

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
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**(295<sup>th</sup> SESSION)**

Date and Day	27 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020 (Monday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	06:05 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.

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:**

1. Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, National History and Literary Heritage, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of a point of public importance, raised by Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, regarding Rules for Ph.D students by Higher Education Commission.

**The Report stood laid.**

2. Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, National History and Literary Heritage, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of a point of public importance, raised by Senator Dilawar Khan on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2019, regarding delaying tactics used by Higher Education Commission in giving compensation to the people.

**The Report stood laid.**

3. Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, National History and Literary Heritage, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of a point of public importance, raised by Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2019,

regarding discriminatory examination system of the Institute of Chartered Accounts of Pakistan.

**The Report stood laid.**

4. Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, National History and Literary Heritage, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of a point of public importance, raised by Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2019, regarding steps taken by the Government since June, 2013, to preserve the National Heritage in the country.

**The Report stood laid.**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi to move that the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (**Amendment of Article 198**)], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

**The Motion was deferred for next Monday by the Chairman due to lack of required number of Members i.e. 2/3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Senator Quratulain Marri, moved that the Bill to provide for the facility of maternity and paternity leave to the employees of public and private establishments [The Maternity and Paternity Leave Bill, 2018], 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.**

Senator Quratulain Marri, moved that the Bill to provide for the facility of maternity and paternity leave to the employees of public and private establishments [The Maternity and Paternity Leave Bill, 2018] be passed.

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

Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq moved that 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], 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.**

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

### **BILLS WITHDRAWN**

[Under Rule 115]

**SENATOR NASEEBULLAH BAZAI** to seek leave to withdraw the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018] (**Amendment of Article 260**), introduced on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2019.

**The Motion was deferred.**

### **DEFERRED MOTIONS**

[Under Rule 218]

1. Senator Sassui Palijo to move that this House may discuss the issue of construction of Sindh Barrage on River Indus.

**The Motion was again deferred on request of the Member.**

2. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi moved that this House may discuss the functioning of newly established National Coastal Development Authority.

The following Members also spoke on the issue:

- i. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro
- ii. Senator Gianchand
- iii. Senator Mohsin Aziz
- iv. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri
- v. Senator Sirajul Haq
- vi. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad
- vii. Senator Moula Bux Chandio

- viii. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
- ix. Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum
- x. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.

**The Motion was talked out.**

3. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to move that this House may discuss the present status of work/progress on the project of Diamir Bhasha Dam and the status of funds collected under the "Dam Fund" so far.

**The Motion was again deferred on request of the Member.**

4. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed moved that this House may discuss health problems faced by children due to malnutrition in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT).

The following Members also spoke on the issue:

- i. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq
- ii. Senator Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani
- iii. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.

**The Motion was talked out.**

**MOTIONS**  
**[Under Rule 218]**

1. Senator Sassui Palijo to move that this House may discuss the WHO report on rise of Polio cases in Pakistan.

**The Motion was deferred on request of the Member.**

2. Senator Kalsoom Perveen moved that the House may discuss the performance of the FBR during the last six months with particular reference to increase in the revenue collection.

The following Members also spoke on the issue:

- i. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak
- ii. Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister of State for Revenue

**The Motion was talked out.**

3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar to move that this House may discuss the alarming decrease in the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the country during the last one year.

**The Motion was dropped due to absence of Member.**

4. Senator Sirajul Haq moved that this House may discuss the failure of the Government to control the incidents of kidnapping and abuse of children in the Islamabad Capital Territory.

**The Motion was deferred on request of the Member.**

5. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi moved that this House may discuss the regional security situation including the recent security challenges emerging in the Middle east region.

The following Members also spoke on the issue:

- i. Senator Sirjul Haq
- ii. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.

**The Motion was talked out.**

**GRIEVANCES OF MEDIA WORKERS CONCERNING NON-PAYMENT OF THEIR WAGES**

Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi pointed out the issue of non-provision of payments of media workers.

The following Members also spoke on the issue:

- i. Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister of State for Revenue
- ii. Senator Mohsin Aziz
- iii. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan
- iv. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
- v. Senator Sherry Rehman
- vi. Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi, Chief Whip
- vii. Senator Faisal Javed

**DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS**

1. Senator Khushbakht Shujat moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that biographies of all the Martyrs who have been awarded Nishan-e-Haider so far may be included in the curriculum of all the educational institutions in the country.”

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

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Senator Seemee Ezdi moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that Federal Government should take necessary measures to make all public buildings, hospitals, recreational and educational facilities accessible for persons with disabilities (PWDs) with accordance to article 9 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) which Pakistan has ratified in 2011.”

