

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	24 th August, 2020 (Monday)
Commenced at	05:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	06:55 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	67
Total Working Hours	01 hour and 55 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

The Chairman acknowledged the presence of the group of 29 students and 3 faculty Members of Government Degree College Harnai Balochistan who were present in the galleries to witness the House proceedings.

FATEHA

The House offered Fateha for victims of road accident near Sibi and for two deceased brothers of Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Shah, Minister of Interior.

BILLS INTRODUCED

1. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the safety standards on the watersides of canals, dams, lakes and rivers in the Islamabad Capital Territory which are currently ineffective and are required to be improved and regulated to avoid unfortunate incidents of drowning [The Islamabad Capital Territory Watersides Safety Bill, 2020].
The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the bill was granted.
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The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.
3. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for protection of rights of the religious minorities [The Protection of the Rights of Religious Minorities Bill, 2020].

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

4. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, introduced the Bill to provide for protection of rights of the religious minorities [The Protection of the Rights of Religious Minorities Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

5. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif, 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 Articles 63A, 64 and 160)**.

The Motion was deferred due to absence of the Member.

6. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

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

7. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, introduced the Bill further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. Senator Sirajul Haq to move that the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020] **(Amendment of Article 45)**, as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was deferred on written request of the Member.

2. Senator Sirajul Haq to move that the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020] **(Amendment of Article 25B)**, as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was deferred on written request of the Member.

3. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to move that the Bill to provide for a compulsory blood test for proposed spouse for Thalassaemia [The Compulsory Blood Test of the Spouses and Proposed Spouses for Thalassaemia Disease Bill, 2019], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was deferred on written request of the Member.

4. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to move that the Bill further to amend the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 2010 [The Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues (Amendment) Bill, 2018], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was deferred on written request of the Member.

5. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi moved that the Bill further to amend the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 [The Islamabad High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2020], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was put to the House which was adopted. Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

6. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi moved that the Bill further to amend the Islamabad High Court Act, 2010 [The Islamabad High Court (Amendment) Bill, 2020] be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed.

7. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani moved that the Bill further to amend the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 [The Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners (Amendment) Bill, 2019], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was put to the House which was adopted. Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

The Mover withdrew some words in clause 2 of the Bill.

8. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani moved that the Bill further to amend the Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners Act, 1965 [The Unani, Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic Practitioners (Amendment) Bill, 2019] be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed.

9. Senator Faisal Javed moved that the Bill further to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 [The Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2020], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was put to the House which was adopted. Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

10. Senator Faisal Javed moved that the Bill further to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicles Ordinance, 1965 [The Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2020] be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed.

BILLS WITHDRAWN

[Under Rule 115]

1. Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah sought leave to withdraw the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018] (**Amendment of Fourth Schedule**), introduced on 18th December, 2018.

The Motion was put to the House and Adopted and the Bill was withdrawn by the Member.

2. Senator Sirajul Haq to seek leave to withdraw the further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020] (**Amendment of Article 213**), introduced on 20th January, 2020.

The Motion was deferred on written request of the Member.

3. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed on his behalf and behalf of Senator Sirajul Haq sought leave to withdraw the further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018] (**Amendment of Article 30**), introduced on 21st January, 2018.

The Motion was put to the House and Adopted and the Bill was withdrawn by the Member.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Senator Samina Saeed moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that Government should take necessary steps to establish separate lock ups for the custody of juveniles arrested in suspicion of committing crimes in order to keep them separate from adult criminals in lock ups, in all police stations in Islamabad Capital Territory.”

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

2. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should include the speech of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, regarding the rights of minorities, delivered on 11th August, 1947 in the first Constituent Assembly of Pakistan, in the Curriculum of all educational institutions under the administrative control of the Federal Government in order to acquaint the new generation with the views of Quaid-e-Azam regarding rights of minorities in Pakistan.”

The Resolution was deferred due to absence of the Member.

3. Senator Khushbakht Shujat moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take necessary measures to promote cultural norms and social values of our society with particular reference through electronic media in order to present and promote soft and positive image of our society and country.”

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

4. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed to move the following resolution:-

“In the light of sayings of Allama Muhammad Iqbal and Quaid-e- Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah about Urdu as the National Language of Pakistan, Articles 5 and 251 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 and the decision of the Supreme Court of Pakistan dated 8th September, 2015, this House recognizes that Urdu is not only the basis of social and cultural identity of the nation but also a symbol of unity and development of the State.

