SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(364th Session)

Date and Day	20th October, 2026 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	11:25 a.m.
Adjourned at	02:54 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate & Presiding Officer, Senator Shahadat Awan
Attendance	54
Total Working Hours	03hours and 29 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.
Recitation of Naat.

QUESTION HOUR

Printed questions were asked and their oral replies were given by the Ministers concerned.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

M O T I O N S
[Under Rule 194(1)]

1. Senator Zamir Hussain Ghumro on behalf of **Senator Zeeshan Khan Zada**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, moved under sub-rule (1) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Industrial Relations Act, 2012 [The Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill, 2026], introduced by Senator Kamran Murtaza on 24th August, 2026, may be extended for a period of sixty days with effect from 23rd October, 2026.

The Motion was put to the House and carried.

2. Senator Atta-Ur-Rehman, Chairman, Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, to move under sub-rule (1) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Muslim Family Laws Ordinance, 1961 [The Muslim Family Laws (Maintenance of Parents) (Amendment) Bill, 2026], introduced by Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri on 24th August, 2026, may be extended for a period of sixty days with effect from 23rd October, 2026.

The motion was deferred due to absence of Mover.

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

1. Senator Sarmad Ali on behalf of **Senator Syed Ali Zafar,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 [The Right of Access to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2023], introduced by Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur on 20th November, 2023.

Report stood laid.

2. Senator Sarmad Ali on behalf of **Senator Syed Ali Zafar,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation Act, 1973 [The Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2025], introduced by Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir on 1st December, 2025.

Report stood laid.

3. Senator Sarmad Ali on behalf of **Senator Syed Ali Zafar,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 [The Right of Access to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2021], introduced by Senators Manzoor Ahmed and Mirza Muhammad Afridi on 25th January, 2021.

Report stood laid.

4. Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of the Committee on the Privilege Motion moved by Senator Husna Bano against Deputy Commissioner, Hub, Balochistan.

Report stood laid.

5. Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of the Committee on the Privilege Motion moved by Senator Nadeem Ahmed Bhutto against Deputy Commissioner, District Keamari, Karachi.

Report stood laid.

GOVERNMENT BILL TO BE INTRODUCED

1. Minister-In-Charge Cabinet Secretariat, to introduce a Bill to repeal the Naya Pakistan Housing and Development Authority Act, 2020 [The Naya Pakistan Housing and Development Authority (Repeal) Bill, 2026].

The Bill was deferred

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

GOVERNMENT BILLS AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE

1. Senator Rana Sana Ullah Khan, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Political, Public Affairs and Inter Provincial Coordination, on behalf of **Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui,** Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, moved that the Bill to amend the Inter-Boards Coordination Commission Act, 2023 [The Inter-Boards Coordination Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2026], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.

The Bill stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

2. Senator Rana Sana Ullah Khan, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Political, Public Affairs and Inter Provincial Coordination, on behalf of **Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui,** Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, moved that the Bill to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2013 [The Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2026], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.

The Bill stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

GOVERNMENT BILLS INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE AND REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE

1. Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs**,** on behalf of **Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui,** Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, moved that the Bill further to amend the Area Study Centres Act, 1975 [The Area Study Centres (Amendment) Bill, 2026], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

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

2. Thereafter, Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs**,** on behalf of **Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui,** Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, moved that the Bill further to amend the Area Study Centres Act, 1975 [The Area Study Centres (Amendment) Bill, 2026], be passed.

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

3. Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs**,** on behalf of **Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui,** Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, moved that the Bill to amend the Centre for Clinical Psychology Centres Act, 1983 [The Centre for Clinical Psychology Centres (Amendment) Bill, 2026], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

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

4. Thereafter, Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs**,** on behalf of **Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui,** Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, moved that the Bill to amend the Centre for Clinical Psychology Centres Act, 1983 [The Centre for Clinical Psychology Centres (Amendment) Bill, 2026], be passed.

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

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

1. Senator Jan Muhammad, drew attention of the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control, towards the blocking of Computerized National Identity Cards (CNICs) of residents of the Rakhshan and Makran Divisions of Balochistan.

At 12:51 p.m the Presiding Officer presided over the proceedings of the House.

Senator Muhammad Tallal Badar, Minister of State for Interior and Narcotics Control, made a brief statement in the matter.

Calling Attention Notice was talked out.

2. Senator Abid Sher Ali, drew attention of the Minister for Energy (Power Division), towards the slab-based incremental block tariff structure and the broader electricity billing system administered by DISCOs under the regulatory framework of NEPRA, which are imposing an excessive financial burden on electricity consumers.

Calling Attention Notice was deferred due to absence of Minister concerned.

MOTION OF THANKS

1. Discussion on the following motion moved by **Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs**, on 8th May, 2026: -

> "This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both the Houses assembled together on 2nd March, 2026."

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senators Bilal Ahmed Khan, raised the matter regarding blocking of CNICs in Balochistan.

2. Senators Abid Sher Ali, raised the matter regarding facilitating the poor and working class passengers in obtaining and completing the required documents for traveling abroad.

3. Senator Abdul Wasay, raised the matter regarding rising terrorism and kidnaping of Government Officers in Balochistan.

4. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, raised the matter regarding the demand for accountability over accidents and lighting failures in the Lowari Tunnel.

After hearing the Member, the Presiding Officer referred the subject matter to the Standing Committee concerned.

5. Senator Jam Saifullah Khan, raised the matter regarding reviewed the implementation of the 5kilometre gasification policy, particularly in Ghotki and recalled the directions given by the Supreme Court.

6. Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi, raised the matter regarding misuse of his name in Social Media despite lodging of a complaint in NCCIA no response has yet been received and shifting of Headquarter of PPL from Karachi to Islamabad

Following Members' spoke on Proclamation Emergency in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

1. **Senator Mashal Azam**
2. **Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan**
3. **Senator Falak Naz**
4. **Senator Aon Abbas**
5. **Senator Nasir Mehmood**
6. **Senator Gurdeep Singh**

02.54 p.m. the Presiding Officer adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 23rd October, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.

Islamabad, the
20th October, 2026.