

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(304TH SESSION)

Date and Day	20 th October, 2020 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	04:03 p.m.
Adjourned at	05:57 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	65
Total Working Hours	1 hour and 54 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTIONS

Questions entered in a separate list were asked and their replies were given.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Senator Sassui Palijo on her own behalf and on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, sought leave of the House to move the Adjournment Motion regarding recent hike in prices of medicines, electricity and basic food items.

The motion was admitted for two hours discussion on Thursday the 22nd October, 2020 and the Calling Attention Notices given by the Members on the same issues were clubbed for discussion.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Mushtaq Ahmed drew attention of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, towards the sit-in by Pakistan Hindu Council agitating the murder of a migrated Pakistani Hindu family in Jodhpur, India.

Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Hussain Qureshi, Minister for Foreign Affairs Parliamentary Affairs, made a statement and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

Leader of the Opposition also spoke on the issue which was responded by the Minister.

MOTION
[Under Rule 194(1)]

Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, 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 Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Amendment of Article 89) introduced by Senator Mian Raza Rabbani on 8th June, 2020, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 21st October, 2020.

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

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

Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani on behalf of Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq, Chairperson, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of the Committee on a Privilege Motion No.2(299)/2020-M, moved by Senator Kauda Babar against the then Chairperson FBR regarding non-convening of the meetings of FBR Policy Board of which he was a Member nominated from Senate of Pakistan.

The Report stood laid.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

1. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Maritime Affairs, presented report of the Committee on a point of Public Importance raised by Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi on 27th July, 2020, regarding rent/demurrage charges on goods imported during lock-down/Corona Pandemic.

The Report stood laid.

2. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Maritime Affairs, present report of the Committee on a point of Public Importance raised by Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi on 30th July, 2020, regarding early closing of offices of shipping lines.

The Report stood laid.

3. Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani on behalf of Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, Chairman, Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 346, asked by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 10th June, 2020 regarding the names, parentage, designations and departments of the Government officers and officials who were receiving BISP stipends in the name of their relatives and have been excluded from BISP roll since December, 2019 with province wise break-up.

The Report stood laid.

4. Senator Fida Muhammad, Chairman, Standing Committee on Power, presented report of the Committee on a Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 20th July, 2020, regarding provision of electricity to Chromite-Mining Areas of Muslim Bagh, District Qilla Saifullah, Balochistan.

The Report stood laid.

5. Senator Faisal Javed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting, presented report of the Committee on a Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Abdul Rehman Malik on 14th January, 2020, regarding issue of equal representation in TV talk shows in PTV.

The Report stood laid.

6. Senator Kalsoom Parveen on behalf of Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem on 13th January, 2020, regarding rights of special people.

The Report stood laid.

7. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 14, asked by Senator Nuzhat Sadiq on 4th March, 2020 regarding the amount contributed by Pakistan so far towards financing of South Asian University (SAU) established by SAARC countries in the US.

The Report stood laid.

8. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, presented report of the Committee on a point of Public Importance raised by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed on 18th August, 2020, regarding issuance of notice by FBR to the Ambassador of Palestine.

The Report stood laid.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi on his behalf and behalf of Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq drew attention of the Minister for Interior, towards the assigning of duties by the Prime Minister to the Tiger Force to control increase in prices which is an encroachment to the powers of Magistrates / Price Control Committees.

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, made a statement and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani moved condolence resolution on the sad demise of former Senator Mr. Rashid Hussain Rabbani.

The Resolution was put to the House and adopted with the direction to send copy of the resolution to the bereaved family.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Kalsoom Parveen drew attention of the House towards the expiry of visa of Pakistani workers who could not travel to Saudi Arabia due to non-availability of air tickets. She urged that the Government should take up the issue with the Saudi Authorities for renewal of the expired visas during this period. She also spoke about breaking into the room of the hotel and arrest of Capt. (R) Safdar by the Police.
2. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs informed the House about the redressal of grievances of the Lady Health Workers and calling off their sit-in in Islamabad.
3. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani spoke about the non-laying of Pakistan Islands Development Authority Ordinance by the Government in the Parliament which amount to breach of privilege of the Members as they have been deprived to exercise their right of disapproval of the Ordinance.

Opposition staged token walkout as protest.

Leader of the House was on his legs to respond the point raised by Senator Mian Raza Rabbani when Senator Sherry Rehman pointed out the quorum.

Since the House was not in quorum so bells were rung for five minutes and count was made again. The House was not in quorum so **at 05:57 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 22nd October, 2020, at 04:00 p.m.**

Islamabad,
the 20th of October, 2020.