

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(345th SESSION)

Date and Day	20 th January 2025, (Monday)
Commenced at	04:20 p.m.
Adjourned at	07:05 p.m.
Presided by	Deputy Chairman Senate
Attendance	55
Total Working Hours	02hours and 45minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED

1. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012 [The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2025].

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, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the National Commission for Human Rights Act, 2012 [The National Commission for Human Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2025].

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

3. Senator Danesh Kumar, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 [The Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2025].

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

4. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils Act, 1973 [The Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Bill, 2025].

The Motion was Deferred.

5. Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide a regulatory framework for virtual assets, the creation of virtual asset zones, and related matters in Pakistan [The Regulation of Virtual Assets Bill, 2025].

The Motion was Deferred.

6. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority Act, 1996 [The Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2025].

The Motion was Rejected.

7. Senator Mohsin Aziz, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for protection, relief and rehabilitation of the rights of khunsa (intersex) persons, and their welfare [The Khunsa (Intersex) Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2025].

The Bill was withdrawn by the Member.

8. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 [The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2025].

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

9. Senator Mohsin Aziz, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Islamabad Healthcare Regulation Act, 2018 [The Islamabad Healthcare Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2025].

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

10. Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2025].

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 PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

1. Senator Danesh Kumar, moved that the Bill further to amend the National Assembly Secretariat Employees Act, 2018 [The National Assembly Secretariat Employees (Amendment) Bill, 2024], 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 Danesh Kumar, moved that the Bill further to amend the National Assembly Secretariat Employees Act, 2018 [The National Assembly Secretariat Employees (Amendment) Bill, 2024], be passed.

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

BILLS AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz, moved that Bill further to amend the Payment of Wages Act, 1936 [The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2024], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

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 Payment of Wages Act, 1936 [The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2024], be passed.

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

3. Senator Mohsin Aziz, moved that Bill further to amend the Islamabad Rent Restriction Ordinance, 2001 [The Islamabad Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 2024], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

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

4. Senator Mohsin Aziz, moved that the Bill further to amend the Islamabad Rent Restriction Ordinance, 2001 [The Islamabad Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 2024], be passed.

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

5. Senator Mohsin Aziz, moved that the Bill further to amend the Factories Act, 1934 [The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2024], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

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

6. Senator Mohsin Aziz, moved that the Bill further to amend the Factories Act, 1934 [The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2024], be passed.

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

7. Senator Shahadat Awan, moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora Act, 2012 [The Pakistan Trade Control of Wild Fauna and Flora (Amendment) Bill, 2024], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

The Motion was Deferred.

8. Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir, moved that the Bill further to amend the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority Act, 2021 [The China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

The Motion was Deferred.

BILL TO BE WITHDRAWN
[Under Rule 115]

1. Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir, sought leave to withdraw the Bill further to amend the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1997 [The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) (Amendment) Bill, 2024] as introduced in the Senate on 2nd September, 2024.

The Bill stood withdrawn.

RESOLUTION

1. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, moved the following resolution:-

“Cognizant of the fact that the Government of Pakistan has an obligation, under the Constitution and International law, to protect the fundamental rights of its citizens detained abroad.

Mindful of the official estimates, according to which there are over 23,000 Pakistani citizens languishing in jails across the world without access to lawyers, impartial translators, or adequate consular assistance from the Pakistani diplomatic missions. These destitute Pakistanis face the harshest punishments due to their lack of understanding of and assistance with the legal process.

This House, therefore, recommends that the Government of Pakistan should:

- i. Provide effective consular assistance and representation to all overseas Pakistani prisoners, and ensure that their fundamental rights are not violated.
- ii. Actively pursue the implementation of bilateral prisoner transfer agreements, with the aim of repatriating Pakistani nationals and allowing them to serve out their sentences in their home country”

The Resolution was passed by the House.

At 05:33 p.m Deputy Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House for fifteen minutes.

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the Opposition on the Al-Qadir Trust case verdict

Following Member also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui

M O T I O N S **[Under Rule 218]**

3. Senator Kamran Murtaza, to move that the House may discuss extremely low pressure of gas in various areas of Balochistan especially Quetta city.

Following Member also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Muhammad Abdul Qadir

Senator Musadik Masood Malik, Minister for Petroleum responded is issued.

07:05 p.m. the Deputy Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday ,21st January, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

**Islamabad, the
20th January, 2025.**