

SENATE OF PAKISTAN**DAILY JOURNAL****(273rd Session)**

Date and day	23 rd February, 2018 (Thursday)
Commenced at	10:35 a.m.
Prorogued at	01:05 p.m.
Presided by	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi for question hour and Chairman Senate for rest of the sitting
Attendance	42
Total working hours	02 hours and 30 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

- Question Nos. 190, 192 and 193 were asked and replied in the House. Replies to Question Nos. 78 (Def.), 84(Def.), 85(Def.), 194, 195, 196, 200, and 207 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Question Nos. 68(Def.), 68(Def.), 69(Def.), 80(Def.), 89(Def.), 91(Def.), 191, 197, 202, 204, 205 and 206 were deferred.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

Following reports of the Committees were presented:

1. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for remedy and payment of compensation to those who are convicted as a result of miscarriage of justice [The Miscarriage of Justice (Compensation) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 21st August, 2017.
2. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, to presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 6th November, 2017.
3. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, to presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Police Act, 1861 [The Police (Amendment) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati on 18th December, 2017.
4. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, to presented report of the Committee on the Bill to repeal the Federal Investigation Agency Act, 1974 and to enact a new law for the establishment of Federal Investigation Commission [The Federal Investigation Commission Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 22nd January, 2018.
5. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, to presented report of the Committee on the clubbed issue of grievances of media persons regarding attack on Mr. Ahmed Noorani, a Journalist in Islamabad raised in the House on 30th October, 2017 and Mr. Hamid Meer and Mr. Matiullah Jan raised in the House on 20th November, 2017.
6. Senator Taj Haider on behalf of Senator Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Standing Committee on Industries and Production, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of Starred Question No. 9, asked by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan, on 6th September, 2016, regarding details of official vehicles at the disposal of the Ministry of Industries and Production and its attached departments.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

- The Chair acknowledged the presence of a group of 12 students along with 6 faculty members (Department of law) from Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan Kyber Pakhtunkhwa.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, Minister for Power, moved that the Bill further 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) 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.

Thereafter, Sardar Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, Minister for Power, moved that the Bill further 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) Bill, 2017] be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed by the Senate with amendments moved by Senator Saleem Mandviwala.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari pointed out that water in Mangla Dam has reached its dead level which will surely affect the cotton and wheat crop.
2. Senator Sehar Kamran raised the issue of increasing number of harassment cases against women in the country and need of awareness in this regard.
3. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the influence of armed forces in every walk of life and the corruption in Taunsa Musakhel road.
4. Senator Farhatullah Babar raised the issue of arrest and registration of FIR under anti-terrorism act against the peaceful protesters, who were protesting against increase in security checkpoints and barriers in the Swat area.
5. Senator Nighat Mirza pointed out the issue of water scarcity in Karachi and the problems faced by the people there. She added that residents of Orangi Town are

facing great difficulties in the process of issuance of National Identity Card. She also pointed out the need of renovation of Senate Hall.

Chairman Senate apprised the Member about the progress of the renovation of the Senate Hall.

6. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar pointed out the increase in load shedding in province of Balochistan, especially in Muslim Bagh, though the Government claims increase in National Grid. He further added that not even a single player from Balochistan is part of the Quetta Gladiator team in PSL.
 7. Senator Sassui Palijo raised the continuous issue of water scarcity faced by Province of Sindh, especially the region of Thatta, Badin and Sajawal. She also held Federal Government responsible for not initiating schemes in Provinces.
 8. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz also pointed out the issue of water scarcity in the country and the lack of mechanism for distribution of water which is affecting the agriculture and livestock sectors of country.
 9. Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi raised the issue of increase in incidents of abduction and killing of children in the country.
 10. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik suggested that circumstances that led to introduction of resolution in the FATF should be thoroughly investigated. He also recommended that the National Action Plan should be implemented in letter and spirit.
 11. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif pointed out the extra judicial trial of person accused of crimes by Media personnel prior to the actual trial resulting in defaming; SOPs should be developed for the Media Houses to get rid of this practice.
- **At 01:05 p.m. the Chairman read out the prorogation order signed by the President.**

Islamabad,
The 23rd February, 2018.