former Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz.

**MOTION**

- Consideration of the following motion moved by Mr. Asad Umer, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Imamuddin Shouqeen
2. Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar
3. Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum
4. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri
5. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
6. Senator Faisal Javed

Further consideration of the motion was deferred.

**STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER**

Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister of State for Revenue, made a statement.

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, was of the view that as per tradition and provided in the relevant Rules, the Minister of State for Revenue should not respond, the points raised by the Senators, on daily basis, but he should note the points raised by the Senators during the discussion and wind up the debate on conclusion of the discussion.

The following Members also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House
2. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition

**The Chairman Senate, reserved his ruling on the issue.**

### **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE**

- Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi drew attention of the Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms towards reducing the size of Public Sector Development Programs (PSDP) from Rs. 950 billion to Rs. 675 billion for Balochistan which will affect the health, education, infrastructure and communication sectors at large.

**Makhdoom Khusro Bukhtiar, Minister for Planning, Development and Reform, made a statement and hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed off accordingly.**

### **POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

- Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, raised a point of public importance regarding gas load shedding in Hazara Division.

**The Chairman directed the Secretariat to ask the Ministry of Petroleum to submit report on the issue by tomorrow.**

[At 05:40 p.m. the proceedings of the House were adjourned for fifteen minutes for Maghrib prayers and the House re-assembled at 05:55 p.m.]

- Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini raised points of public importance regarding:-

- (i) non-establishment of a Cancer Hospital in the Province of Balochistan and requested for grant of aid through Bait-ul-Mal for a child suffering from Bone Marrow disease and presently admitted for treatment in the Agha Khan Hospital, Karachi;
- (ii) non-installation of 27 LPG air mix plants by the Sui Southern Gas Pipelines Limited, in Balochistan, despite approval by the ECC and CCI; and
- (iii) delay in appointment of the people having valid domicile of Balochistan against the vacant posts in KPT and CDA reserved for the quota of Balochistan.

**The Chairman referred the issue of non-installation of 27 LPG air mix plants to the Standing Committee concerned and directed the Secretariat to seek report from the Ministries concerned on the issue of vacant posts in KPT and CDA reserved for the quota of Balochistan.**

- Senator Mian Raza Rabbani raised a point of public importance regarding the issue of reported permission by the Government of Pakistan to a Pakistani Jew to travel to Israel.

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House also spoke on the issue.

**The Chairman asked the Secretariat to seek written clarification from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and place it before the House.**

- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar raised a point of public importance regarding defamatory attitude of the Executive Director, PIMS, Islamabad, with other Senior Doctors of the Hospital.

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

- Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi raised points of public importance regarding:-

- (i) suspension of MD, SNGPL, on the alleged allegation of low gas pressure and requested the Chair to refer it to the Standing Committee concerned; and
- (ii) gas load shedding in Hayat Abad, Peshawar and other cities of the country.

**The Chairman termed the matter regarding suspension of MD, SNGPL, as an administrative issue and informed that the Ministry of Petroleum is being directed to submit report on the issue of gas load shedding.**

- Senator Muhammad Akram raised points of public importance regarding:-
  - (i) non-availability of mobile emergency and first aid services in Balochistan;
  - (ii) transportation of Iranian smuggled crude oil through passenger coaches and massive casualties of innocent citizens as a result of road accidents of such coaches; and
  - (iii) requested for grant of aid for a child suffering from Bone Marrow disease and presently admitted for treatment in the Agha Khan Hospital, Karachi, as already raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini;

- Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi raised a point of public importance regarding non-payment of proper dividend to small shareholders of various companies by the Pakistan Stock Exchange.

**The Chairman referred the issue to the Standing Committee on Finance.**

- Senator Sassui Palijo raised a point of public importance and requested for opening of Khokra-par Mona-bhao border between Pakistan and India, to facilitate the people of Sindh.
- Senator Sirajul Haq raised a point of public importance regarding the recent increase in the prices of medicines in the country.

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

- Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi raised points of public importance regarding:-
  - (i) non-payment of compensation to the affectees of Mirani Dam.
  - (ii) concerns of the people of Pasni over the price of land for the proposed Saudi oil refinery and also requested to accommodate the people of the area in the said refinery against the posts of class-IV.

**The Chairman was of the view that the matter of non-payment of compensation to the affectees of Mirani Dam is already referred to the Standing Committee concerned. However, if there is no such matter under consideration of the Committee, then the matter stands referred to the Standing Committee concerned.**

- Senator Sitara Ayaz raised points of public importance regarding:-
  - (i) recent peace talks with Taliban and positive signs from the Governments of Pakistan and Afghanistan for bringing peace in the area; and
  - (ii) stopping senior leader and General Secretary of Awami National Party, Mian Iftikhar Hussain, from addressing the displaced families in Baka Khail Camp, North Waziristan.

- Senator Manzoor Ahmed raised points of public importance regarding electricity and gas load shedding, low gas pressure and installation of sub-standard gas meters in the Province of Balochistan.

**The Chairman asked the Secretariat to seek report on the gas issues from the Sui Southern Gas Pipeline Limited.**

- Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani raised a point of public importance regarding deaths from Acute Respiratory Syndrome.
- Senator Dilawar Khan raised points of public importance regarding:-
  - (i) non-implementation of decision of the Government announced at the time of merger of FATA and PATA in the Provinces, regarding five years' tax exemption to the people of the Areas and collection of the said tax on the Electricity and Gas Bills from the consumers in violation of the said decision and lack of mechanism to refund the same to the consumers; and
  - (ii) appointment of less number of Members of the Senate of Pakistan in the Cabinet;
- Senator Mushtaq Ahmed raised points of public importance regarding:-
  - (i) no arrangements made by the Government for provision of food, medicines and other facilities to the people of Hazara and Malakand Divisions, who are badly affected by heavy snowfall; and
  - (ii) land sliding and excessive load shedding in the said areas and monetary aid from the Benazir Income Support Program and Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall.

**The Chairman asked the Secretariat to send the recommendations of the Honourable Senator to the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.**

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

- (i) proposal to constitute a Special Committee of the House to examine purported grievances among some sections of the society and reach out, engage genuinely aggrieved persons to create national cohesion; and
- (ii) fate of the issues earlier raised by him, which were referred by the Honourable Chairman Senate to the concerned Committees.

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani also spoke on the issue of constitution of the Special Committee.

Senator Sitara Ayaz also endorsed the proposal of constitution of the Special Committee.

**The Chairman termed the issue of purported grievances among some sections of the society of a great concern and announced that he will take up the proposal of the Honourable Senators with the Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition. Further, the Chairman asked the Secretariat to enquire about the present status of the other issues earlier raised by Honourable Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.**

- Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar raised a point of public importance regarding the hurdles being faced by the general public in issuance of CNIC.

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

**At 06:54 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.**

**Islamabad,  
The 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.**