

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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(296th SESSION)

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| Date and Day | 28 th February, 2020 (Friday) |
| Commenced at | 10:34 a.m. |
| Adjourned at | 12:48 p.m. |
| Presided by | Chairman Senate |
| Attendance | 65 |
| Total Working Hours | 02 hours 14 minutes |

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS

In pursuance of sub-rule (1) of rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, the Chairman nominated Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani, Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi and Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood to form a Panel of Presiding Officers for the 296th Session.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

- Senator Mian Raza Rabbani drew attention of the House towards recent dialogues between Pakistan and the IMF and signing of agreement wherein Pakistan was represented by the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Finance who is a technocrat, the Governor State Bank of Pakistan who is ex-employee of IMF and the Secretary Finance who is a Bureaucrat. The Member pointed out that no representative of the public was part of the negotiations so the Advisor to the Prime Minister may be asked to come in the House and brief the House about the conditions agreed upon by Pakistan.

The Minister for Parliamentary Affairs assured that the Advisor will come in the House and brief the House.

MOTIONS
[Under Rule 218]

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition, on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Nuzhat Sadiq, Pervaiz Rasheed, Dr. Sikandar Mandhro, Shammim Afridi, Shaheen Khalid Butt, Anwar Lal Dean, Gianchand, Keshoo Bai, Abida Muhammad Azeem, Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini, Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot, Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo, Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar, Abdul Rehman Malik, Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi, Sassui Palijo, Mian Raza Rabbani, Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, Muhammad Akram, Lt. General Abdul Qayyum HI (M) Retd., Bahramand Khan Tangi, Rubina Khalid, Dr. Asad Ashraf, Ayesha Raza Farooq, Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi, Dilawar Khan, Najma Hameed, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Saleem Zia, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, Sherry Rehman and Mushahid Ullah Khan moved the following motions:-

- i. The House may discuss the legality and constitutionality of Ordinances that have been laid in the National Assembly and not in the Senate of Pakistan as required by Article 89 of the Constitution of Pakistan;
- ii. The House may discuss security and political developments in the region, especially in the Occupied Kashmir;
- iii. The House may discuss continuing political victimization of the Opposition;
- iv. The House may discuss Gas and Power scarcity in the domestic and industrial sectors;
- v. The House may discuss the price hike resulting in unbearable burden on the common man; and
- vi. The House may discuss devastating daily occurrences of crimes against children in Pakistan.

Following Members' spoke on the issues:-

1) Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition

2) Senator Sherry Rehman

[During her speech, Senator Sherry Rehman pointed out the lack of actions by the Government to deal with the threat of Corona virus]

Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Senator Syed Shibli Faraz explained the House the steps taken by the Government to deal with

the threat of Corona virus. Leader of the House presented to the House the brief on COVID-19 preparedness which was laid on the Tables of the House.]

- 3) Senator Mushid Ullah Khan
- 4) Senator Sirjul Haq
- 5) Senator Faisal Javed
- 6) Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
- 7) Senator Mian Muhammad Raza Rabbani
- 8) Senator Tahir Khan Bazinjo

Further discussion on the motions was commenced.

Acknowledgment of presence

The Chair acknowledged the presence of Member National Assembly Mr. Sher Akbar Khan who was present in the gallery to witness the proceedings.

- **At 12:48 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 2nd March, 2020, at 03:00 p.m.**

Islamabad,
The 28th of February, 2020.