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

2. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi moved the following resolution:-

“Whereas it is a fact that on Multan-Sukkur Motorway no interchange has been provided in Tehsil Sadiqabad to connect 1.1 million population of the Tehsil thereby forcing them to use the distant Guddu Interchange in Sindh Province or travel 60 kms back to Iqbalabad Interchange in District Rahim Yar Khan;

Recognizing that District Rahim Yar Khan has been provided connectivity to this Motorway through three interchanges at different places, depriving the entire Tehsil of Sadiqabad of the connectivity to Motorway by non-provision of an interchange is a clear discrimination and denial of social and economic rights to the people of Sadiqabad.”

Realizing that Pakistan's largest gas processing and supply project i.e. Pak-Qatar LNG project has been established in Village Bhong, Tehsil Sadiqabad, and the famous Bhong Mosque, famous tourist site is also located there, non-provision of connectivity to the motorway will adversely affect the economic viability and potential benefits of the said project and the tourist spot in that Tehsil;

Therefore, in view of the social and economic importance of the area, this house recommends that the Government should take immediate steps for the construction of an Interchange at village Bhong, Tehsil Sadiqabad, District Rahim Yar Khan at the Multan-Sukkur Motorway.”

**The Resolution was passed with the vote of 10:19.**

3. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take immediate steps for prevention of epidemic infectious diseases like Influenza viruses types A, B and C and Diphtheria in the winter season in Islamabad Capital Territory and to issue specific directions to the public sector hospitals in this regard.”

**The Resolution was deferred due to absence of the Member.**

4. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed moved the following resolution:-

“The Senate of Pakistan expresses its deepest dismay and shock on the vicious and contemptuous act of burning and desecrating the Holy Quran in Norway by the member of SIAN, a right wing Islamophobic Norwegian group which has shocked the Muslims around the world

The Senate of Pakistan strongly condemns this act for being hateful, vicious, and contrary to the principles of International law laid down in several instruments including the UN General Assembly Resolution No 36/55 of 25 November 1981, Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the European Court of Human Rights & European Guidelines on Freedom of Religion & Belief, the General Assembly Resolution 56/6 of 9 November 2001 on the Global Agenda for Dialogue among Civilizations and the Resolution of UN Commission on Human Rights 2005/40.

The House considers that this viciously irresponsible act of the members of the infamous SIAN is calculated to harm interfaith harmony, communal peace, religious tolerance and ultimately global peace and tranquility.

The Senate of Pakistan resolves to stand for upholding the globally recognized principles highlighted above and expresses the collective will of State and people of Pakistan against the vicious act of desecration of the Holy Quran by the members of SIAN and other Islamophobes.

Therefore, the Senate of Pakistan:

1. Urges the Muslims to stay calm and refuse to be intimidated by the hate-mongering Islamophobes, and spread Islam's message of peace, tolerance and universal brotherhood;
2. Calls upon the Government of Pakistan:

- i) To summon the Ambassador of Norway and convey the sense of shock and anguish felt by the people of Pakistan against the act of SIAN;
- ii) To impress upon the Norwegian authorities for taking lawful action against those who desecrated the Holy Quran in Oslo on 19th November, 2019;
- iii) To direct its diplomatic staff in Norway to provide appropriate legal and moral assistance to the Muslims who have been arrested in the incident; and
- iv) To use all political and diplomatic channels to ensure that such incidents are not repeated in the UN members States."

The notices of resolutions of Senators Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, Mulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Mulana Faiz Muhammad, Sirajul Haq and Kamran Michael on the same issue were also clubbed with the instant resolution.

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

5. Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi moved the following resolution:-

"This House pays tribute to the legendary and popular poet Late Ahmed Faraz on the eve of his birthday.

The House considers that Mr. Ahmad Faraz was a great poet of the country who rendered invaluable literary contributions for the country. He gave message of love, harmony and peace through his poetry.

The Legendary poet will always be remembered with love and respect."

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

Senator Walid Iqbal also paid tribute to Ahmad Faraz by reciting his poetry.

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE RULES**

**(Under Rule 278)**

Senator Quratulain Marri, moved that the following amendments in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, as reported by the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges be taken into consideration:-



- (i) that in sub-rule (8A) of Rule 130 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, after the word "meet" the following shall be inserted:-

"provided that on the commencement of a session, as soon as may be but not later than seven days after the commencement of the session, the recommendations shall be placed on the Table."

- (ii) in paragraph (a) of Rule 162A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, after the word "Constitution" the phrase "of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973", shall be omitted; and
- (iii) in sub-rule (1) of Rule 167 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, for the word "six" the word "eight" shall be substituted.

**The Motion was put to the House and adopted.** Thereafter, Senator Quratulain Marri, moved that the proposed amendments in Rules 130, 162A and 167 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, be adopted. **The Motion was put to the House and adopted.**

### **POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

- Senators Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo spoke about the arrest of Manzoor Pashteen, PTM Leader.

### **FATEHA**

The House offered Fateha for the departed souls in the earthquake in Turkey.

- **At 6:05 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday, the 28<sup>st</sup> January, 2020, at 03:00 p.m.**

**Islamabad,**  
**the 27<sup>th</sup> of January, 2020.**