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Thursday, the June 13, 2024

The Senate of Pakistan met in the Senate Hall (Parliament House) Islamabad at nine minutes past seven in the evening with Mr. Chairman (Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani) in the Chair.

Recitation from the Holy Quran

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ-

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ-

الْحَجُّ أَشْهُرٌ مَّعْلُومَةٌ ۖ فَمَنْ فَرَضَ فِيهِنَّ الْحَجَّ فَلَا رَفَثَ وَلَا فُسُوقَ ۖ وَلَا جِدَالَ فِي الْحَجِّ ۗ وَمَا تَفَعَّلُوا مِنْ خَيْرٍ يَّعْلَمُهُ اللَّهُ ۗ

وَتَزَوَّدُوا فَإِنَّ خَيْرَ الزَّادِ التَّقْوَىٰ ۗ وَاتَّقُوا يَا أُولِي الْأَلْبَابِ ﴿١٦٤﴾ لَيْسَ عَلَيْكُمْ جُنَاحٌ أَنْ تَبْتَغُوا فَضْلًا مِنْ رَبِّكُمْ ۗ فَإِذَا

أَفْضَيْتُمْ مِنْ عَرَفَاتٍ فَأَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ عِنْدَ الْمَشْعَرِ الْحَرَامِ ۖ وَاذْكُرُوهُ كَمَا هَدَاكُمْ ۖ وَإِنْ كُنْتُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ لَمِنَ الضَّالِّينَ ﴿١٦٥﴾ ثُمَّ

أَفِيضُوا مِنْ حَيْثُ أَفَاضَ النَّاسُ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا اللَّهَ ۗ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٦٦﴾

ترجمہ: حج کے چند متعین مہینے ہیں۔ چنانچہ جو شخص ان مہینوں میں (احرام باندھ کر) اپنے اوپر حج لازم کر لے تو حج کے دوران نہ وہ کوئی فحش بات کرے، نہ کوئی گناہ، نہ کوئی جھگڑا۔ اور تم جو کوئی نیک کام کرو گے، اللہ اسے جان لے گا۔ اور (حج کے سفر میں) زاد راہ ساتھ لے جایا کرو، کیونکہ بہترین زاد راہ تقویٰ ہے۔ اور اے عقل والو! میری نافرمانی سے ڈرتے رہو۔ تم پر اس بات میں کوئی گناہ نہیں ہے کہ تم (حج کے دوران تجارت یا مزدوری کے ذریعے) اپنے پروردگار کا فضل تلاش کرو۔ پھر جب تم عرفات سے روانہ ہو تو مشعر حرام کے پاس (جو مزدلفہ میں واقع ہے) اللہ کا ذکر کرو، اور اس کا ذکر اسی طرح کرو جس طرح اس نے تمہیں ہدایت کی ہے، جبکہ اس سے پہلے تم بالکل ناواقف تھے۔ اس کے علاوہ (یہ بات بھی یاد رکھو کہ) تم اسی جگہ سے روانہ ہو جہاں سے عام لوگ روانہ ہوتے ہیں۔ اور اللہ سے مغفرت مانگو۔ بیشک اللہ بہت بخشنے والا، بڑا مہربان ہے۔

(سورة البقرہ آیات نمبر ۱۹ تا ۱۹۹)

Leave of Absence

Mr. Chairman: Senator Sania Nishtar has requested for the grant of leave for the whole Session due to visit abroad. Is leave granted?

(Leave was granted)

Mr. Chairman: Senator Sadia Abbasi has requested for the grant of leave for 12th June, 2024 due to personal engagements. Is leave granted?

(Leave was granted)

Mr. Chairman: Senator Ishaq Dar, Minister for Foreign Affairs has requested for the grant leave from 7th to 11th June, 2024 due to official visit abroad. Is leave granted?

(Leave was granted)

Mr. Chairman: Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, Minister for Finance and Revenue may move Order No.2.

Laying a copy of the Finance Bill, 2024-25

Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb (Minister for Finance and Revenue): Thank you Mr. Chairman, I lay before the Senate a copy of the Finance Bill, 2024, containing the Annual Budget Statement, as required under Article 73 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Mr. Chairman: A copy of the Finance Bill 2024 containing Annual Budget Statement stands laid.

**Motion moved to make recommendations to the National Assembly on Finance
Bill, 2024-25**

Mr. Chairman: Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb, Minister for Finance and Revenue, may move Order No.3.

Senator Muhammad Aurangzeb: I move that the Senate may make recommendations, if any, to the National Assembly on the Finance Bill, 2024, containing the Annual Budget Statement, as required under Article 73 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Mr. Chairman: The notices for the proposals to make recommendations on the Finance Bill, 2024, containing the Annual Budget Statement, may be submitted by the Members to the Senate Secretariat by Friday, the 14th June, 2024, at the latest by 12 noon. No proposals will be entertained after the time. These recommendations should be with reference to the Finance Bill, 2024, containing the Annual Budget Statement. The recommendations having no relevance to the Finance Bill, 2024, containing the Annual Budget Statement, are outside the purview of Article 73 and hence not admissible.

