

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	4 th March, 2019 (Monday)
Commenced at	03:00pm
Adjourned at	6:40 pm
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	72
Total Working Hours	3 hours and 40 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

POINT OF ORDER

- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh raised the issue of election of the election of the Chairman of Pakistan Medical and Dental Council without representation of Sindh and Balochistan in the Board. He also highlighted the issuance of PMDC Ordinance by the Government.

Leader of the House replied on behalf of the Minister and informed the House that the said Ordinance will be laid in the House within one or two days. Furthermore the Chairman Senate directed that report should be sought from the concerned minister and the House be informed accordingly.

BILLS INTRODUCED

- Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq moved for leave to introduce the Bill to give power to make the vaccination for universal immunization of children compulsory and to protect the health workers designated for immunization programs [The Islamabad Compulsory Vaccination and Protection of Health Workers Bill, 2019].
- Senators Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah also expressed their support on the proposed Bill.

The motion was not opposed. Thereafter, the motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted. The Islamabad Compulsory Vaccination and Protection of Health Workers Bill, 2019 upon introduction the Bill stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

- Senator Khushbakht Shujat moved for leave to introduce a Bill to repeal and enact the Law relating to the Postal Services [The Post Office Bill, 2019].

The motion was not opposed. Thereafter, the motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted. The Post Office Bill, 2019, upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

- Senator Khushbakht Shujat moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for establishment of Pakistan Courier and Logistic Authority [The Pakistan Courier and Logistics Regulatory Authority Bill, 2018].

The motion was not opposed by the Minister for Postal Services. Thereafter, the motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted. The Pakistan Courier and Logistics Regulatory Authority Bill, 2018 upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- Senator Quratulain Marri moved that the Bill to provide for the facility of day care centres in public and private establishments [The Day Care Centres Bill, 2018], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once

Leader of the House did not oppose the motion. The motion was put to the House and adopted unanimously. Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration. There was no amendment in any clause of the Bill, therefore, the clauses were put to the House and stood part of the Bill.

After clause by clause consideration of the Bill, Senator Quratulain Marri moved that the Bill to provide for the facility of day care centres in public and private establishments [The Day Care Centres Bill, 2018] be passed.

The motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed unanimously.

- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved that the Bill to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2013 [The Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2016], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

Leader of the House and some of the members expressed some concerns with the Bill thereafter the Chairman after taking sense of the House referred the Bill back to the Standing Committee concerned.

- Senator Sirajul Haq moved that the Bill to prohibit the business and practices of private money-lending and advancing loans and transactions based on interest [The Islamabad Capital Territory Prohibition of Interest on Private Loans Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition, Minister for Postal Services and Senators Bahramand Khan Tangi, Nauman Wazir Khattak, Kalsoom Perveen, Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Muhammad Ayub, Atta Ur Rehman also spoke in favor of the Bill.

The motion was put to the House and adopted. Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration. There was no amendment in any clause of the Bill, therefore, the clauses were put to the House and stood part of the Bill.

After clause by clause consideration of the Bill, Senator Sirajul Haq moved that the Bill to prohibit the business and practices of private money-lending and advancing loans and transactions based on interest [The Islamabad Capital Territory Prohibition of Interest on Private Loans Bill, 2017], be passed.

The motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed unanimously.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- The Chairman acknowledged the presence of a group of 21 students along with 5 faculty members from Islamabad College for Boys G-6/3

M O T I O N S **[Under Rule 218]**

- Senator Mushtaq Ahmed moved that this House may discuss the news report published on 19th October, 2018 claiming that, in the light of the recent report of the State Bank of Pakistan inflation may increase twofold in the country in the coming few months.

Senators Mushtaq Ahmed, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri and Nauman Wazir Khattak participated in the discussion which was followed by the statement of Minister for State for Revenue.

The Motion was discussed.

- Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi moved that the House may discuss the situation arising out of rapid population increase in the country and the measures to control the same.

The Chairman deferred the motion due to the absence of the Minister for Health.

- Due to the absence of Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood his motion regarding the performance of commercial counselors, commercial secretaries and trade ministers presently posted in Pakistan's missions abroad and the need to improve their performance was dropped.

Point raised by Senator Sherry Rehman regarding the inhumane killing of a Pakistani Prisoner Shakirullah in Indian prison:

- Senator Sherry Rehman raised the issue of inhumane killing of a Pakistani prisoner named Shakirullah in Indian prison. Senators Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Sassui Palijo, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum and Mushtaq Ahmed also took part in the discussion.

Response by Ms. Dr. Shireen M. Mazari, Minister for Human Rights

- The Minister for Human Rights informed the House regarding the issue raised by Senator Sherry Rehman. She assured the members that all available options were considered and once best course of action is determined she will report it back to the House.
- Senators Sherry Rehman, Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum, Muhammad Javed Abbasi and Muhammad Ali Khan Saif also took part in the ensuing debate.

Due to absence of ministers, opposition staged a walk-out at 5:35pm which ended at 5:42.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- Senator Nighat Mirza raised a point of public importance regarding open firing of Sindh Police and loss of precious lives caused by it.
- Senator Manzoor Ahmed raised a point of public importance on the devastation caused by recent rain and snow falls in the country and announcement of a Federal Package for the affected people.

Points raised by Senator Mushahidullah Khan regarding Pakistan's effective diplomacy at International Forums

- Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan raised points regarding Pakistan's effective diplomacy at International forums by provision of dossiers and role of Pakistani embassies at international conferences. He also highlighted the improper treatment awarded to him by the Pakistan embassy in France while attending the 'UN Committee Bureau Member Special Policy Dialogue on Private Sector Engagement' as a delegate from Senate.

The Chairman directed that strict action be taken in this regard against the embassy staff in France.

The House was adjourned for 15 minutes from 6:15pm to 6:30 on account of Maghreb prayer.

POINT OF PERSONAL EXPLANATION

- Point of Personal Explanation was raised by Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs regarding statement by a Minister.
- Point of Personal Explanation was raised by Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan regarding provision of dossiers to India by Previous Government.

Due to absence of Ministers opposition staged a walk-out at 6:35. Furthermore quorum was pointed out, after which count was made and the House was not in quorum as result the bells were rung for 5 minutes. Following it re-count was made and again the House was not in quorum after which the Chairman adjourned the session to meet on Tuesday, the 5th March, 2019 at 3:00 pm.

Islamabad,
The 4th March, 2019.