

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(327th SESSION)

Date and Day	3 rd April 2023, (Monday)
Commenced at	11:00 a.m.
Adjourned at	02:15 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate & Deputy Chairman Senate
Attendance	57
Total Working Hours	3 hours and 15 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED

1. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act, 2021 [The Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

The Motion was deferred

2. Senators Samina Mumtaz Zehri And Mushtaq Ahmed, to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023]. **(Insertion of new sections 52B, 52C and 52D in PPC and subsequent amendments in Schedule-II of Cr.PC).**

The Motion was deferred

3. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the maintenance, administration and regulation of Toshakhana [The Toshakhana (Maintenance, Administration and Regulation) 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.

4. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023]. **(Insertion of new section 376B in PPC and subsequent amendment in Schedule-II of Cr.PC).**

The Motion was deferred

5. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani, to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017 [The National Commission on the Rights of Child (Amendment) 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.

6. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Factories Act, 1934 [The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

The Motion was deferred

7. Senator Dilawar Khan, on behalf of **Senators Faisal Saleem Rehman, Manzoor Ahmed And Hidayat Ullah,** moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Export Processing Zones Authority Ordinance, 1980 [The Export Processing Zones Authority (Amendment) 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

BILL AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz, moved that the Bill further to amend the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997 [The Control of Narcotic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2022] as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration.

The Motion was put to the House. Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

2. Senator Mohsin Aziz, moved that the Bill further to amend the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997 [The Control of Narcotic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2022], be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed.

BILL AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

1. Senator Kauda Babar, on behalf of **Senators Naseebullah Bazai And Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri,** moved that the Bill to provide for the establishment of the Pakistan Institute of Research and Registration of Quality Assurance [The Pakistan Institute of Research and Registration of Quality Assurance Bill, 2023] as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Motion was put to the House. Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

2. Senator Kauda Babar, on behalf of **Senators Naseebullah Bazai And Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri,** moved that the Bill to provide for the establishment

of the Pakistan Institute of Research and Registration of Quality Assurance [The Pakistan Institute of Research and Registration of Quality Assurance Bill, 2023], be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed.

MOTIONS **[Under Rule 218]**

1. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, to move that this House may discuss the importance of agriculture technology transfer through CPEC to poor households especially rural women in Balochistan.

The Motion was deferred

2. Senator Sania Nishtar, to move that this House may discuss the need to revamp the performance and incentive management system for public sector employees.

The Motion was deferred

3. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, on behalf of **Senator Irfan-UI-Haque Siddiqui And**, moved that this House may discuss the steps taken by the government to implement Article 251 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in letter and spirit wherein the State is required to make arrangements for using Urdu as the national language.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Taj Haider
2. Senator Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice,

The Motion was talked out

RESOLUTIONS

1. Senator Seemee Ezdi, on behalf of **Samina Mumtaz Zehri**, moved the following resolution:-

"The Senate of Pakistan, while

Commemorating 8th March, 2023 as International Women's Day with the aim of endorsing and creating a world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination;

Taking Cognizance of the UN's theme for 8th March, 2023 which is "Digit ALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality";

Celebrating the contributions being made by women and girls in every field especially to technology and online education;

Acknowledging the impact of the digital gender gap on widening economic and social inequalities and Recognizing the importance of protecting the rights of women and girls in digital spaces and addressing online and ICT-facilitated gender-based violence:

Recognizing that bringing women and other marginalized groups into technology results in more creative solutions and has greater potential for innovations that meet women's needs and promote gender equality:

Rejoicing the statement of the Father of the Nation, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah that "There are two powers in the world: one is the sword and the other is the pen. There is great competition and rivalry between the two. There is a third power stronger than both, that of the women."

Resolves that,-

- (i) The Government should prepare and implement a National Action Plan for providing a gender-responsive approach to innovation, technology and digital education: and
- (ii) The Government should equip women and girls with digital skills through prioritizing education in Information Communication Technology (ICT) subjects and allocate separate funds through PSDP projects on digital empowerment of women".

