

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(300TH SESSION)

Date and Day	13 th July, 2020 (Monday)
Commenced at	10:30 A.M.
Adjourned at	04:17 P.M.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	67
Total Working Hours	05 hours 47 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR 300TH SESSION

1. Senator Aurangzeb Khan
2. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq
3. Senator Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

FATEHA

The House offered Fateha for the departed souls of the following:-

- (i) Policeman and guards martyred during terrorist attack on Pakistan Stock Exchange, Karachi;
- (ii) Syed Munawar Hassan, former Ameer of Jamat-i-Islami and a prominent political figure;
- (iii) Mr. Ayatullah Durrani, former Federal Minister and prominent political leader from Balochistan;
- (iv) Professor Mughees-ud-Din Sheikh, world renowned journalism professor and teacher of many famous journalists;
- (v) Citizens who died in recent rains and urban flooding in different parts of the country;
- (vi) Brave doctors, paramedics and security personnel who have lost their lives in the line of duty;
- (vii) Citizens who have died of COVID-19;

- (viii) Innocent civilians martyred by occupation forces in Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir;
- (ix) Mr. Abdul Khaliq, Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Faisal Khurshid, Mr. Muhammad Kashif, I. T. Officer, Dr. Shehla, Wadehra Abdul Khaliq, Mr. Munir Khan Aurakzai, MNA, Pir Aziz-ur-Rehman, Kashmiris martyred and freedom fighters of Aljazair who were martyred in fight against the French aggressions about 150 years ago.

ISSUES RAISED

- Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, raised the issue of promulgation of the International Court of Justice Review and Reconsideration Ordinance, 2020, by the President of Pakistan on 20th May, 2020 and non-laying the same in the Senate and the National Assembly.
- **Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi**, congratulated the Honourable Chairman Senate on his nomination for election to IPU.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

- **Senator Farooq Hamid Naek**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, presented reports of the Standing Committee on the following Money Bills:-
 - (i) The Tax Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020; and
 - (ii) The COVID-19 (Prevention of Smuggling) Bill, 2020.

The Reports stood laid.

MOTIONS [Under Rule 130(8)]

- **Senator Farooq Hamid Naek**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, moved that the recommendations on the Money Bill further to amend tax laws [The Tax Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020], as reported by the Standing Committee, be considered and adopted.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

- **Senator Farooq Hamid Naek**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, moved that the recommendations on the Money Bill to provide for the prevention of smuggling of scheduled articles, in the wake of an emergent situation resulting from the outbreak of the corona virus pandemic (COVID-19) [The COVID-19 (Prevention of Smuggling) Bill, 2020], as reported by the Standing Committee, be considered and adopted.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

BILLS INTRODUCED

- **Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi**, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan Act, 2012 [The Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House, did not oppose the motion. Thereafter, the motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted. The Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2020, upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

- **Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi**, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Act, 2017 [The Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

Mr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs did not oppose the Motion. Thereafter, the motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted. The Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Bill, 2020, upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

- **Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi**, was to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961 [The Muslim Family Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020], **however, the Motion was deferred on the request of the Member till next Private Members' Day.**
- **Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif**, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020] **(Amendment of Article 160).**

The motion was opposed by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed and other Senators belonging to the Opposition benches. The following members spoke on the Bill:-

- (i) Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif
- (ii) Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
- (iii) Senator Sherry Rehman
- (iv) Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House
- (v) Senator Mian Raza Rabbani
- (vi) Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Deputy Chairman
- (vii) Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
- (viii) Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri
- (ix) Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan
- (x) Senator Aurangzeb Khan
- (xi) Senator Mohsin Aziz
- (xii) Senator Atta Ur Rehman
- (xiii) Senator Sitara Ayaz
- (xiv) Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
- (xv) Senator Faisal Javed
- (xvi) Senator Kauda Babar
- (xvii) Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition
- (xviii) Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi

Thereafter, the motion was put to the House and the leave to introduce the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Amendment of Article 160), was rejected.

- **Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi**, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide a law for the appointment of Law Officers in the Islamabad Capital Territory and for matters connected therewith and ancillary thereto [The Islamabad Capital Territory Law Officers Bill, 2020].

