

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(295th SESSION)

Date and Day	20 th January, 2020 (Monday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	06:42 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	62
Total Working Hours	03 hours and 42 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE BY SECRETARY SENATE

The Secretary Senate made following Announcements:-

- i. Regarding extensions granted by Chairman in Chamber.
- ii. Regarding Public petitions.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Senator Raja Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition pointed out the Crisis of flour in the country and requested the Chair to allot some time for discussion on the matter.

Chairman agreed the suggestion and ruled that discussion on the issue will be held today.

Senator Bahramand Tangi pointed out an incident of rape of a child minor girl in Nowshera.

The Chairman said he has already deputed Senator Rubina Khalid, Chairperson Special Committee on child abuse, to visit the family of the victim.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, to present report of the Standing Committee on the Mutual Legal Assistance (Criminal Matters) Bill, 2020.

The Chairman Committee informed the House that the report of the Committee could not be prepared so the presentation may be deferred.

FATEHA

The House offered fateha for the departed soul of Ali Mardan Shah, former MPA Sindh Assembly.

BILLS INTRODUCED

Senator Sirajul Haq, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019] (Amendment of Article 213).

Senator Muhammad Azam Khah Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs opposed the motion on the ground that Parliamentary Functions may not be surrendered to Judiciary. Thereafter, the motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted.

Senator Sirajul Haq, introduced the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019].

The Bill introduced stands referred to Standing Committee concerned.

Senator Sirajul Haq, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019] **(Amendment of Article 45).**

Senator Muhammad Azam Khah Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs opposed the Bill. Thereafter, the motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted.

Senator Sirajul Haq, introduced the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019]

The Bill introduced stands referred to Standing Committee concerned.

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 by the Chairman due to lack of required number of Members i.e. 2/3rd.

Senator Mohsin Aziz to move that the Bill to establish the Real Estate Regulatory Authority for regulation and promotion of the real estate sector and for matters connected therewith [The Islamabad Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2018], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was deferred.

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, 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), 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.

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, 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), 2019] be passed.

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

BILLS WITHDRAWN

[Under Rule 115]

Senator Sherry Rehman withdrew her following Bills:

1. The Bill further to amend the Foreign Private Investment (Promotion and Protection) Act, 1976 [The Foreign Private Investment (Promotion and Protection) (Amendment) Bill, 2018], introduced on 12th November, 2018.
2. The Bill further to amend the Board of Investment Ordinance, 2001 [The Board of Investment (Amendment) Bill, 2018].

MOTION
Under Rule 126(7)

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, 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.

Motion was adopted and the Bill was referred to Joint Sitting.

DEFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Senator Sirajul Haq moved the following resolution:-

"This House recommends that the recent 10% increase in Toll Tax on Motorways should be withdrawn."

The Resolution was rejected with the vote of 12:15.

Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar moved the following resolution:-

"This House recommends that scholarships for admission in Medical and Dental colleges granted to the students of Balochistan and FATA by HEC under the scheme for "Provision of Higher Education Opportunities for the Students of Balochistan and FATA" in 2019 be maintained and extended till 2022."

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

SENATOR MUSHAHID HUSSAIN SYED to move the following resolution:-

"Realizing the grave consequences of the alarming rate of population growth revealed in the population census, 2017 in the country and its adverse impacts on people and society;
Recognizing the fact that parents not only have the right to freely decide the number and spacing of their children but also the responsibility of maintaining a balance between their family size and resources;

The House urges upon the Government to take all necessary steps in coordination with the Provincial Governments to bring down the rate of population growth to a sustainable level through intensive information campaigns and expansion of family planning services in the country."

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

RESOLUTIONS

Senator prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani moved the following resolution:-

"This House recommends that the practice of reemployment of retired employees of PIA on contract basis should be stopped forthwith in order to provide better opportunities to the youth/young officers of the country."

The Resolution was referred to Standing Committee concerned.

