

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(363rd SESSION)

Date and Day	18 th August, 2026 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	12:13 p.m.
Adjourned at	01:40 p.m.
Presided by	Presiding Officer
Attendance	49
Total Working Hours	01hours and 30minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

Recitation of Naat.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Presiding Officer.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:
[Under Rule 195]

1. Senator Hidayatullah Khan, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Heritage and Culture, presented report of the Committee on a Bill to amend the National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (Lok Virsa) Ordinance, 2002 [The National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (Lok Virsa) (Amendment) Bill, 2026].

Report stood laid.

2. Senator Khalida Ateeab, on behalf of **Senator Bushra Anjum Butt**, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on a Bill to amend the NFC Institute of Engineering and Technology Multan Act, 2012 [The NFC Institute of Engineering and Technology Multan (Amendment) Bill, 2026].

Report stood laid.

3. Senator Khalida Ateeab, on behalf of **Senator Bushra Anjum Butt**, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Area Study Centres Act, 1975 [The Area Study Centres (Amendment) Bill, 2026].

Report stood laid.

4. Senator Khalida Ateeab, on behalf of **Senator Bushra Anjum Butt**, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on a Bill to amend the National Textile University Ordinance, 2002 [The National Textile University (Amendment) Bill, 2026].

Report stood laid.

5. Senator Khalida Ateeab, on behalf of **Senator Bushra Anjum Butt**, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on a Bill to amend the National Rahmatul-Lil-Aalameen Wa Khatamun Nabiyyin Authority Act, 2022 [The National Rahmatul-Lil-Aalameen Wa Khatamun Nabiyyin Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2026].

Report stood laid.

6. Senator Khalida Ateeb, on behalf of **Senator Bushra Anjum Butt**, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on a Bill to amend the Centre for Clinical Psychology Centres Act, 1983 [The Centre for Clinical Psychology Centres (Amendment) Bill, 2026].

Report stood laid.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BILLS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE AND REPORTED BY THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of **Minister-in-Charge**, Cabinet Secretariat, moved that the Bill further to amend the Standard Time (Interpretation of References) Ordinance, 1943 [The Standard Time (Interpretation of References) (Amendment) Bill, 2026], 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. Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of **Minister-in-Charge**, Cabinet Secretariat, moved that the Bill further to amend the Standard Time (Interpretation of References) Ordinance, 1943 [The Standard Time (Interpretation of References) (Amendment) Bill, 2026], be passed.

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

3. Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of **Senator Ahad Khan Cheema**, Minister for Economic Affairs and Establishment, moved that the Bill further to amend the Civil Servants Act, 1973 [The Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2026], 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. Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of **Senator Ahad Khan Cheema**, Minister for Economic Affairs and Establishment, moved that the Bill further to amend the Civil Servants Act, 1973 [The Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2026], be passed.

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

5. Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, on behalf of **Mr. Aurangzeb Khan Khichi**, Minister for National Heritage and Culture, moved that the Bill to amend the National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (Lok Virsa) Ordinance, 2002 [The National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (Lok Virsa) (Amendment) Bill, 2026], 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. Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of **Mr. Aurangzeb Khan Khichi**, Minister for National Heritage and Culture, moved that the Bill to amend the National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (Lok Virsa) Ordinance, 2002 [The National Institute of Folk and Traditional Heritage (Lok Virsa) (Amendment) Bill, 2026], be passed.

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

REPORTS LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

1. Mr. Bilal Azhar Kayani, Minister of State for Railways, Finance & Revenue, on behalf of **Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb**, Minister for Finance and Revenue, laid before the Senate the Half Yearly Report of the Board of Directors of State Bank of Pakistan on the State of Pakistan's Economy for the Year 2025-26, under sub-section (2) of section 39 of the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956.

Report stood laid.

2. Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, laid before the Senate the Annual Report 2025 of the Election Commission of Pakistan, as required under sub-section (2) of section 16 of the Elections Act, 2017.

Report stood laid.

3. Mr. Bilal Azhar Kayani, Minister of State for Railways, Finance & Revenue, on behalf of **Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb**, Minister for Finance and Revenue, laid before the Senate the appropriation accounts for the Financial Year 2024-2025 and audit reports of the Auditor-General of Pakistan for the audit year, 2025-2026, as required by Article 171 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Report stood laid.

4. Mr. Bilal Azhar Kayani, Minister of State for Railways, Finance & Revenue, on behalf of **Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb**, Minister for Finance and Revenue, laid before the Senate the 1st Biannual Report on Monitoring of the Implementation of 7th NFC Award for the period from July to December, 2024, under clause (3B) of Article 160 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Report stood laid.

5. Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of **Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar**, Minister for Human Rights, laid before the Senate the Annual Report 2025-2026 of the National Commission on the Rights of Child, as required under sub-section (1) of section 17 of the National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017.

Report stood laid.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

01. Senator Atta-Ur-Rehman, drew attention of the Minister for Finance and Revenue, towards the withdrawal of exemption of taxes for the merged districts of erstwhile FATA and PATA in the Federal Budget 2026-2027.

Mr. Bilal Azhar Kayani, Minister of State for Railways, Finance & Revenue, responded in the matter.

The Calling attention notice was talked out.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- 1. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati**, spoke regarding the adoption of reports of the Committees in terms of Rule 196 of the RPCBS, 2012.
- 2. Senator Jan Muhammad**, spoke regarding the restructuring of Rs. 115 Billion World Bank funded rehabilitation Project for Baluchistan.
- 3. Senator Dost Muhammad Khan**, spoke regarding the non-provision of financial compensation to the residents of the erstwhile FATA.
- 4. Senator Mohsin Aziz**, spoke regarding the economic loss due to road closures and strikes.

Following Member's spoke on this issue:-

- 1. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati**
- 2. Senator Faisal Javed**

5. Senator Khalida Ateeb, spoke regarding the release of eleven Pakistani seamen held hostage by Somali pirates.

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhry, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, responded on this issue.

01:40 p.m. the Presiding Officer adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 20th August, 2026, at 04:00 p.m.

**Islamabad, the
18th August, 2026.**