Mr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs apprised the House that instead of introducing a new law the purpose of the proposed legislation can be achieved by amending the existing Law on the subject i.e. the Central Law Officers Ordinance, however, he did not oppose the Motion. Thereafter, the motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted. The Islamabad Capital Territory Law Officers Bill, 2020, upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

- **Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi**, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Press Council of Pakistan Ordinance, 2002 [The Press Council of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Bill was not opposed and the motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted. The Press Council of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2020, upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

- **Senator Sherry Rehman**, was to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for and to prescribe a uniform Court fee on civil suits and appeals [The Islamabad Court Fees Bill, 2020].

However, the Honourable Senator did not move the motion and withdrew the Islamabad Court Fees Bill, 2020.

- **Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi**, was to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020] **(Amendment of Article 100), however, the Motion was deferred on the request of the Senator till next Private Members' Day.**

- **Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi**, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to establish a Criminal Prosecution Service in the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Capital Territory Criminal Prosecution Service (Constitution, Functions and Powers) Bill, 2020].

Mr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs did not oppose the Motion. Thereafter, the motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted. The Islamabad Capital Territory Criminal Prosecution Service (Constitution, Functions and Powers) Bill, 2020, upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

- **Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Manzoor Ahmed, Kalsoom Perveen, Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Muhammad Akram, Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen, Naseebullah Bazai, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi, Abida Muhammad Azeem, Sajjad Hussain Turi, Hillal Ur Rehman, Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, Mirza Muhammad Afridi, Gul Bashra, Mushtaq Ahmed and**

Muhammad Javed Abbasi moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020] (**Amendment of Article 73**).

The following members spoke on the Bill:-

- (i) **Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi**
- (ii) **Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri**
- (iii) **Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi**
- (iv) **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh**
- (v) **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed**
- (vi) **Senator Walid Iqbal**

● **Mr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs did not oppose the Motion. Thereafter, the motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Amendment of Article 73), upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.**

● **Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020] (**Amendment of Article 140**).**

● **The motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Amendment of Article 140), upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.**

● **Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Ordinance, 1979 [The Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) (Amendment) Bill, 2020].**

The motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted. The Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) (Amendment) Bill, 2020, upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- **SENATOR MUHAMMAD JAVED ABBASI** was to move that the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019] (**Amendment of Article 198**), as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

Since it was a Constitution (Amendment) Bill and less than two-thirds of the total membership of the House was present in the House, therefore, the Honourable Chairman Senate with the sense of the House deferred consideration of the Bill till next Private Members' Day.

- **Senators Sajjad Hussain Turi, Ahmed Khan, Naseebullah Bazai, Sana Jamali, Manzoor Ahmed, Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Muhammad Akram, Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Agha Shahzaib Durrani, Kalsoom Perveen, Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen, Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, Abida Muhammad Azeem, Gul Bashra, Kauda Babar and Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar** were to move that the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019] (**Amendment of Article 106**), as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

Since it was also a Constitution (Amendment) Bill and less than two-thirds of the total membership of the House was present in the House, therefore, the Honourable Chairman Senate with the sense of the House deferred consideration of the Bill till next Private Members' Day.

- **Senator Samina Saeed** moved that the Bill to provide for special measures for the education of children suffering from dyslexia and/or associated disorders [The Dyslexia Special Measures Bill, 2020], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The motion was put to the House and adopted unanimously. 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 of the Bill, Senator Samina Saeed moved that the Bill to provide for special measures for the education of children suffering from dyslexia and/or associated disorders [The Dyslexia Special Measures Bill, 2020] be passed.

The motion was put to the House and carried and the Bill was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

- **Senator Zeeshan Khanzada** moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should introduce uniform pay scale for all the Federal and Provincial Government employees especially BS-1 to BS-16.”

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, opposed the Resolution. Thereafter, with the consent of the Mover and the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, the Chairman referred the Resolution to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

- **Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi** moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should utilize the funds, allocated for various development projects of the parliamentarians, for the treatment and prevention of COVID-19 pandemic and for the assistance and rehabilitation of the poor affected by the lock down.”

