

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(295th SESSION)

Date and Day	1 st January, 2020 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	3:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	5:35 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	63
Total Working Hours	2 hours and 35 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

Panel of Presiding Officers

1. Senator Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah
2. Senator Dilawar Khan
3. Senator Rubina Khalid

Motion
Under Rule 263

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq (Leader of the Opposition) moved Motion under rule 263 for suspension of question hour for the sitting of the Senate to be held on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 7th January, 2020.

Motion was put to the House and adopted.

OATH TAKING

Mr. Zeeshan Khanzada, Member-elect, took oath and signed the Roll of Member.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

POINT OF ORDER

1. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition, pointed out the summoning of Senate Session by the Government after long interval and that too when the Opposition parties submitted requisition for summoning of session. He criticized the suspension of question hour. He further pointed out that Government has summoned the session in haste just to avoid the discussion on the points raised by the Opposition in their requisition. He requested the Chairman to take up the

issues of requisition as well during the session as these are the urgent issues which needs immediate discussion in the House.

The Chairman assured that the points of Opposition will also be brought under discussion during the current session.

2. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani spoke about the promulgation of ordinances by the President and lock down of the Parliament which is sheer exploitation of Article 89 and violation of Rulings of the Chairman Senate.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES- PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Dilawar Khan on behalf of Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq, Chairperson, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No.01(288)/2019-M moved by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi on 26th April, 2019, against the IG Police Islamabad and all the concerned involved in the incident of "Lathi Charge" upon Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi who went to observe the court proceedings with respect to the cases of Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Chairman, Pakistan People's Party.

The Report stood laid.

REPORT OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE-PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Chairman, Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas, presented report of the Functional Committee on its visits / meetings to the Districts Badin, Tharparkar and Karachi from 8th to 11th January, 2019.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Chairman, Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas, presented report of the Functional Committee on its visits / meetings to the Districts Rajanpur, MuzaffarGarh, Layyah, Lodhran and Lahore from 12th to 15th February, 2019.

The Report stood laid.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE-PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Dilawar Khan, Convener, Senate Implementation Committee presented report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Aurangzeb Khan on 26th April, 2019, regarding problems faced by pensioners of Levies Personnel, who performed duties in Kurram & Orakzai districts in erstwhile FATA.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Dilawar Khan, Convener, Senate Implementation Committee presented report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi on 9th May, 2019, regarding problems faced by Pakistani expatriates due to biometric system in the banks.

The Report stood laid.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES-PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Gianchand on behalf of Senator Sassui Palijo, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, presented report of the Standing Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 15, asked by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan on 28th August, 2018, regarding core responsibilities and jurisdiction of Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA).

The Report stood laid.

Senator Mushtaq Ahmed on behalf of Senator Walid Iqbal, Chairman, Standing Committee on Defence, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance, raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 3rd September, 2018, regarding gunfire by security forces on the peaceful protest in Waziristan.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi on behalf of Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani, Chairman, Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, presented report of the Standing Committee on the subject matter of a Calling Attention Notice moved by Senator Mian Raza Rabbani on 26th April, 2019, regarding re-allocation of Rs. 24 billion out of Rs. 27 billion under the head of Special Initiative of CPEC towards other programmes.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Sitara Ayaz, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Climate Change, presented report of the Standing Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 117, asked by Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood on 2nd May, 2019, regarding minimum ratio of land under forest cover out of the total land of a country required to save the climate and have a better environment indicating also the present position of Pakistan.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Sitara Ayaz, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Climate Change, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance, raised by Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo on 2nd May, 2019, regarding control of emitting smokes from industries and vehicles.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams on behalf of Senator Shamim Afridi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Water Resources, presented report of the Standing Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 42, asked by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed on 3rd May, 2019, regarding payment of royalty on account of electricity generation to the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa under AGN Kazi formula.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams on behalf of Senator Shamim Afridi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Water Resources, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance, raised by Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi on 24th January, 2019, regarding compensation to the affectees of Mirani Dam.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Dilawar Khan on behalf of Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2019, introduced by Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi, on 6th May, 2019.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Dilawar Khan on behalf of Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Maternity and Paternity Leave Bill, 2018, introduced by Senator Quratulain Marri, on 12th November, 2018.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Fida Muhammad on behalf of Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi, Chairman, Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions, presented report of the Standing Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 184, asked by Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah on 7th May, 2019, regarding FATA Reforms, 2016, which had recommended for establishment of a land settlement unit for carrying out land settlement in FATA after the merger with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Commerce and Textile Industry, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Trade Organizations Bill, 2019, introduced by Senator Naseebullah Bazai, on 2nd September, 2019.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on behalf of Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Inter-Provincial Coordination, presented report of the Standing Committee on the subject matter of a Calling Attention Notice moved by Senator Mian Raza Rabbani on 19th December, 2018, regarding formation and functioning of a separate Secretariat of the Council of Common Interest.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Professor Dr. Mehar Taj Roghani on behalf of Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, National History and Literary Heritage presented report of the Standing Committee on the subject matter of a point of public importance raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 30th April, 2019, regarding regularization of NCHD teachers.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Professor Dr. Mehar Taj Roghani on behalf of Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, National History and Literary Heritage presented report of the Standing Committee on the subject matter of a point of public importance raised by Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan on 30th April, 2019, regarding HEC scholarship given to a scholar killed in the Christchurch incident.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Professor Dr. Mehar Taj Roghani on behalf of Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, National History and Literary Heritage presented report of the Standing Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 202, asked by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 8th May, 2019, regarding male and female students who completed their Ph.D. degrees from local and foreign universities during the last ten years with subject and province wise breakup.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Professor Dr. Mehar Taj Roghani on behalf of Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, National History and Literary Heritage presented report of the Standing Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 203, asked by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 8th May, 2019, regarding the number of Government, Semi-Government and Private Engineering Universities in the country with province wise breakup indicating also the number of male and female students enrolled in the same.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Siatra Ayaz on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Limitation Relating to Civil Revisions Bill, 2018.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Siatra Ayaz on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Islamabad Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Bill, 2017, introduced by Senator Mohsin Aziz, on 21st August, 2017.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Siatra Ayaz on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (Amendment of Fourth Schedule), introduced by Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah, on 18th December, 2018.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Housing and Works, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Federal Government Employees Housing Authority Bill, 2019.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Khushbakht Shujat, Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Standing Committee on Adjournment Motion moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 30th August, 2018, regarding fake clinics and dispensaries operating in the rural areas increasing fatality rate in the country.

