

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	25 th January, 2021 (Monday)
Commenced at	03:10 p.m.
Adjourned at	06:15 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	67
Total Working Hours	03 hours and 05 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS INTRODUCED

1. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Guardian and Wards Act, 1890 [The Guardian and Wards (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

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

2. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, introduced the Bill further to amend the Guardian and Wards Act, 1890 [The Guardian and Wards (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

3. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide mechanism for speedy removal of public grievances [The Public Complaints (Removal of Grievance) 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 mechanism for speedy removal of public grievances [The Public Complaints (Removal of Grievance) Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

5. Senator Mohsin Aziz, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Islamabad Rent restriction Ordinance, 2001 [The Islamabad Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

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

6. Senator Mohsin Aziz, introduced the Bill further to amend the Islamabad Rent restriction Ordinance, 2001 [The Islamabad Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

7. Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi on his behalf and behalf of Senators Walid Iqbal, Muhammad Ali Khan Saif, Manzoor Ahmed and Mirza Muhammad Afridi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 [The Right of Access to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

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

8. Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi on his behalf and behalf of Senators Walid Iqbal, Muhammad Ali Khan Saif, Manzoor Ahmed and Mirza Muhammad Afridi, introduced the Bill further to amend the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 [The Right of Access to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

9. Senator Seemee Ezdi, to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the establishment of the Islamabad Women University, Islamabad [The Islamabad Women University Islamabad Bill, 2020].

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

10. Senator Seemee Ezdi, introduced the Bill to provide for the establishment of the Islamabad Women University, Islamabad [The Islamabad Women University Islamabad Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

11. Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020] (**Amendment of Section 123B**).

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

12. Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah, introduced the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

13. Senator Mohsin Aziz, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Factories Act, 1934 [The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

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

14. Senator Mohsin Aziz, introduced the Bill further to amend the Factories Act, 1934 [The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

15. Senator Kauda Babar on behalf of Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Arms Ordinance, 1965 [The Pakistan Arms (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

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

16. Senator Kauda Babar on behalf of Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi, introduced the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Arms Ordinance, 1965 [The Pakistan Arms (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

17. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to prohibit the use of malpractices in educational examinations in the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Educational Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2021].

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

18. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, introduced the Bill to prohibit the use of malpractices in educational examinations in the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Educational Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Bill, 2021].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

19. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave introduced a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 [The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2021] **(Amendment of Section 377A)**.

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

20. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, introduced the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 [The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2021].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

21. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the West Pakistan Maternity Benefit Ordinance, 1958 [The West Pakistan Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2021].

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

22. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, introduced the Bill further to amend the West Pakistan Maternity Benefit Ordinance, 1958 [The West Pakistan Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2021].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

23. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the General Clauses Act, 1897 [The General Clauses (Amendment) Bill, 2021].

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

24. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, introduced the Bill further to amend the General Clauses Act, 1897 [The General Clauses (Amendment) Bill, 2021].

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 due to lack of required number for constitutional amendment i.e. 2/3rd of total membership of the House.

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 due to lack of required number for constitutional amendment i.e. 2/3rd of total membership of the House.

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 due to absence 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 due to absence of the Member.

5. Senator Faisal Javed moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 [The Pakistan Environmental Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2020], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was put to the House which was not opposed. Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

6. Senator Faisal Javed moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 [The Pakistan Environmental Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2020] be passed.

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

7. Senator Faisal Javed moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 [The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2020], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

8. **The Motion was put to the House which was opposed by Opposition.**

Following members' spoke on the Bill:

1. Senator Sherry Rehman
2. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani
3. Senator Mohsin Aziz
4. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House
5. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
6. Senator Khusbakht Shujat
7. Senator Faisal Javed
8. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri

The Motion was put to the House which was rejected by majority of the Members present in the House.

9. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi moved that the Bill further to amend the National Highways Safety Ordinance, 2000 [The National Highways Safety (Amendment) Bill, 2020], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was opposed by the Minister for Communication on the stance that the proposals contained in the Bill have already been incorporated and implemented so there is no need for legislation.

