

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(299TH SESSION)

Date and Day	19 th June, 2020 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:00 A.M.
Adjourned at	12:58 P.M.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	45
Total Working Hours	02 Hours 58 Minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

LAYING COPIES OF THE MONEY BILLS

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue, laid before the Senate a copy of the Money Bill, the Tax Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020, as required under Article 73 of the Constitution.

Thereafter, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue, moved that the Senate may make recommendations, if any, to the National Assembly on the Money Bill, the Tax Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020, as required under Article 73 of the Constitution.

The Chairman Senate read out the procedure for giving proposals for recommendations and the cut of date for submission of the recommendations by the Members and presentation of the report by the Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs.

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue, laid before the Senate a copy of the Money Bill, the COVID-19 (Prevention of Smuggling) Bill, 2020, as required under Article 73 of the Constitution.

Thereafter, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Finance and Revenue, moved that the Senate may make recommendations, if any, to the National Assembly on the Money Bill, the COVID-19 (Prevention of Smuggling) Bill, 2020, as required under Article 73 of the Constitution.

The Chairman Senate read out the procedure for giving proposals for recommendations and the cut of date for submission of the recommendations by the Members and presentation of the report by the Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs.

MOTION

Further consideration of the following motion moved by Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister for Industries and Production, on 12th June, 2020:-

“That the Senate may make recommendations to the National Assembly on the Finance Bill, 2020, containing the Annual Budget Statement, as required under Article 73 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.”

The following members spoke, in order, on the motion:-

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz
2. Senator Keshoo Bai
3. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed
4. Senator Walid Iqbal

5. Senator Sitara Ayaz
6. Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem
7. Senator Naseebullah Bazai
8. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif
9. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi
10. Senator Faisal Javed

Further consideration of the motion will continue in the next sittings.

FATEHA

- The House offered Fateha for the departed soul of Late Tariq Aziz, former MNA.

ISSUES RAISED

- Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq, raised the issue that hard copies of the documents pertaining to the Budget 2020-21 laid in the House and the soft version available on the Finance Division website were different.
- Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, raised the issue of absence of the Members belonging to the Treasury Benches particularly the Ministers in the House during discussion on the Finance Bill, 2020. Mr. Chairman noted that the Leader of the House was present in the House, the Ministers had gone to attend National Assembly session and will return soon while the officers from Finance Division and FBR were present and taking notes.
- Senator Hilal Ur Rehman, raised the issue regarding problems being faced by the Overseas Pakistanis particularly in the Middle East and Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan).
- Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House, apprised about steps being taken by the Government for repatriating the overseas Pakistanis from abroad. He also highlighted the Ehsaas Programme and functions of the Tiger Force as a volunteer force.
- Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, raised the issue of alleged death of Syed Ali Akbar Shah S/o Syed Gul Raza, resident of Kahrora, District Shangla in Police custody and informed that the people of the

area are protesting against the said killing and demanding judicial inquiry of the incident along with medical tests from a private laboratory. After hearing the Member, the Honourable Chairman Senate, directed to seek detailed report from the Office of the Inspector General of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa about the case.

- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, raised the issue pertaining to recommendations of the House regarding development programmes of the less developed areas and their non-inclusion in the PSDP.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER

- Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Minister for Foreign Affairs, made a statement regarding arrangements for bringing back overseas Pakistanis and informed that flight bringing overseas Pakistanis from Bishkek would land later the same day. With reference to the election of India as Non-permanent Member of the UN Security Council, raised by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed in his budget speech, the Minister informed that such candidatures are pitched many years in advance and India had been pursuing this candidature since 2013. He also informed that as per diplomatic understanding and norms, regional candidatures are not contested and contesting this candidature at the eleventh hour did not promise favorable results rather it would have adversely affected Pakistan's candidature for Non-permanent Member of the UN Security Council in 2025-26, for which Pakistan had already started campaigning.

- **At 12:58 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 22nd June, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.**

DR. SYED PERVAIZ ABBAS
Secretary

Islamabad,
The 19th June, 2020.