

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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| Date and Day | 6 th February 2023, (Monday) |
| Commenced at | 03:05 p.m. |
| Adjourned at | 05:55 p.m. |
| Presided by | Chairman Senate |
| Attendance | 65 |
| Total Working Hours | 2hours and 50 minutes |

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

OATH BY THE MEMBER-ELECT

Member elect Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro took oath in terms of Article 65 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and signed the Roll of Members

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED

1. Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for establishment of the University of Management and Technology Lahore [The University of Management and Technology Lahore Bill, 2023].

The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the bill was granted. The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

2. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Benazir Income Support Act, 2010 [The Benazir Income Support (Amendment) Bill, 2022].

The Motion was deferred

3. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, on behalf of **Senators Kauda Babar And Naseebullah Bazai**, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for establishment of the Orient Institute of Science and Technology, Gwadar [The Orient Institute of Science and Technology, Gwadar Bill, 2023].

The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the bill was granted. The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

BILLS AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

1. Senator Rubina Khalid, to move that the Bill further to amend the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 [The Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Bill, 2023] as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Motion was deferred

3. Senator Fawzia Arshad, on behalf of **Senator Kamran Murtaza**, moved that the Bill to provide for the establishment of the International Institute of Technology, Culture and Health Sciences [The International Institute of Technology, Culture and Health Sciences Bill, 2022], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Motion was put to the House for consideration and passage the Bill referred to Standing Committee concerned.

MOTION

[Under Rule 126(7)]

1. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, moved that the Bill further to amend the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962 [The Banking Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2019], 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.

The Motion was carried and Bill referred to Joint sitting of the Parliament.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, to move the following resolution:-

"The Senate of Pakistan recalls Article 38 (f) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan which stipulates elimination of "Riba" as early as possible, and shows concerns that for the last 75 years the curse of "Riba" has not been eliminated from the country.

The House acknowledges decision of the Federal Shariat Court for elimination of Riba from the country. The House also appreciates and supports the decision of the Government of Pakistan, State Bank of Pakistan and National Bank of Pakistan for withdrawal of appeals against the decision of the Federal Shariat Court which is very encouraging for establishing an interest free financial and banking system in Pakistan.

The House demands that for establishing an interest (Riba) free economic and financial system in the country the Government of Pakistan should take the following steps on immediate basis:-

- (I) The Government should establish a permanent Division and its subordinate Task Force under the administrative control of Ministry

of Finance for chalking out a practical road map of eliminating Riba and establishing an interest free financial and economic system in the country;

- (II) The Government should enact laws for prohibiting individual and collective interest/riba based business in the country;
- (III) The Government should eliminate interest/riba from various financial institutions i.e. N.I.T Unit, House Building Finance Corporation, Pension Fund, Savings Fund, Consumer Finance and other related institutions; and
- (IV) A Task Force may be established with the responsibility of implementing the recommendations of the reports of all previous Committees/Commissions/Task Forces established regarding elimination of Riba."

The Resolution was deferred

2. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, moved the following resolution:-

"The Senate of Pakistan draws the attention of the Government towards Article 227 of the Constitution of Pakistan therein stipulating that all existing laws shall be brought in conformity with the Injunctions of Islam as laid down in the Holy Quran and Sunnah and no law shall be enacted which is repugnant to such Injunctions.

The House also draws the attention of the Government towards Articles 203C and 203F of the Constitution of Pakistan therein providing for the Federal Shariat Court and Shariat Appellate Bench in the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

The House shows deep concerns over the vacant positions of Judges including Ulema Judges in the Federal Shariat Court and infrequent meetings of the Shariat Appellate Bench in the Supreme Court of Pakistan causing heavy pendency of important cases.

The House demands that as per the obligatory constitutional strength, the Government should make the Federal Shariat Court and Shariat Appellate Bench in the Supreme Court of Pakistan functional by appointing all Judges including Ulema Judges in the Federal Shariat Court on immediate basis."

The Resolution passed by the House unanimously.

3. Senator Sania Nishtar, moved the following resolution:-

"The Senate of Pakistan recalls Article 37(a) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan which stipulates that the State shall promote, with special care, the educational and economic interests of backward classes or areas.