The Resolution passed by the House unanimously.

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

"The House 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 that 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."

Dr. Aisha Ghous Pasha, Minister of State for Finance responded the issued.

The Resolution passed by the House unanimously.

3. Senator Danesh Kumar, on behalf of **Senator Gurdeep Singh**, moved the following resolution:-

Whereas the Government has reserved five percent job quota for minorities in government services so that they play their role in the development and prosperity of the country along with their fellow countrymen; and

Whereas the minorities are living in all provinces throughout the country with different population in each province; and

Whereas it is necessary to ensure appropriate share and representation of the minorities from all provinces in government services;

Now, therefore, the Senate of Pakistan as House of the Federation recommends and urges the Government to distribute equally the reserved five percent job quota for minorities among all provinces, so that the minorities of each province get duly represented in Government services.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Keshoo Bai

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

The Resolution passed by the House unanimously and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- 1. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the Opposition**, spoke regarding the present political and economic situation in the country.
- 2. Senator Mohsin Aziz**, spoke regarding, (a) the news of a Pakistan Ship being docked at Israeli Port, and (b) a letter to Pakistan by India in respect of Indus Water Treaty.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Syed. Yousaf Raza Gillani

2. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the Opposition

3. **Senator Hidayat Ullah Khan**, spoke regarding the need for national harmony in the prevailing political and economic situation in the country.

4. **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed**, spoke regarding the excessive use of arable land for the construction of Swat Motorway

After hearing the Member, the Chairman Senate referred the said matter to Standing Committee Communications.

5. **Senator Palwasha Mohammad Zai khan**, spoke regarding the Violence against Muslim in India.

6. **Senator Fawzia Arshad**, spoke regarding the spreading of Dengue and shortage of Testing Kits in Islamabad.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman Senate referred the said matter to Standing Committee concerned.

7. **Senator Fida Muhammad**, spoke regarding the mismanagement in the distribution of free atta scheme in KPK.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizenjo

8. **Senator Aon Abbas**, spoke regarding the attitude of the Government towards Judiciary and Political Victimization.

9. **Senator Afnan Ullah**, spoke regarding the judicial activism and its repercussions.

At 1:05 p.m the Deputy Chairman Senate started the proceeding of the House.

10. **Senator Behramand Khan Tangi**, spoke regarding the non conduction of Judicial Inquiry in Peshawar University incident.

11. **Senator Saifullah Abro**, spoke regarding the issue of over-invoicing by the banks and overall economic and political situation in the Country.

12. **Senator Danesh Kumar**, spoke regarding the dilapidated conditions of roads in Balochistan and the incidents of target killings of minorities in the country.

After hearing the Member, the Deputy Chairman Senate referred the said matter to Standing Committee Interior.

13. **Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad**, spoke regarding the violence in the occupied Kashmir.

14. **Senator Prince Ahmed Umer Ahmedzai**, spoke regarding the, (i) Demi Official letter issued by the Foreign Office in view of appointment of

honourary consul generals and (ii) Killing of Mr. Muhammad Hayat in Noshki and issue of lawlessness in Quetta.

After hearing the Member, the Deputy Chairman Senate referred the said matter to Standing Committee concerned.

15. Senator Faisal Javed, spoke regarding the (a) loss of lives due to stampedes for subsidized flour; and (b) upholding of Constitution and rule of law.

16. Senator Gurdeep Singh, spoke regarding the target killing of Sikh Community.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice

17. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad, spoke regarding the lack of tolerance and law and order situation in the country due to alienation from religion.

18. Senator Rana Mehmood-ul-Hasan, spoke regarding the pertaining to smuggling of sugar to Afghanistan and a sense of deprivation among people of South Punjab owing to lingering legislation on South Punjab Province.

At 02:15 p.m. the Deputy Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday , 4th April, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

**Islamabad, the
3rd April, 2023.**