

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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(300TH SESSION)**

Date and Day	20 th July, 2020 (Monday)
Commenced at	4:00 P.M.
Adjourned at	08:25 P.M.
Presided by	Chairman Senate and Senator Aurangzeb Khan, Presiding Officer
Attendance	
Total Working Hours	04 hours 25 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

FATEHA

The House offered Fateha for the departed soul of Sardar Muhammad Aslam, former Chief Justice, Islamabad High Court.

MOTION

[Under Rule 218]

- **Senator Mohsin Aziz** moved that the House may discuss the role and effectiveness of Competition Commission of Pakistan against Cartelization in various sectors resulting in over pricing of products.

The following members spoke on the motion:-

- (i) **Senator Mohsin Aziz**
- (ii) **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh**
- (iii) **Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar**
- (iv) **Senator Sirajul Haq**
- (vii) **Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, wound-up the debate and thus the Motion was talked out.**

Thereafter, the Chairman referred subject matter of the Motion to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

BILLS INTRODUCED

- **Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi**, 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 100**).

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, opposed 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 100), upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

- **Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi**, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961 [The Muslim Family Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, proposed to refer the Bill to the Council of Islamic Ideology. Thereafter, the motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted. The Muslim Family Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020, upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

[Walk-out: At this stage Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, staged a walk-out.]

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- **SENATOR MUHAMMAD JAVED ABBASI** moved 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.

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, expressed his view point on the Bill and proposed to defer it till next Private Members' Day for having a consensus. The following Senators also spoke on the Bill:-

- (i) **Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi**
- (ii) **Senator Mian Raza Rabbani**
- (iii) **Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House**
- (iv) **Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition**

Thereafter, the motion was put to the House, however, less than two-third of the total membership of the Senate was in favour of the motion. So, the motion was not carried. At this stage the following Senators spoke:-

- (i) Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
- (ii) Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House
- (iii) Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition

[Walk-out: Thereafter, the Members belonging to the Opposition parties staged a walk-out.]

RESOLUTION

- **Senator Mohsin Aziz** moved the following resolution:-

“This House recognizes the efforts and personal scarifies of Doctors and paramedical staff fighting on the front lines against the pandemic of COVID-19.

The House commends the invaluable contribution of the doctors and paramedical staff in combating this pandemic amid increased medical risks and unprecedented workload of treating huge number of patients.

The House highly appreciates and pays tribute to all the doctors and paramedical staff of the country for their selfless and result oriented efforts during this pandemic despite having limited medical and financial resources and a weak healthcare system in the country.”

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.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- **Senator Naseebullah Bazai on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Sajjad Hussain Turi, Ahmed Khan, Sana Jamali, Manzoor Ahmed, Dr. Jehanzeb Jamal dini, 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, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar and Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini** moved 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.

The following Senators spoke on the Bill:-

- (i) Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti**
- (ii) Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi**

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, did not oppose the Bill. Thereafter, the Motion was put to the House which was adopted by 71 votes in favor and none against it. So the Motion was carried by the votes of not less than two-third of the total membership of the House.

Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration of the Bill. There was no amendment in Clause 2 of the Bill which was put to the House and made part of the Bill by seventy-one (71) votes in favor and none against it i.e. by the votes of not less than two-third of the total membership of the House.

Clause one, the Preamble and the Title of the Bill was made part of the Bill by seventy-one (71) votes in favor and none against it.

● **After second reading i.e. clause by clause consideration, Senator Naseebullah Bazai on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Sajjad Hussain Turi, Ahmed Khan, 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, Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar and Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini moved that the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019] be passed.**

Voting on the Motion was made by division. Seventy-one (71) votes were in favor of the Motion and none against it and the Motion was passed by the votes of not less than two-third of the total membership of the Senate and consequently the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Amendment of Article 106), was passed by the House.

Thereafter, the following Senators spoke on the passage of the Bill:-

- (i) Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti**
- (ii) Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri**
- (iii) Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House**
- (iv) Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi**
- (v) Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar**
- (vi) Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini**
- (vii) Senator Sirajul Haq**
- (viii) Senator Kalsoom Perveen**
- (ix) Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan**
- (x) Senator Muhammad Akram**
- (xi) Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad**
- (xii) Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi**
- (xiii) Senator Zeeshan Khanzada**

Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House responded some issues raised by the Senators.

DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

The Honourable Chairman Senate deferred, the following Motions under Rule 218 and the Resolutions which were on the Orders of the Day but could not be taken up, for the next Private Members' Day:-

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 218]

- **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed** was to move that this House may discuss US-Taliban peace deal in Afghanistan with particular reference to its impacts on Pakistan and the region.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed** was to move that this House may discuss the issue of increase of circular debt beyond Rs. 1660 Billion.

RESOLUTIONS

- **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed** was to move the following resolution:-

“The Senate of Pakistan,

Lauding the selfless and relentless struggle and sacrifices of Syed Ali Shah Gilani for the right of self determination for the people of Indian Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJK);

Recognizing his unwavering commitment, dedication, preservice and leadership;

Acknowledging his role in exposing Indian atrocities, suppressive measures and human rights violations in IOJK; and

Concerned that Syed Ali Shah Gilani continues to remain under unjustified house arrest in frail health at the age of 90 years;

Calls upon the Government of Pakistan to:

- i) Name the proposed 'Pakistan University of Engineering and Emerging Technologies' near Prime Minister House in Islamabad as 'Syed Ali Shah Gilani University of Engineering and Emerging Technologies';
- ii) Confer the highest Civil Award 'Nishan-e-Pakistan' on Syed Ali Shah Gilani for his life-long services and sacrifices for the just and fair settlement of Kashmir issue in the light of UN Resolutions, and the right of self-determination duly recognized by international law;
- iii) Include the life and struggle of Syed Ali Shah Gilani in the educational curriculum at federal and provincial level; and
- iv) Mobilize world conscience to help Syed Ali Shah Gilani get best available medical treatment at a place of his choice.”

- **Senator Sirajul Haq** was to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government may declare Friday as weekly public holiday in the country.”

- **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed** was to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to fix the minimum wage for labourers at par with the price of one tola gold, ensure the provision of financial assistance and ration to daily wagers and labourers working in informal sectors and issue special passes to the labourers for purchasing kitchen items from utility stores on discount rates.”

[At this stage Senator Aurangzeb Khan, Presiding Officer, occupied the Chair]

- **Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif**, explained the issue of Defence Budget.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- **Senator Sherry Rehman** raised the following issues:-

- (i) Moving of Privilege Motion against the Minister and the Ministry of Civil Aviation; and
- (ii) Dual Nationality of the Advisors and Special Assistants to the Prime Minister.

- **Senator Mian Raza Rabbani** also raised the issue regarding dual Nationality of the Advisors and Special Assistants to the Prime Minister.

Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House responded the issue regarding dual Nationality of the Advisors and Special Assistants to the Prime Minister.

- **Senator Moula Bux Chandio** raised the following points of public importance regarding:-

- (i) non-implementation of the recommendations of Senate Standing Committee on Power regarding Lakhra Power House; and
- (ii) the alleged Privatization of Kotli Power Plant.

The Presiding Officer referred the issue of Privatization of Kotli Power Plant to the Standing Committee on Power for consideration and report.

- **Senator Kamran Michael** raised the issue regarding alleged killing of Christian man namely Nadeem Joseph in Peshawar.
- **Senator Muhammad Akram** raised the issue of ethnic and racial discriminations.
- **Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar** raised the following points of public importance regarding:-
 - (i) non-supply of electricity to the mines located in the Muslim Bagh area of District Qilla Saifullah, Balochistan; and
 - (ii) non-allocation of funds for the Less Developed Areas, out of the grant received from the China for poverty elevation in these areas.

The Presiding Officer referred both the issues to the Standing Committees concerned for consideration and report.

- **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed** raised the following points of public importance regarding:-
 - (i) lack of transparency in the recruitment process of Meter Readers and Linemen in PESCO; and
 - (ii) inclusion of defamatory materials in the syllabus of Private Schools in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province, regarding Pakhtoons particularly Bonairis.

The Presiding Officer referred both the issues to the Standing Committees concerned for consideration and report.

- **At 08:25 p.m. the Presiding Officer adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Wednesday, the 22nd July, 2020, at 04:00 p.m.**

DR. SYED PERVAIZ ABBAS
Secretary

Islamabad,
The 20th July, 2020.