The House recognizes that undergraduate scholarships is the surest way to enable people to rise out of poverty, to enjoy secure, higher-paid employment throughout the course of their adult life, and that it contributes the most to income generating potential.

The House acknowledges that the Ehsaas Undergraduate Scholarship program is one the largest-ever national undergraduate level scholarship program, which offers more than 50,000 need-cum-merit based scholarships every year which has been suspended by the government.

The House expresses deep concern that there will be "no further entries" in the Ehsaas Undergraduate Scholarship program.

The House demands that the Ehsaas Undergraduate Scholarship program should be continued and should start admitting at least 10,000 new need and merit based entries every year from all over Pakistan.

The House further demands that the scholarship program should be run in the most transparent, apolitical, and rule-based manner covering full tuition fee and maintenance allowance."

Senator Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice responded the issue.

The Resolution was rejected

3. Senator Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani, on behalf of Senate of Pakistan expressing grief and solidarity over the recent earthquake in Turkiye, Syria and Lebanon and asking the Government of Pakistan to provide medical and humanitarian assistance to the affected brotherly Muslim Countries, moved the following resolution:-

"The Senate of Pakistan, reflecting the sentiments of the people of Pakistan, expresses its grief, sympathy and solidarity to the people and Government of brotherly Turkiye on the devastating earthquake and the resultant loss of lives and property.

Our hearts go out to our affected brethren in Syria and Lebanon, who are also affected by this international tragedy. The People of Pakistan fondly remember that Turkiye was in the forefront rushing in to support the people of Pakistan during our own devastating earthquake of October, 2005.

We stand with the people of Turkiye in this hour of grief and tragedy.

The Senate of Pakistan urges the Government and Non-Governmental organizations to rush medical and other humanitarian assistance to the affected people of Turkiye and we also urge the Prime Minister to immediately leave for Turkiye with relief goods to demonstrate solidarity with the people and Government of Turkiye."

The Resolution passed by the House unanimously.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 218]

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz, to move that this House may discuss the steps taken by the government to ban/restrict the use of small plastic bottles (500ml & below) that cause environmental hazard, pollution and drain blockages.

The Motion was deferred

2. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, on behalf of **Senator Kamran Murtaza**, moved that this House may discuss the recent situation of protests in Gwadar city with regard to illegal trawling in the sea, high number of security checkpoints operating in and around the city and also trade on Pak-Iran border which is affecting the residents of Gwadar city.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
2. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri
3. Senator Taj Haider
4. Senator Anwaa ul Haq Kakar

Senator Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice responded the issue.

The Motion was talked out

3. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr taj roghani, moved that this House may discuss the current status of implementation on the National Immunization Policy 2022.

Senator Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice responded the issue.

The Motion was talked out

4. Senator Sania Nishtar, moved that this House may discuss the issue of "Integrated People-Centred Ear and Hearing Care" in line with the World Report on Hearing 2021 by the World Health Organization and the steps taken by the Federal Government to address this health priority.

Senator Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice responded the issue.

The Motion was talked out

5. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi, to move that this House may discuss the ways and means to strengthen the Election Commission of Pakistan to enable it to conduct free and fair elections in the country.

The Motion was deferred

Maiden speech by Senator Nisar Ahmed Khuro

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 263]

1. Senator Syed Yousaf Raza Gillani, moved that under Rule 263 of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the requirement of Rules 133, 29 and 30 of the said rules be dispensed with in order to move a Resolution regarding the recent earthquake in Turkiye, Syria and Lebanon.

The Motion was put to the House and Adopted

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the Opposition, spoke regarding the incident of rape in F-9 Park and worsening law and order situation in the country.

Following Member also spoke on the issue:-

. Senator Moula Bux Chandio

2. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, spoke regarding the mineral wealth of Pakistan and future potential of CPEC.

3. Senator Fida Muhammad, spoke regarding the plight of people and lack of amenities in the country.

4. Senator Faisal Javed, spoke regarding the rule of Law in the country.

At 05:55 p.m. the Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday , 7th February, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

**Islamabad, the
6th February 2023.**