The House expresses its concern on the fact that despite the sayings of the founders of Pakistan, Articles of the Constitution and decision of Supreme Court of Pakistan, no concrete steps have been taken regarding the national language resulting in adverse effects on national unity, identity and development.

Keeping the development of national unity and cultural identity in view, this House recommends that the Government should:

(1) take concrete steps, for using Urdu as official language in accordance with Article 251 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, within the time period prescribed by the Government on 6th July, 2015;

(2) take steps for coordination with the Provincial Governments in order to develop a uniform manuscript of the national language;

(3) take measures to translate and publish the Federal and Provincial laws in Urdu for facilitation of general public and to upload the same on the Law Division's website;

(4) make arrangements for conducting the competitive examinations in Urdu and also to make it as medium of instructions in all the educational institutions in the country;

(5) the decision of the Courts should be written and published in Urdu gradually;

(6) all the Government departments should use Urdu for submission of their comments, replies and arguments in their court cases;

(7) all the academic books should be translated in Urdu by the National Language Authority and other concerned departments so that Urdu can be made medium of instructions in all the educational institutions within one year; and

(8) the Government should present a monthly report before the National assembly and Senate about the action taken for the development of Urdu language.”

Leader of the House opposed the Resolution as it contained multiple recommendations and opinions which is in violation of relevant rules. Chairman directed the Mover to consult with the Secretariat and amend the resolution accordingly. The resolution was thus deferred.

5. Senator Sirajul Haq to move the following resolution:-

“This House expresses grave concern on the increase in inflation rate in the country with particular reference to increase in the prices of various food items during the last one year as reported by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics in its report for the fiscal year 2019-20 and recommends that the Government should take immediate and result oriented steps to control the increasing rate of inflation in the country.”

The Resolution was deferred on request of Member.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 263]

Leader of the House moved under rule 263 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 that the requirements of rules 25, 29, 30 and 133 of the said rules be dispensed with in order to enable the House to pass the resolution to recommend that the Government should withdraw its decision/plan to shift the Large Taxpayers Units of FBR Quetta to Karachi and Peshawar to Islamabad and to further recommend that Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq Ahmad Member (IR Operations), FBR should refrain from taking such actions.

Motion was put to the House and adopted.

Thereafter, Senator Manzoor Ahmad Kakar moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should withdraw its decision/plan to shift the Large Taxpayers Units of FBR Quetta to Karachi and Peshawar to Islamabad because such actions will adversely affect the revenue targets and create unrest amongst the business community, tax practitioners and people of the provinces. This House further recommends that Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq Ahmad Member (IR Operations), FBR should refrain from taking such actions.

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

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 218]

1. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi to move that this House may discuss the Sustainable Development Goals, the progress made by Pakistan in its fulfillment so far and the need to expedite the process of fulfillment of the same.

The Motion was deferred on request of the Member.

2. Senator Seemee Ezdi to move that this House may discuss the issue of wastage of food items due to lack of cold storages, proper packaging and proper food processing capacity in the country and the need for investment in establishment of cold storages and refrigerated transportation of various food items as well as silos for preservation of grains.

The Motion was deferred on request of the Member.

3. Senator Gianchand moved that this House may discuss the importance of telemetering system for distribution of water amongst the provinces and reasons for non-implementation of the same in the country.

Following Members' spoke on the Motion:-

- i. Senator Gianchand
- ii. Senator Sana Jamali
- iii. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro
- iv. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi
- v. Senator Sassui Plaijo
- vi. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs wound up the debate.

The Motion was talked out and referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

4. Senator Sirajul Haq to move that this House may discuss the losses of lives and properties caused by the recent spell of rains in the country and the steps taken by the Government in this regard.

The Motion was deferred on written request of the Member.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- Senator Hidayat Ullah spoke about the Senate Implementation Committee and the implementation on recommendation under rule 196. He was of the opinion that the Senate should ensure implementation of its recommendations.

Chairman stated that he will look into the issue in his Chamber.

- Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri spoke about extra judicial killing of an innocent student Hayat Baloch by FC. He also spoke about controlling of affairs by LEAs in Balochistan. He also explained some historical background of Balochistan.
- Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim spoke about killing of Hayat Balcoh. He also spoke about statement of Foreign Minister which created a rift in Pak-Saudi relations.

- **At 06:55 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday, the 25th August, 2020, at 04:00 p.m.**

Islamabad,
the 24th of August, 2020