

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(305TH SESSION)

Date and Day	1st January, 2021 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:30 a.m.
Adjourned at	12:55 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	58
Total Working Hours	02 hours and 25 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR 305th SESSION

1. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif
2. Senator Dilawar Khan
3. Senator Rubina Khalid

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

Chairman Senate wished all the Members a very happy new year and expressed his hope that new year will bring prosperity and happiness for Pakistan and for the whole world.

M O T I O N S

[Under Rule 218]

SENATOR RAJA MUHAMMAD ZAFAR-UL-HAQ, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION on his behalf and on behalf of Senators SHERRY REHMAN, RANA MAQBOOL AHMAD, IMAMUDDIN SHOUQEEN, SYED MUHAMMAD ALI SHAH JAMOT, KESHOO BAI, SASSUI PALIJO, GIANCHAND, MIAN RAZA RABBANI, MUSADIK MASOOD MALIK, NAJMA HAMEED, AYESHA RAZA FAROOQ, MIR MUHAMMAD YOUSAF BADINI, PERVAIZ RASHEED, MUSHAHID HUSSAIN SAYED, LT. GENERAL ABDUL QAYYUM HI (M) RETD., NUZHAT SADIQ, GHOUS MUHAMMAD KHAN NIAZI, MUHAMMAD ASAD ALI KHAN JUNEJO, SIRAJUL HAQ, SHAHEEN KHALID BUTT, ENGR. RUKHSANA ZUBERI, DR. ASAD ASHRAF, MUSHAHID ULLAH KHAN, ABDUL REHMAN MALIK, HAFIZ ABDUL KARIM, MUHAMMAD USMAN KHAN KAKAR,

SARDAR MUHAMMAD SHAFIQ TAREEN, ABIDA MUHAMMAD AZEEM, GUL BASHRA, MIR KABEER AHMED MUHAMMAD SHAHI, DR. ASHOK KUMAR, MUHAMMAD AKRAM AND MUHAMMAD TAHIR BIZINJO moved the following Motions under rule 218:-

- i. This House may discuss the egregious human rights violations and media trials committed by National Accountability Bureau in its victimization of targeted opposition workers;
- ii. This House may discuss the Government's unprecedented crackdown on opposition workers;
- iii. This House may discuss the alarming propensity of the Federal Government to usurp and subvert parliamentary and provincial rights guaranteed in the Constitution by attempting to rule the country by ordinances, especially the current case of attempted illegal land grab of Sindh and Balochistan's islands as well as resources;
- iv. This House may discuss the unprecedented gas and energy crisis in the entire country, unabated price increases, crippling inflation, and the rising graph of food insecurity which are all becoming unsustainable for common Pakistanis;
- v. This House may discuss the pre-poll rigging and election tampering at all stages by Government in the recent Gilgit-Baltistan Elections; and
- vi. This House may discuss the overall precipitous economic situation and growing volume of loans taken by the PTI Government.

Chairman suggested to club all the motions for discussion, however, the Leader of the Opposition suggested that each motion may be discussed separately.

Thereafter, the House started discussion on the following Motion:-

“This House may discuss the egregious human rights violations and media trials committed by National Accountability Bureau in its victimization of targeted opposition workers.”

Following Members spoke on the motion:-

1. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition.
2. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House.
3. Senator Abdul Ghafoor Haideri.
4. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi.
5. Senator Kashoo Bai.
6. Mr. Murad Saeed, Minister for Communications.

7. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
8. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
9. Senator Mohsin Aziz.

Further discussion on the Motion was commenced.

WALKOUT BY MEDIA

During the discussion, the media galleries walked out of the proceedings. The Chairman deputed Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh and Faisal Javed to go and check the grievance of media.

The House was informed that the media representatives have walked out as protest against the laying off of three senior workers by the Channel 24 without any justification.

The Chair directed the Minister for Information to have a meeting with the media representatives to resolve their grievance.

At 12:55 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday the 4th January, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.

Islamabad,
the 1st January, 2021