

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(306TH SESSION)

Date and Day	1 st February, 2021 (Monday)
Commenced at	3:05 p.m.
Adjourned at	8:05 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	65
Total Working Hours	5 hours

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR 306th SESSION

1. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi
2. Senator Seemee Ezdi
3. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE

Senator Keshoo Bai on behalf of Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, Chairman, Functional Committee on Human Rights, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to control and prevent torture and custodial death [The Torture and Custodial Death (Prevention and Punishment) Bill, 2020], introduced by Senator Sherry Rehman on 10th February, 2020.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED

1. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the ICT Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2020 [The ICT Rights of Persons with Disability (Amendment) Bill, 2021].

The Motion was opposed by the Minister for Human Rights.

The Bill was deferred with the consent of the Member in Charge.

2. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2021] (Amendment of Sections 513 and 514).

Motion was not opposed by the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs.

Leave to introduce the Bill was granted by the House.

The Bill as introduced was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

3. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 [The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2021] (Amendment of Section 489F). Motion was not opposed by the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs. Leave to introduce the Bill was granted by the House.

The Bill as introduced was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

4. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Customs Act, 1969 [The Customs (Amendment) Bill, 2021]. Motion was opposed by the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs.

The Bill was deferred with the consent of the Member in Charge.

5. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Children (Pledging of Labour) Act, 1933 [The Children (Pledging of Labour) (Amendment) Bill, 2021]. Motion was not opposed by the Minister for Human Rights.

Leave to introduce the Bill was granted by the House.

The Bill as introduced was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

6. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif, to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020] (Amendment of Articles 63A, 64 and 160). **The Bill was deferred due to absence of the Member in Charge.**

7. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Civil Servants Act, 1973 [The Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2021]. Motion was not opposed by the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs.

Leave to introduce the Bill was granted by the House.

The Bill as introduced was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

8. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Service Tribunals Act, 1973 [The Service Tribunals (Amendment) Bill, 2021]. Motion was not opposed by the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs. Leave to introduce the Bill was granted by the House. **The Bill as introduced was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.**

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. Senator Sirajul Haq to move that the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020] (Amendment of Article 45), as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Bill was deferred due to lack of required number for constitutional amendment i.e. 2/3rd of total membership of the House.

2. Senator Sirajul Haq to move that the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020] (Insertion of Article 25B), as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Bill was deferred due to lack of required number for constitutional amendment i.e. 2/3rd of total membership of the House.

3. Senator Sirajul Haq to move that the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Amendment of Article 213)], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Bill was deferred due to lack of required number for constitutional amendment i.e. 2/3rd of total membership of the House.

4. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to move that the Bill to provide for a compulsory blood test for proposed spouse for Thalassaemia [The Compulsory Blood Test of the Spouses and Proposed Spouses for Thalassaemia Disease Bill, 2019], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Bill was deferred on written request of the Member in Charge.

5. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to move that the Bill further to amend the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 2010 [The Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues (Amendment) Bill, 2018], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Bill was deferred on written request of the Member in Charge.

6. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi to move that the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020] (Amendment of Article 140), as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Bill was deferred due to lack of required number for constitutional amendment i.e. 2/3rd of total membership of the House.

7. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi moved that the Bill to provide for making compulsory teaching of Arabic Language to the students in all educational institutions [The Compulsory Teaching of Arabic Language Bill, 2020], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once. The Motion was not opposed by the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs.

Following Members spoke about the Bill:-

1. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi.
2. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.
3. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
4. Senator Abdul Ghafoor Haideri.
5. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik.
6. Senator Sirajul Haq.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

Thereafter, the House started second reading of the House.

After clause by clause consideration of the Bill, Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi moved that the Bill to provide for making compulsory teaching of Arabic Language to the students in all educational institutions [The Compulsory Teaching of Arabic Language Bill, 2020] be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed by majority of votes.

The following Bills were deferred due to lack of quorum in the House:-

1. The Islamabad Capital Territory Watersides Safety Bill, 2020.
2. The Islamabad Capital Territory Criminal Prosecution Service (Constitution, Functions and Powers) Bill, 2020.
3. The Islamabad Capital Territory Law Officers Bill, 2020.
4. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Amendment of Articles 213 and 215)].

M O T I O N

[Under Rule 126(7)]

Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq, moved that the Bill to give power to make the vaccination for universal immunization of children compulsory and to protect the health workers designated for immunization programs [The Islamabad Compulsory Vaccination and Protection of Health Workers Bill, 2020], as passed by the Senate and transmitted to the National Assembly but not passed by the National Assembly within ninety days of its laying in the National Assembly, be considered in a joint sitting.

Motion was put to the House and adopted.

M O T I O N S

[Under Rule 218]

1. Senator Sherry Rehman moved that this House may discuss the rise in air pollution levels in Pakistan.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Sherry Rehman.
2. Senator Mohsin Aziz.
3. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
4. Senator Rukhsana Zuberi.
5. Senator Sana Jamali.
6. Senator Sarfraz Bugti.
7. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq.

Ms. Zartaj Gull, Minister of State for Climate Change wound up the debate and the Motion was talked out.

2. Senator Sirajul Haq moved that this House may discuss the foreign policy of Pakistan with particular reference to its role in the wake of changing international relations in Middle East.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Sirajul Haq.
2. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum.
3. Senator Tahir Bizenjo.
4. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
5. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
6. Senator Sherry Rehman.
7. Senator Abdul Ghafoor Haideri.

8. Senator Sarfraz Bugti.
9. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Minister for Foreign Affairs wound up the debate and the Motion was talked out.

3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar to move that this House may discuss the increasing number of incidents of kidnapping of children, child begging and child labour in ICT.

The Motion was deferred.

4. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada moved that this House may discuss one month per annum recession / lockdown plan for high carbon emitting industries in Pakistan on the pattern of lockdown carried out during Covid-19 pandemic.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada.
2. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum.
3. Senator Gianchand.

Ms. Zartaj Gull, Minister of State for Climate Change wound up the debate and the Motion was talked out.

5. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed moved that the House may discuss the recent unprovoked firing / shelling by the Indian forces on the Line of Control in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, causing losses of precious human lives and large scale damages of properties.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.

Makhdoom Shah Mehmood Qureshi, Minister for Foreign Affairs wound up the debate and the Motion was talked out.

RESOLUTIONS

All the Resolutions on the Orders of the Day at Order Nos. 47 to 51 were deferred.

WALKOUT BY MEDIA

The reporters in media gallery walked out of the proceedings.

Chairman deputed some members to speak to media to know their grievances.

Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif, after negotiations with the media, informed the House that the reporters have walked out of the proceedings as protest against non-passage of the Bill related to media workers by the Senate. It was informed that the media have demanded that a Committee of all parties may be constituted to look into this matter.

The Chairman ruled that a Committee will be constituted after consultation.

At 8:05 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 4th of February, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

Islamabad,
the 1st February, 2021.