

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	17 th February, 2020 (Monday)
Commenced at	04:02 p.m.
Adjourned at	05:40 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	68
Total Working Hours	1 hour and 38 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman, Standing Committee on Petroleum, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 24th January, 2020, regarding non-installation of Air Mix Plants in Balochistan.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS FOR INTRODUCTION

1. Senator Manzoor Ahmed on his behalf and behalf of Senator Kauda Babar, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 [The Islamabad High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted.

2. Senator Manzoor Ahmed on his behalf and behalf of Senator Kauda Babar, introduced the Bill further to amend the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 [The Islamabad High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

3. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Islamabad Consumers Protection Act, 1995 [The Islamabad Consumers Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted.

4. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, introduced the Bill further to amend the Islamabad Consumers Protection Act, 1995 [The Islamabad Consumers Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

5. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 [The Anti-terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted.

6. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, introduced the further to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 [The Anti-terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

7. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 [The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

Clubbed with already pending bill of Government in Committee.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi 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.

The Motion was deferred for next Monday by the Chairman due to lack of required number of Members i.e. 2/3rd.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should introduce a Group Insurance Scheme for its Employees, whereby Federal Government Servants shall be entitled to get the insured amount at the time of retirement out of their Group Insurance Fund, on the analogy of the Provincial Government employees.”

The Resolution was referred to Standing Committee concerned.

2. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada to move the following resolution:-

"This House recommends that the Government should prepare a National Transport Policy for National Highways and Motorways in order to protect commuter's rights, improve facilities for commuters, improve traffic discipline and to carry out regular maintenance of highways and motorways in the country."

The Resolution was deferred.

3. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi moved the following resolution:-

"Recognizing the fact that on the Hazara Motorway (M-15) no interchange has been provided to connect the Abbottabad city;

Realizing that Abbottabad is the divisional headquarter, the most populated district of Hazara division and not only a tourist place itself but also connecting the famous tourist sites of Thandyani, Galliyat, Nathia Gali, Ayubia, Muree and Azad Kashmir as well as home of Pakistan Military Academy Kakul;

Therefore, in order to facilitate the large population of Abbotabad City as well as the tourists and residents of Thandyani, Galliyat, Nathia Gali and Ayubia besides providing quick access to the Pakistan Military Academy, Kakul, this House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps for the construction of an Interchange and road to connect Abbottabad city to Hazara Motorway (M-15)."

The Resolution was not opposed and unanimously passed by the House.

4. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed moved the following resolution:-

"The Senate of Pakistan;

Conscious of the obligations of the State of Pakistan under Article 40 of the Constitution of Pakistan, 1973 which provides that the State shall "promote international peace and security, foster goodwill and friendly relations among all nations and encourage the settlement of international disputes by peaceful means";

Aware of the moral obligations of the world community, including Pakistan, to stand for just, fair and peaceful resolution of Palestinian issue in the light of about two hundred UNGA and UNSC resolutions;

Committed to upholding and preserving the principles of freedom, justice, equity and fair play as enunciated by numerous instruments of international law;

Dismayed by the continued occupation of Palestinians' land by the Israel, detention of hundreds of Palestinians in Israeli jails, and the relentless oppression of Palestinians by the Israeli forces;

Concerned by the so called " deal of the century" that tantamount to an instrument of humiliating surrender for the Palestinians before the oppressor and the aggressor;

Realizing the need for a just, fair and peaceful solution of the issue of Palestine in the light of UNGA and UNSC resolutions, including the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian State, safe return of all Palestinians to their homes and lands currently in illegitimate possession of Israeli settlers in breach of international law, and stopping the acts of aggression against Palestinians;

This House Calls upon the Government of Pakistan to:

i) Take steps for summoning an emergency Summit Meeting of the OIC to chalk out a consensus-based strategy, with due regard to the rights and legitimate interests of the Palestinian people as recognized by the international law, for amicable settlement of the Palestinian issue;

ii) Take steps for summoning special session of the UNGA to consider the constitution of an international Arbitration Commission, to hear the Palestinians and other stakeholders, and explore options for a peaceful resolution of the Palestinian issue, including the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian State, the safe return of Palestinian refugees to their homes and land currently under illegitimate occupation of Israelis, and immediate release of all Palestinians currently languishing in Israeli jails;

iii) Constitute a Special Committee of the parliamentarians, international law experts and representatives of human rights organizations, to visit Canada, Mexico, Latin and South America, the UK, the EU members, Russia, Turkey, China, Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Australia, African countries and Middle Eastern States as a global awareness campaign to sensitize the world community about the need for:

a) A peaceful and just solution to the Palestinian issue in the larger interest of world peace and security;

b) Continued aid and technical assistance to the Palestinians in the wake of the "Deal of the Century" that entails no more aid."

The Resolution was not opposed and unanimously passed by the House.

5. Senator Liaqat Khan Tarakai to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take steps to increase the upper age limit from 40 years to 45 years for BS-18 and from 45 years to 50 years for BS-19 officers for posting as Community Welfare Attachee in Pakistan Missions abroad.”

The Resolution was deferred.

6. Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani on his behalf and behalf of Senators Sherry Rehman, Sirajul Haq, Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, Mushahid Ullah Khan, Muhammad Talha Mehmood, Molvi Faiz Muhammad, Sitara Ayaz, Shammim Afridi, Hasil Khan Bizenjo, Shaheen Khalid Butt, Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar And Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo moved the following resolution:-

“This House condemns the recent wheat and flour crisis in the country, this unprecedented rise in the prices of both commodities and the resultant record inflationary trend in the country has broken the back of masses which clearly shows the non-serious attitude, incompetence and negligence of the incumbent government and its inability to provide relief to the people;

Concerned about the miseries of common masses that has been multiplied by the artificial shortage of these commodities. Despite facing desert locust attack, floods and record inflation, this House is unable to understand the logic behind allowing exports of these commodities in these testing times;

Urges that every possible measure shall be taken by the Government to provide safeguard to the people and ensure that effective measures shall be taken to ensure the social welfare of the people;

Demands that the Government should immediately place the inquiry report of Federal Investigation Agency about current wheat crisis before the Senate of Pakistan, so that vulnerable people of Pakistan will be able to identify the main culprits responsible for creating this crisis.”

The Resolution was passed by the House.

DISCUSSION ON ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The House started discussion on the following adjournment motion moved by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi:

“The House may be adjourned to discuss the report published today the 14th February in “The News” which says Pakistan to lessen the dependence on China Trade according to the IMF. This is a matter of urgent public importance and the House may be adjourned to discuss this important issue.”

Following Members spoke on the Motion:

1. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
2. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed
3. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani
4. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
5. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak
6. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
7. Senator Mina Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh
8. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
9. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs

At this stage, the Opposition staged walkout.

Senator Behramand Khan Tangi pointed out quorum.

Since, the House was not in quorum; therefore, at 5:40 p.m. the Chairman read out the prorogation order of the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan whereby the Senate session was prorogued *sine die*.