

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN****DAILY JOURNAL****(274<sup>th</sup> Session)**

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| Date and day        | 05 <sup>th</sup> March, 2018 (Monday) |
| Commenced at        | 03:00 p.m.                            |
| Prorogued at        | 5:30 p.m.                             |
| Presided by         | Chairman Senate Mian Raza Rabbani     |
| Attendance          | 60                                    |
| Total working hours | 02 hours and 30 minutes               |

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

**PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR 274<sup>th</sup> SESSION**

1. Senator Ahmed Hassan
2. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah
3. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi

**OFFERING OF FATEHA**

The House offered Fateha for the armed forces personnel, FC personnel and Civilians who lost their lives in terrorism incident in Quetta and along the LoC. The House also offered Fateha for Mr. Jam Sadiq a veteran politician.

**LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF PRESENCE**

- Chairman congratulated the Members on successful completion of their tenure and to the Members who have been re-elected as Senators in recent election.
- Chairman informed the members that as the current session will be the last session of half of the Members, therefore, as per previous practice, the outgoing Members will be given most of the time to shares their experiences.
- The Chairman informed the House that the House Business Advisory Committee has decided to suspend the question hour for the current session in order to utilize more time for speeches of the Members.
- The Chairman also informed the Members about the farewell events to be hosted by the Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition, Deputy Chairman, and himself in the honor of the outgoing Members.
- The Chairman informed the Members that since during the last group photo some Members were not present, therefore, another group photo event has been arranged tomorrow at 4:00 p.m.
- The Chairman informed the Members that on Friday, the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, a ceremony to launch different publications by the Senate will be held at 10:00 a.m. wherein, the President of Pakistan has also been invited to grace the occasion so the Members are directed to make sure their presence within time.

**MOTION FOR SUSPENSION OF QUESTION HOUR**

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq, Leader of the House moved Motion under Rule 263 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 to dispense with the requirements of Rule 41 of the said Rules regarding question hour for the whole current session.

**The Motion was put to the House and adopted.**

**PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES**

Following reports of the Committees were presented:

1. Senator Ahmed Hassan on behalf of Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini, Chairman, Standing Committee on Climate Change, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to amend the National Disaster Management Act, 2010 [The National Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017.
2. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq on behalf of Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for and promote Civic Education and create awareness relating to fundamental rights and obligations of citizens [The National Civic Education Commission Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Sehar Kamran, on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2018.
3. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq on behalf of Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to upgrade the status of National Institute of Science and Technical Education, Islamabad into National Skills University [The National Skills University Islamabad Bill, 2017].
4. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Narcotics Control, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for rehabilitation and re-organization of distressed corporate entities [The Corporate Rehabilitation Bill, 2018].
5. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq on behalf of Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on the proposed Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) of the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training for the Financial Year 2018-19 as required by sub-rule (7) of rule 166 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

**MOTIONS**

[Under Rule 194(1)]

1. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Narcotics Control, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the subject matter of Calling Attention Notice moved by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017, regarding thirty promotional posts of Custom Inspectors lying vacant in the Customs Collectorate of Quetta, may be extended till 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2018, with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

**The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted.**

**BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED**

1. Senators Sehar Kamran on her behalf and on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala after seeking leave of the House introduced a Bill further to amend the Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Ordinance, 1979 [The Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) (Amendment) Bill, 2018]. **The Bill upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.**
2. Senator Gianchand on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz, and Sassui Paliyo after seeking leave of the House introduced a Bill further to amend the Companies Profits (Workers' Participation) Act, 1968 [The Companies Profits (Workers' Participation) (Amendment) Bill, 2018]. **The Bill upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

1. Senator Nasreen Jalil moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration. **The Bill stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.**

2. Senator Nasreen Jalil moved that the Bill further to amend the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 2010 [The Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration. **The Bill stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.**

#### **DEFERMENT OF BILL**

3. The consideration and passage of the Bill to provide for protection, relief and rehabilitation of rights of the transgender persons and their welfare and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto [The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, notice given of by Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja was deferred by the Chairman with the ruling that the signatures of the movers of the other clubbed Bill may also be obtained and the Bill may be set down on the Orders of the Day of a Government Business Day.