The Report stood laid.

Senator Khushbakht Shujat, Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Standing Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 201, asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 8th May, 2019, regarding the fact that the Government has formulated a plan to upgrade 30 hospitals to treat the multi-drug resistant TB cases.

The Report stood laid.

REPORTS LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister for Economic Affairs Division on behalf of Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue, laid before the Senate the appropriation accounts for the financial year 2017-18 and regularity / special / study performance audit reports of the Auditor General for the audit year 2018-19 as required by Article 171 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

The Report stood laid.

Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister for Economic Affairs Division on behalf of Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue, laid before the Senate the Annual Report of the Securities and Exchange

Commission of Pakistan for the Financial Year 2016-17, as required under subsection (6) of section 25 of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan Act, 1997 (Act No. XLII of 1997).

The Report stood laid.

Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister for Economic Affairs Division on behalf of Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue, laid before the Senate the Annual Report on the state of the Economy which includes the review of fourth quarter on the State of the Economy for the year 2018-19, as required by section 9A (2) of the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956.

The Report stood laid.

PAPERS LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, laid on the Table of the House an authenticated copy of the Address of the President of Pakistan made under Article 56 (3) of the Constitution before both Houses assembled together on 12th September, 2019, as required by sub-rule (2) of Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

The Papers stood laid.

MOTION OF THANKS

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, moved the following Motion:-

“This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both the Houses assembled together on 12th September, 2019.”.

Discussion on the motion was deferred.

BILL INTRODUCED

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of Minister Incharge Ministry of Commerce and Textile, introduced a Bill to provide for registration and effective protection of geographical indications [The Geographical Indications (Registration and Protection) Bill, 2019].

The Bill stands referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Mr. Hammad Azhar, Minister of Economic Affairs Division on behalf of Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue moved that the Bill further to amend the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1947 [The Foreign Exchange Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2019], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Motion was put to the House and Bill was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report within two days.

Mr. Hammad Azhar, Minister of Economic Affairs Division on behalf of Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue moved that the Bill further to amend the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2010 [The Anti-Money Laundering (Amendment) Bill, 2019], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Motion was put to the House and Bill was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report within two days.

MOTION **[Under rule 263]**

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, moved under Rule 263 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the requirements of Rule 120 of the said Rules, be dispensed with in order to take into consideration the Bill to provide for housing and real estate development and other activities related to land and construction through the establishment of Naya Pakistan Housing and Development Authority [The Naya Pakistan Housing and Development Authority Bill, 2019], as passed by the National Assembly.

The Motion was carried.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, moved that the Bill to provide for housing and real estate development and other activities related to land and construction through the establishment of Naya Pakistan Housing and Development Authority [The Naya Pakistan Housing and Development Authority Bill, 2019], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Bill Stands referred to Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report at the earliest.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

- The Chairman acknowledged the presence of the following, in the Gallery to witness the proceedings of the House:-
 - (i) Some Members of National Assembly;
 - (ii) Students and Faculty members of IQRA Residential School Quetta.

Prayer Offered

The House offered prayer for early recovery of son of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Deputy Chairman Senate who was in ICU

Points of Public Importance and Felicitation Speech on the eve of new year

1. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri raised the point of public importance regarding recent price hike and escalation in the rates of LPG, Gas and Oil products and overall bad governance by the Government.
2. Senator Sirajul Haq raised the point of public importance regarding recent increased prices of Electricity, LPG and flour and overall governance issues.
3. Ch. Fawad Ahmad, Minister for Science and Technology.
4. Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum.
5. Senator Faisal Javed.
6. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
7. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
8. Senator Sherry Rehman.

- At 5:35 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 2nd January, 2020, at 03:00 p.m.

Islamabad,
the 1st of January, 2020.