With the sense of the House, the Bill was referred back to Standing Committee concerned for further consideration

BILLS WITHDRAWN

[Under Rule 115]

1. Senator Sirajul Haq sought leave to withdraw the Bill 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 put to the House and Adopted and the Bill was withdrawn by the Member.

MOTION

[Under Rule 126(7)]

Senator Mohsin Aziz, moved that the Bill to amend the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 [The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Bill, 2019], as passed by the Senate and transmitted to the National Assembly but not passed by the National Assembly within ninety days of its laying in the National Assembly, be considered in a joint sitting.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take immediate steps including public awareness campaign and strengthening of screening mechanism in banks to control the circulation of fake currency notes of Rs. 1000 and 5000 denominations in the country which are almost similar to the original notes and to take stern action against the criminals involved in manufacturing and circulation of the same.”

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

2. Senator Sirajul Haq moved the following resolution:-

“The House expresses its grave concerns and strongly condemns the sacrilegious, misleading and deceitful information floated on search engines of Google and Wikipedia depicting Mirza Masroor as the current Caliph of Islam.

The House expresses concerns over the passive social media policy of Government leading to unchecked blasphemous and religiously misleading operational activities of non-Muslims on

international social media networks and search engines in Pakistan.

The House draws the attention of the Government towards the growing incidents of Islamophobia, publication and floating of sacrilegious information regarding Islam, the Holy Quran, the finality of the Holy Prophet (SAW), ideology of Pakistan on Google, Wikipedia and other social media networks operating in Pakistan.

This House strongly demands the Government to take immediate and result oriented steps for blocking the publication and floating of blasphemous, deceitful and misleading information/contents against Islam, Islamic beliefs, principles, rituals, the Holy Quran, the finality of the Prophethood of Hazarat Muhammad (SAW), the ideology of Pakistan and the social and cultural norms of Pakistan on Google, Wikipedia and other social media networks operating in Pakistan.”

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

3. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi moved the following resolution:-

“Expressing grave concern on the increase in number of drug addicts in the country, this House demands that the Government should establish drug rehabilitation centers in every district of the country.”

The Resolution was not opposed and passed by the House.

4. Senator Seemee Ezdi moved the following resolution:-

“The House is cognizant of the fact that Covid-19 pandemic has adversely affected education in Pakistan resulting in the closure of over three hundred thousand schools in the country since March 2020 as majority of the students do not have access to the use of smart phones, 3G / 4G wireless and internet connectivity especially in far flung areas of Pakistan.

The House recommends that in order to save the educational career of the students in all over the country, the Government should devise a comprehensive distance learning strategy containing the utilization of all technological tools available in Pakistan in collaboration with all provincial Governments.”

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

5. Senator Sirajul Haq moved the following resolution:-

“The House recommends that the Federal Government may establish a border crossing point for public on Pak-Afghan border in the area of Kharakai, Shahi Bin Shahi in District Lower Dir.”

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

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- Senator Mian Raza Rabbani spoke about the requirement of Article 157(2)
The Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.
- Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaladini spoke about funeral and burial of late Karima Baloch.
- Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi spoke about payment of pensioners of PTCL.
- Senator Aurangzeb Khan spoke about provision of internet facilities in erstwhile FATA and non-compliance of merit for recruitment in Forest Department.
- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar spoke about the death of Karima Baloch. He also spoke repatriation of female teachers in Islamabad under wedlock policy. **The Chairman directed to seek report from Ministry concerned.**
- Senator Fida Muhammad spoke about proper mechanism of disposal of Quranic verses published.
- Senator Muhammad Anwaar Ul Haq Kakar spoke about the death of Karima Baloch.
- Senator Mushtaq Ahmed spoke about the recruitment by various departments' through third party testing agencies i.e. NTS. **The Chairman directed to seek report from Chief Secretary KPK.** he also spoke about reactivation of Senate Committee to resolve grievances of people from Balochistan.
- Senator Khushbakht Shujaat spoke about online classes and absence of required gadgets among children.
- Senator Behramand Khan Tangi spoke about the delaying tactics on the installation and the fate of employees working in Passport Office. **The Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.**

- **At 06:15 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday, the 26th January, 2021, at 03:00 p.m.**

**Islamabad,
the 25th of January, 2021.**