

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(333rd SESSION)

Date and Day	20 th November 2023, (Monday)
Commenced at	03:06 p.m.
Adjourned at	06:35 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	56
Total Working Hours	3hours and 29minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED

1. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the State-Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operations) Act, 2023 [The State-Owned Enterprises (Governance and Operations) (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.

2. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking Ordinance, 2002 [The Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

The Motion was deferred

3. Senator Fawzia Arshad, moved 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]. **(Substitution of section 289 of PPC and subsequent amendment in schedule II of Cr.PC)**

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 Dilawar Khan, on behalf of **Senator Naseebullah Bazai**, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Smart Institute of Science and Technology Act, 2022 [The Smart Institute of Science and Technology (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.

5. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 [The Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

The Motion was deferred

6. Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 [The Right of Access to Information (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.

7. 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

8. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 [The Guardians and Wards (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

The Motion was deferred

BILL TO BE WITHDRAWN

[Under Rule 115]

1. Senator Rana Mahmood Ul Hassan, to seek leave to withdraw the Bill to constitute the Pakistan Animal Science Council in Pakistan [The Pakistan Animal Science Council Bill, 2022], as introduced in the Senate on 1st August, 2022.

The Motion was deferred

RESOLUTION

1. Senator Sana Jamali, moved the following resolution:-

"Commemorating the international literacy day on 8th September, the Senate of Pakistan reaffirms the fundamental right of every child to access quality education, irrespective of their gender, location, or socioeconomic status and urges upon the Government;

To take effective steps for promoting literacy for children and youth in general and girls in particular in Pakistan, and also strengthen non-formal education (NFE) system on an urgent basis to deliver programs;

To promote skills-based and innovative learning models to provide the right to education to out-of-school children, youth with special focus on girls education to facilitate life-long learning;

To take steps for promoting gender equality in education and eliminating disparities by ensuring girls and women's access to quality education and eliminating any barriers impeding their access to education;

To launch comprehensive awareness campaigns to inform both urban and rural communities about the significance of education through outreach programs, workshops, and community events in collaboration with all stakeholders and partners;

To prioritize and substantially increase funding for education and literacy programs and devise mechanism for ensuring transparency in the allocation and utilization of budgets for education in the country."

The Resolution passed by the House unanimously.

MOTIONS
[Under Rule 218]

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz, moved that this House may discuss that State Bank of Pakistan may take necessary steps to eliminate the note of Rs. 5000/ as this is cause of inflation and corruption in the country.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Walid Iqbal

Mr. Murtaza Solangi, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, responded the issue.

The motion was talked out.

2. Senator Kamran Murtaza, to move that this House may discuss the devaluation of Pakistan Rupee and shortage of US Dollars in the market resulting into high inflation and causing financial hardships for general public.

The Motion was deferred

3. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, to move that this House may discuss the need to regulate the production and sale of Baby Formula Milk and related products in the country and create awareness among young mothers about its safe use.

The Motion was deferred

4. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, to move that this House may discuss the continuous increase in the electricity and gas tariffs.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz

2. Senator Zeeshan Khan Zada

3. Senator Walid Iqbal

Mr. Muhammad Ali, Minister for Power and Petroleum, responded the issue.

The motion was talked out.

At 5:17 p.m Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House for fifteen minutes for Namaz-e-Mughrib.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- 1. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani**, spoke regarding the passage of resolution in the House.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
 2. Senator Dilawar Khan
 3. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
 4. Senator Syed Ali Zafar
 5. Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar
 6. Senator Kamran Murtaza
 7. Senator Muhammad Hamayun Mohmand
- 2. Senator Manzoor Ahmed**, spoke regarding the issue of repatriation of Afghan refugees Chaman, Balochistan.
 - 3. Senator Fida Muhammad**, spoke regarding the extension in exemption of sales tax in erstwhile FATA and PATA.
 - 4. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi**, spoke regarding the ban on new gas connections in the country.
 - 5. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani**, spoke regarding the alarming numbers of Maternal and Neonatal Mortality Rates in the country.

After hearing the Member, The Chairman Senate directed to Senator Muhammad Hamayun Mohmand take-up the matter in committee.

- 6. Senator Umer Farooq**, spoke regarding the situation at Chaman Border against the new Passport/ Visa Policy and issues faced by the locals thereof.
- 7. Senator Danesh Kumar**, spoke regarding the problems faced by the people travelling to Karachi via Hub at various check-posts.
- 8. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen**, spoke regarding the sit in staged at Chaman Border against the new passport/visa policy.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Kamran Murtaza
 2. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
 3. Senator Naseebullah Bazai
- 9. Senator Naseebullah Bazai**, spoke regarding the missing of record of recruitment/appointment in Workers Welfare Board.

After hearing the Member, The Chairman Senate said I will discuss to the Minister in this regard.

10. Senator Hidayatullah Khan, spoke regarding the imposition of levies on the areas of erstwhile FATA.

After hearing the Member, The Chairman Senate directed to Secretary Senate seek Report from FBR.

11. Senator Fawzia Arshad, spoke regarding the denial of Ministry to release funds to 05 hospitals of Islamabad.

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

12. Senator Dr.Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur, spoke regarding the current political situation in the Country.

13. Senator Seemee Ezdi, spoke regarding the increasing smog in various cities of Punjab.

Respond by Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti, Minister for Interior on the points raised by members regarding the sitin staged at Chaman Border.

14. Senator Khalida Sikandar Mandhro, spoke regarding the closure of Indus Hospital in Badin, Sindh the current political situation in the Country.

After hearing the Member, The Chairman Senate directed to Secretary Senate seek Report from Chief Secretary Sindh.

15. Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi, spoke regarding the massive hike in drugs/medicine prices in Karachi and lack of regulation by Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan.

16. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, spoke regarding the imposition of new taxes in Malakand Division and erstwhile FATA and their revocation for the Period 2023-2033 in light of a unanimous Resolution of the Senate.

Clarification made by Mr. Murtaza Solangi, Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs regarding intactness of status of Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition and Chief Whip in the Senate in wake of dissolution of the National Assembly.

At 06:35 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday , 21st November, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

**Islamabad, the
20th November, 2023.**