

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
**DAILY JOURNAL**  
**(304<sup>TH</sup> SESSION)**

Date and Day	22 <sup>nd</sup> October, 2020 (Thursday)
Commenced at	04:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	07:05 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	69
Total Working Hours	3 hours and 5 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

**QUESTIONS**

Questions entered in a separate list were asked and their replies were given.

**LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

**M O T I O N S**  
**[Under Rule 194(1)]**

1. **SENATOR RUKHSANA ZUBERI on behalf of Senator RAHILA MAGSI**, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education, Professional Training, National History and Literary Heritage, moved under sub-rule (1) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for protection against harassment of students in educational institutions [The Protection against Harassment of Students in Educational Institutions Bill, 2020], introduced by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi on 17th August, 2020, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 16th October, 2020.

**Motion was adopted and requisite extension was granted by the House.**

2. **SENATOR RUKHSANA ZUBERI on behalf of Senator RAHILA MAGSI**, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education, Professional Training, National History and Literary Heritage, moved under sub-rule (1) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on a point of Public Importance raised by Senator Quratulain Marri on 19th August, 2020, regarding a notice issued by Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training with reference to curriculum, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 18th October, 2020.

**Motion was adopted and requisite extension was granted by the House.**

3. **SENATOR MOLANA ABDUL GHAFOOR HAIDERI**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony, moved under sub-rule (1) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for protection of rights of the religious minorities [The Protection of the Rights of Religious Minorities Bill, 2020], introduced by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi on 24th August, 2020, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 22nd October, 2020.

**Motion was adopted and requisite extension was granted by the House.**

### **PRESENTATION OF REPORTS**

1. **SENATOR RANA MAQBOOL AHMED KHAN on behalf of Senator ANWAAR-UL-HAQ KAKAR**, Chairman, Parliamentary Committee to Protect Minorities from Forced Conversions, presented preliminary report of the Committee.
2. **SENATOR SHERRY REHMAN on behalf of SENATOR FAROOQ HAMID NAEK**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, presented report of the Committee on the Resolution moved by Senator Zeeshan Khanzada, on 13th July, 2020, regarding recommendation to the Government to introduce uniform pay scales for all the Government employees with particular reference to those working in BPS-1 to BPS-16.

## **DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

Discussion on the following Admitted Adjournment Motion regarding recent hike in prices of medicines, electricity and basic food items, was deferred till Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

### **RESOLUTION**

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar Ul Haq, Leader of the Opposition, moved a resolution condemning the registration of FIR against Capt. Safdar at Karachi, more and manner of his arrest from the hotel room where he was staying along with his wife.

The Resolution was opposed by the Leader of the Opposition.

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Sherry Rehman.
2. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.
3. Senator Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem, Minister for Law and Justice.
4. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the Opposition.
5. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar Ul Haq, Leader of the House.
6. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Minister for Information and Broadcasting.
7. Senator Dr. Musadik Malik.
8. Senator Walid Iqbal.
9. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri.
10. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan.
11. Senator Sassui Palijo.

**After hearing the Members from both the sides, the Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Law and Justice for consideration and report.**

### **ZERO HOUR**

1. Senator Fida Muhammad pointed out that the subject of printing of Holy Quran is a devolved subject which should have been within the domain of Federal Government. He was of the view that the paper and ink being used for publication of Holy Quran is not up to the mark. He urged that ink and paper to be used for publication of Holy Quran should be of best quality. He also stated that there is no recycling plant in the country for recycling of old

books of Holy Quran. **The Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Religious Affairs.**

2. Senator Gianchand pointed out an incident of abduction of a Hindu girl from Tharparkar who was taken to Balochistan. He stated that the accused is nominated in the FIR but Balochistan Police has not taken any action so far. **The Chairman directed to seek report from IGsP Sindh and Balochistan.** Senator Gianchand further requested that Chair that he may also be included in the Parliamentary Committee to protect forced conversions of minorities. **The Chairman asked the Secretary Senate to discuss the issue with him in the Chamber.**

### **QUORUM**

Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani was on his legs when Senator Fida Muhammad Sherry Rehman pointed out the quorum.

Since the House was not in quorum so bells were rung for five minutes and count was made again. The House was not in quorum so **at 07:05 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Islamabad,**  
**The 22<sup>nd</sup> of October, 2020.**