#### **PASSING OF BILL**

Senator Sehar Kamran moved that the Bill to provide for and promote Civic Education and create awareness relating to fundamental rights and obligations of citizens [The National Civic Education Commission Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

**The Motion was not opposed and put to the House which was adopted. The House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration where after, Senator Sehar Kamran moved that the National Civic Education Commission Bill, 2017 be passed. The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed.**

#### **BILL TO BE WITHDRAWN**

Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati after seeking leave of the House withdrew the Bill further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 [The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (Insertion of new section 48A and amendment of section 241), introduced on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

**MOTIONS**

[Under Rule 218]

1. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah was to move that this House may discuss the situation arising out of adverse impacts on children of social media and use of drugs in the country, however, the Motion was dropped due to absence of the Member
2. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati moved that this House may discuss the steps taken so far by the Government to grant the right of vote to overseas Pakistanis.

Following members spoke on the matter:

1. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati
2. Senator Taj Haider
3. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi
4. Senator Lt. General (R) Abdul Qayyum
5. Senator Muhammad Saleh Shah
6. Senator Sehar Kamran
7. Senator Hamza
8. Senator Aurangzeb Khan
9. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif
10. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel

**Minister for Law and Justice wound up the discussion, thus the motion was talked out.**

3. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood was to move that the House may discuss the performance of National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) with particular reference to the work done by it in the areas which were affected by the Earthquake in 2005, however, the Motion was dropped due to absence of Member.
4. Senator Mohsin Aziz moved that this House may discuss the non-issuance of CNICs to a large number of women in the country resulting in the non-registration of their names in the voters lists and the ways and means to rectify this situation at the earliest.

Following members spoke on the matter:

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz
2. Senator Sehar Kamran
3. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
4. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah
5. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq
6. Senator Sherry Rehman

**Minister of State for Interior wound up the discussion, thus the motion was talked out.**

5. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan was to move that this House may discuss the need and importance to promote vocational training in the country, however, the Motion was dropped due to absence of the Member.
6. Senator Sherry Rehman moved that this House may discuss the alarming increase in domestic debt of the country.

Following members spoke on the matter:

1. Senator Sherry Rehman
2. Senator Mohsin Aziz

**Minister of State for Finance wound up the discussion, thus the motion was talked out.**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should make a policy for provision of Jammers for private vehicles of high profile figures like Members of the National Assembly, Senate and Provincial Assemblies, Heads of Political Parties, Ex-Chief Ministers and Governors owing to security reasons.”

**The Resolution was not opposed which was put to the House and passed.**

2. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, and Gul Bashra moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that 2 to 5 % amount of the CPEC funds for less developed areas should be allocated for social development in those areas.”

**The Resolution was not opposed which was put to the House and passed.**

3. Senator Sehar Kamran moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to introduce organic farming technologies in the agricultural sector of the country which are cost effective and sustainable both for productivity and soil fertility. The House also recommends that the Government should establish organic farming institutions to get our share in the emerging global market as the value of organic farming is increasing day by day.”

**The Resolution was not opposed which was put to the House and passed.**

4. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to provide jobs in the Public Sector on the basis of merit only.”

**The Resolution was not opposed which was put to the House and passed.**



**DEFERRED RESOLUTION**

1. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati was to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the provision of development funds to Parliamentarians should be stopped immediately as the same is against the spirit of good governance and democratic norms.”

**The Resolution was deferred on the request of the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.**

**POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

1. Senator Sehar Kamran while referring to her bill regarding underage for marriage, which is pending before the Council of Islamic Ideology (CII), presented to Chair, a fatwa by AL-Azhar University on the said matter. Moreover, the senator also showed concern as She is about to retire and the CII has not yet responded on the bill even after the accompanying request asking for a response within a period of three weeks.

Chairman remarked that though Council of Islamic Ideology cannot be bound to respond in stipulated period, however the Senator can ask other members from her party to carry on with the bill.

2. Senator Lt. General (R) Abdul Qayyum pointed out the recent Senate elections, in which PML-N candidates could not contest from their party’s platform. He highlighted that constitution was silent about period after which a Senator elected from an independent seat has to side with a party.

- **At 05:30 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday, the 06<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at 03:00 p.m.**

**Islamabad,**  
**The 05<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.**