Senator Kalsoom Perveen moved the following resolution:-

"This House recommends that, in view of the huge unemployment in the country, the Government should enhance the limit of age relaxation for recruitment in the Federal Government Departments by further two years."

The Resolution was referred to Standing Committee concerned.

Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi moved the following resolution:-

"This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to implement the "ease of doing business" programme, initiated by the present government, in letter and spirit and facilitate the business community to encourage the local and foreign investors to make investment in the country."

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

Senator Sirajul Haq moved the following resolution:-

"This House recommends that the Government should take immediate steps to provide official accommodations to all

employees working in Government and semi Government departments.”

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

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 deferred due to absence of the Member.

DEFERRED MOTIONS [Under Rule 218]

Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi moved that this House may discuss the economic slowdown and increase in the rate of inflation which is adversely affecting the poor citizens of the country.

The following Members also spoke on the issue:

- i. Senator Moulana Atta-ur-Rehman
- ii. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.

The motion was talked out.

Senator Mushtaq Ahmed moved that this House may discuss the record increase of 8.9% in the fiscal deficit during one year tenure of the present Government.

The following Member also spoke on the issue:

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

The motion was talked out.

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

The Motion was deferred.

Senator Sirajul Haq moved that this House may discuss the performance of Pakistan Railways during the last one year.

The following Member also spoke on the issue:

- i. Senator Sirajul Haq
- ii. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
- iii. Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, Minister for Railways

The motion was talked out.

MOTIONS **[Under Rule 218]**

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

The Motion was deferred.

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

The Motion was deferred.

Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, on his behalf and behalf of Senators Gul Bashra and Abida Muhammad Azeem moved that this House may discuss the decline of Pakistan Television Corporation in terms of production, quality of entertainment programs and revenue generation.

The following Members also spoke on the issue:

- i. Senator Faisal Javed
- ii. Senator Gul Bashra
- iii. Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem
- iv. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.

The motion was talked out.

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

The Motion was deferred.

Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah to move that This House may discuss the overall performance of CDA, with particular reference to CDA offices in the Parliament House and Parliament Lodges, during the last five years.

The Motion was deferred.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue, moved that the Bill further to amend the Banks (Nationalization) Act, 1974 [The Banks (Nationalization) (Amendment) Bill, 2020], as passed by the National Assembly be taken into consideration.

The Bill stands referred to Standing Committee concerned.

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House on behalf of Mr. Shafqat Mahmood, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, National History and Literary Heritage, moved that the Bill to provide for establishment of the University of Islamabad [The University of Islamabad Bill, 2020], as passed by the National Assembly be taken into consideration.

The Bill stands referred to Standing Committee concerned.

Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Shah, Minister for Interior, to move that the Bill to enact a law for Mutual Legal Assistance in criminal matters [The Mutual Legal Assistance (Criminal Matters) Bill, 2020], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was deferred on request of the Minister.

Point of Public Importance

- Senator Mian Raza Rabbani pointed out some disclosures made by the Foreign Minister during a Press Talk in Washington. He stated that the Minister has mentioned some promises fulfilled by the Government concerning dialogues with Taliban. He asked that the Minister should come in the House explain his statement.

The Chairman directed that the Minister of Foreign Affairs may come in the House to make policy statement.

- Senator Mohsin Aziz made personal explanation regarding his statement on report of NCSW which is being misreported by media. Senators Sherry Rehman and Walid Iqbal also spoke on the issue.

- Senator Dilawar Khan pointed out the incidents of rape and sodomy reported in three major hospitals of Karachi.
- Senator Faisal Javed while referring to the incident of rape of a minor girl in Nowshera drew attention of the House towards passing of ZAARA Bill which is pending in Committee. He was of the view that the Bill should immediately be passed to secure the children.

- **At 6:42 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday, the 21st January, 2020, at 03:00 p.m.**

Islamabad,
the 20th of January, 2020.