

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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(288TH SESSION)

Date and Day	30 th April, 2019 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	8:00 p.m.
Presided by	Deputy Chairman Senate
Attendance	79
Total Working Hours	5 hours

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

FATEHA

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition informed the House regarding an accident which led to the death of the wife and son of former Minister for Education, Mr. Baligur Rehman and suggested that the House may offer Fateha wherein Fateha was offered for the departed souls.

[At 03:09 p.m., due of absence of Ministers on account of the Cabinet Meeting, the proceedings of the House were suspended for 15 minutes and the House reassembled at 03:35 p.m.]

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 139, 140, 113, 77, 79, 81, 82 and 86 were asked and replied in the House. Question Nos. 78, 80 and 83 were deferred whereas Question No. 139 was referred to the concerned Committee.

The remaining printed questions and their replies placed on the Table of the House were taken as read.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESENCE

The Deputy Chairman Senate acknowledged the presence of the following to witness the proceedings of the Senate:

- 30 students and 5 faculty members from Sir Syed Public School, Tipu Road, Rawalpindi; and
- 33 students and 1 faculty member from Pakistan Institute of Development Economics, Islamabad.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Deputy Chairman Senate.

MOTION

[Under Rule 194(1)]

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 3rd September, 2018, regarding the arrest of a Pakistani citizen in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia due to expiry of his visa, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 29th April, 2019.

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

MOTION

[Under Rule 196(1)]

Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Chairman, Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that report of the Functional Committee on its visit to Chitral, Kalash and Peshawar from 19th to 22nd October, 2018, presented to the House on 26th April, 2019, be considered and adopted.

The following members spoke on the Motion:

1. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
2. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
3. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
4. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed
5. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak
6. Senator Kalsoom Perveen
7. Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams
8. Senator Samina Saeed
9. Senator Gianchand
10. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, wound up the debate.

Thereafter, the motion for the adoption of the report of the functional Committee was put to the House and carried and the report was adopted by the House.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

- Senator Mushtaq Ahmed drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the State Bank's report published in Newspapers on 26th March, 2019, about increase in the prices of necessary items before Ramazan.

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

- Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq drew attention of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination towards the rising number of Polio cases and frequent detection of Polio virus from the sewage samples across Pakistan.

Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani expressed her opinion.

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs made a statement and hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed off accordingly.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Sherry Rehman on 31st August, 2018, regarding the disconcerting increase of 44.7 % as compared to year 2017 in current account deficit of Pakistan which has soared upto 17.994 billion USD.

The following members spoke on the adjournment Motion:

1. Senator Sherry Rehman
2. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
3. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini

[At 07:03 p.m., the House was adjourned for fifteen minutes on account of Maghreb prayers and re-assembled at 07:18 p.m.]

4. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak

5. Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister for Revenue wound up the debate and consequently the Adjournment Motion was disposed of.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- Senator Mushahidullah apprised the House regarding, Dr. Haroon a martyr in the Christchurch attack who he has been declared an absconder by HEC following his death.

The matter was referred to the concerned committee.

- Senator Bahramand Tangi expressed reservations regarding the reply given by Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister of State for Revenue on the Adjournment Motion.
- Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini raised the following points of public importance:
 - He highlighted the problems faced by Haj operators belonging to Balochistan due to Haj quota.

The matter was referred to the concerned Committee

- He also raised the issue of Developmental funds to be given only to the Members of the National Assembly for the development of their constituencies and stated that members of the Senate should also be given the same.
- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar highlighted the following issues:
 - Blocking of Identity Cards of the family of Malik Attaullah Khan, a notable from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, which he had raised earlier as well.

The matter was referred to Functional Committee on Human Rights.

- The regularization of non-teaching staff by NCHD whereas depriving the teaching staff of the same which has led them to protest in Islamabad.
- Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro raised the issue of registration of doctors at PMDC which takes too long thereby affecting the ability of doctors to sit in the public service commission examination.

The Deputy Chairman requested the Senator to submit his query in written so a reply can be sought from the concerned quarters.

- Senator Sassui Palijo raised the issue of Pakistani prisoners in Saudi Arabia.

The Deputy Chairman directed the Senator to submit her query in written.

- Senator Mushtaq Ahmed informed the House regarding non-availability of a functional specialized cardiac hospital in Peshawar.

At 08:00 p.m. the Deputy Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 2nd May, 2019, at 03:00 p.m.

**Islamabad,
the 30th of April, 2019.**