Furthermore, a Member shall not give notice of proposal for making recommendations to the Annual Budget Statement which relates to the expenditure charged upon the Federal Consolidated Fund under clause (1) of the Article 82 of the Constitution. The proposals received for making recommendations on the Finance Bill shall be sent to the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue, whereas, the recommendations pertaining to the PSDP shall be sent to the Senate Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Special Initiatives. Senate Standing Committee on Planning,

Development and Special Initiatives shall examine the recommendations pertaining to the PSDP and forward the same to the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue by Friday, the 21st June, 2024, which will after incorporating the recommendations of the Senate Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Special Initiatives in its own recommendations, present its report before the House by Saturday, the 22nd June, 2024.

In the meantime, the Senate would discuss the Finance Bill, 2024, containing the Annual Budget Statement from Thursday, the 13th June, 2024. The Parliamentary party leaders are requested to provide the names of speakers of their respective parties. The Senate would finally consider the report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue and make recommendations to the National Assembly.

Now, I should refer it to the Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue and Standing Committee on Planning, Development and Social Initiatives. Yes, Leader of the Opposition.

سینیٹر سید شبلی فرراز: جناب! یہ بجٹ پیش کیا گیا ہے اور جس طرح ہمارے عوام پر taxes کا بوجھ ڈالا گیا ہے، پاکستان کے عوام پچھلے دو سال سے مہنگائی سے پس رہے ہیں، ان پر مزید taxes لگانا۔ میرے خیال میں اس ملک کے عوام middle class اور غریب لوگوں کی کمر توڑ دے گا۔ چاہے حکومت کچھ بھی کہے، ہماری اس وقت جو inflation ہے۔

Mr. Chairman: Honourable Leader of the Opposition, this is your budget speech or you will speak tomorrow?

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz: No sir, this is not my budget speech because we in protest to all these taxes that have been imposed on the people of Pakistan where

they have not been represented. Specially, when their mandate has not been accepted. So, obviously we on behalf of the people of Pakistan, we would like to lodge our protest and condemn this high handedness of the Government where they are pushing the people against the wall...Contd...T02

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Senator Syed Shibli Faraz...continue...condemn this high handedness of the Government where they are pushing the people against the wall due to the worst economic scenario, which this country has seen in the last fifty years. So, this is what it is and we will obviously make our specific observations on the taxes, on the budget, the general figures and we would also like our worthy Finance Minister, who is a very acclaimed banker and we would like him to satisfy this House and the people of Pakistan that why such punishment has been extended to the people of Pakistan due to the incompetence, due to the bad handling, due to the mis-governance of the Government. And all that we have seen is the result of the last thirty years where this economy has been mis-treated, it has been badly governed and the parties who are involved need to explain to the people of Pakistan that why and how this country of 250 million people has been sunk into debt. And we would also like to know as to what plans this unrepresentative government has for the people of Pakistan, for the future of Pakistan and for the economy of Pakistan. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: Honourable Leader of the Opposition, before you take another step

کل جو اجلاس ہم کریں گے تو opening speech Leader of the Opposition کی ہوگی اور اس میں آپ جو بھی کہنا چاہیں
you are free to do it and then Leader of the House if you want to make a لیے کے لیے
we should آپ reply you can do it. protest بعد میں کریں ابھی میں اجلاس adjourn کر رہا ہوں۔ میرا خیال ہے
adjourn the House or you want to speak? Okay.

(اس موقع پر ایوان میں نماز مغرب سنائی دی گئی)

*(The Chair recognized the presence of Syed Raza Ali Gillani, (MNA) NA 137 Okara in
the Chairman's gallery)*

سینیٹر محمد اسحاق ڈار (قائد ایوان): بسم اللہ الرحمن الرحیم۔ نحمدہ و نصلیٰ علیٰ رسولہ الکریم۔ جناب چیئرمین! میں welcome کرتا ہوں
کہ Leader of the Opposition 'though' creating a new tradition 'though' creating a new tradition
it is comprehensive speech کہ وہ ایک his prerogative and the precedence of this House
ہیں اور بجٹ کا post-mortem کرتے ہیں we will be ready to listen to that budget speech and it
summarized ہی بڑے ہی is his prerogative and right to do so, جب ان شاء اللہ یہ پیش کریں گے چونکہ انہوں نے بڑے ہی
طریقے سے بجٹ کے حوالے سے بات کی ہے، دیکھیں it is a matter of balancing the budget, resources اور اس
کے against revenues. کیا گریڈ ایکٹ سے سولہ تک کے جو government employees ہیں جو کہ inflation سے پلے
ہوئے ہیں، کیا ان کو 25% increase نہ دی جائے، 17 گریڈ سے 22 گریڈ کے جو سرکاری ملازمین ہیں کیا انہیں 20% increase نہ دی
جائے، کیا جو pensioners ہیں جن کے اوپر ٹیکس چونکہ نہیں ہے تو کیا انہیں 15% increase نہ دی جائے۔ میں سمجھتا ہوں کہ we
will welcome and obviously جیسا کہ میں نے کہا کہ میں Leader of the Opposition بھی رہا ہوں اور ہمیشہ
we will welcome him اور ہم ان کی Leader of the Opposition budget debate open کرتے ہیں،

بات سنیں گے لیکن بات یہ ہے کہ اس طرح سے sweeping statement دینا ٹھیک نہیں ہے، یہ ایک balanced budget ہے

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Minister for Finance will *Insha-Allah* give answer to every point that will be raised.

Thank you.

Mr. Chairman: The House stands adjourned to meet again on Thursday, the 13th June, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

(The House was then adjourned to meet again on Thursday, the 13th June, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.)