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, proposed an amendment to the Resolution. The mover of the Resolution also agree with the amendment. Thereafter, the Resolution as amended was put to the House *and adopted and the Resolution as amended was passed by the House.*

- **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed** moved the following resolution:-

“Expressing deep concern on the miserable condition and problems being faced by the labourers and workers of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa stranded in the Gulf countries due to the Covid-19 pandemic, lack of proper facilities in quarantine centers for the returning workers and closure of the Bacha Khan International Airport, Peshawar;

the House urges upon the Government to:

- (1) take necessary measures to make the Bacha Khan International Airport operational and increase the number

of flights from the Gulf countries to facilitate those workers;

- (2) to establish proper quarantine centers with all facilities for the said workers returning from those countries; and
- (3) to issue directions to the Pakistan embassies in the Gulf countries to help and cooperate with the stranded workers."

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, proposed an amendment to the Resolution. The mover of the Resolution also agree with the amendment. Thereafter, the Resolution as amended was put to the House and adopted *and the Resolution as amended was passed by the House.*

- **Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi** moved the following resolution:-

"This House shows serious concern on the Government decision regarding reduction in the pension, being granted to retired and old aged workers by the Employees Old-Age Benefit Institution, from Rs. 8500 to Rs. 6500.

The House demands that the said pension should be maintained at its old rates and no reduction whatsoever should be made in it.

The House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to increase the rate of the said pension by that institution keeping in view the increase in inflation."

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, spoke on the Resolution. Thereafter, the Chairman with the consent of the Mover and Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, referred the Resolution to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

- **SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ** moved the following resolution:-

"The House recommends that necessary steps should be taken for insurance of major crops in the country specially Wheat and Cotton against natural calamity and disaster."

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, did not oppose the Resolution. Thereafter, the Resolution was put to the House and passed unanimously.

COMMENCED MOTION

[Under Rule 218]

- Further discussion on the following motion moved by Senators Agha Shahzaib Durrani and Muhammad Ali Khan Saif, on 8th June, 2020:-

“that this House may discuss the need for reforms in Gilgit Baltistan in order to enhance sense of participation of the people of Gilgit Baltistan, upgrade standard of Governance and public service delivery and boost industry and commercial activity especially under CPEC, keeping in view the resolution passed by the Gilgit Baltistan Assembly on 15th August, 2017 demanding "Constitutional Status of Province with representation in the Parliament”.”

Mr. Ali Amin Gandapur, Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan, wind up the debate and the motion was talked out. Thereafter, the Chairman Senate referred the subject matter of the Motion to the Standing Committee concerned for in camera consideration and report.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 218]

- **Senator Mohsin Aziz** moved that the house may discuss the slow progress of industrialization and Commercial activities in small provinces of the country especially due to improper, unjustified and inequitable credit/lending by the commercial banks to the private sectors in those provinces.

Senator Mohsin Aziz spoke on the motion and thereafter, the Chairman Senate, on the request of the mover, referred the subject matter of the Motion to the Standing Committee on Finance for consideration and report.

- **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed** moved that this House may discuss the commitments including the provision of annual development budget of Rs. 100 billion, made by the Government for erstwhile FATA, at the time of its merger with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The following members/Minister spoke on the motion:-

- (i) Senator Mushtaq Ahmed**
- (ii) Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar**
- (iii) Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi**
- (iv) Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi**
- (v) Senator Fida Muhammad**
- (vi) Senator Aurangzeb Khan**
- (vii) Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, wound-up the debate and thus the Motion was talked out.**

- **Senator Sherry Rehman** moved that this House may discuss the issue of locust in the country which may cause an estimated loss of Rs. 600 billion to Pakistani economy.

The following members/Minister spoke on the motion:-

- (i) Senator Sherry Rehman**
- (ii) Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar**
- (iii) Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House**
- (iv) Syed Fakhar Imam, Minister for National Food Security wound-up the debate and thus the Motion was talked out.**

- **Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi** was to move that the House may discuss the need for establishment of a Constitutional Court and the options for enhancing current setup of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, **however, the motion was deferred on the request of the mover.**

- **Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi** was to move that this House may discuss the lack of proactive role of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in disaster management and the need to strengthen its role in disaster management, **however, the motion was deferred on the request of the mover.**

- **At 04:17 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Wednesday, the 15th July, 2020, at 04:00 p.m.**

DR. SYED PERVAIZ ABBAS
Secretary

Islamabad,
The 13th July, 2020.