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The Senate of Pakistan met in the Senate Chamber, (State Bank Building), Islamabad, at half-past five of the clock in the evening, Mr. Chairman (Mr. Habibullah Khan) in the Chair.

(Recitation from the Holy Quran)

OATH AND SIGNING OF ROLL OF MEMBERS

Mr. Chairman : Gentlemen, we take up item No. 2—Any new Member who has not made oath under Article 65 of the Constitution, has to do so now. Yes.

(Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani Siddiqi took the prescribed Oath)

جناب چیئرمین : آئیے ! دستخط بھی کیجئے۔

ایک معزز سینیٹر : ان سے دستخط لے لیں۔

جناب چیئرمین : دستخط کے لیئے صرف آپ ہی کو نہیں کہا بلکہ سب نے کئے

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Thank you.

Gentlemen, now I am going to item. No. 3.

Mr. Mohammad Hashim Ghilzai : Sir, as we are on the boycott of the Assemblies, so we regret that we cannot participate. We are going out and the proceedings may be continued.

(Opposition walked out at this stage)

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS

Mr. Chairman : Yes, gentlemen, now I have to announce the names of the Panel of Presiding Officers. In pursuance of sub-rule (1) of rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate. I nominate the following Members in order of precedence to form a Panel of Presiding Officers for the August, 1975 Session of the Senate of Pakistan :—

1. Mr. Mohammad Haneef Ramay.
2. Mr. Kamal Azfar.
3. Sardar Mohammad Aslam.

Yes, please !

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Mr. Abdül Hafeez Pirzada (Minister for Education, Science and Technology and Provincial co-ordination) : Sir, I beg to move :

“That this august House do proceed to elect two Members to fill casual vacancies in and one additional Member to the Committee on Cabinet Establishment, Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Education and Provincial Co-ordination, Tourism and Minorities Affairs, and I propose for this Committee the names of :

1. Mr. Tahir Mohammad Khan, and
2. Mr. Masud Ahmed Khan, and
3. Mr. Kamal Azfar.”

Mr. Chairman : The first two will fill the casual vacancies, and the third is an additional one.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Yes, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : Any objection, gentlemen ?

Mr. Abdül Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, the motion has to be put.

Mr. Chairman : All right, if you want, I will do.

Is there any amendment, any objection, anything ? Does anybody, any gentleman, want to say anything ?

VOICES : No.

Mr. Chairman : None. All right. I put the motion. The question before the House is :

“That two Members, namely :

1. Tahir Mohammad Khan, and
2. Masud Ahmed Khan,

be elected to fill casual vacancies in, and one Member, namely :

[Mr. Bhairman]

Mr. Kamal Azfar, as an additional Member be elected to the Standing Committee on Cabinet, Establishment, Law and Parliamentary Affairs, Education and Provincial Co-ordination, Tourism, Minorities Affairs."

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : These three gentlemen stand elected.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, I beg for permission to move an oral amendment under item No, 4 on the Orders of the Day :

"That in Clause 2, para 4, the word 'one' may be read as 'two'."

Mr. Chairman : The amendment moved is :

"That in Clause 2, para 4, instead of one additional Member, it should read 'two' additional Members."

Any objection ?

Voices : No.

Mr. Chairman : All right. I put the motion to the House.

The question before the House is :

"That in Clause 2, para 4, instead of 'one' additional Member, it should read 'two' additional Members."

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : The motion is carried.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, I beg to move :

"That this august House do proceed to elect four honourable Members of this House to fill four casual vacancies in and two additional Members to the Standing Committee on Food and Agriculture, Livestock, Works and Rehabilitation, Labour and Local Bodies, Manpower, Health and Social Welfare, Population Planning, and the names of these Members are :

1. Miss Asifa Farooqi,
2. Capt. Gul Mohammad,
3. Mr. Afzal Khan Khoso, and
4. Shaikh Omer Khan."

Mr. Chairman : These are to fill casual vacancies.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Yes Sir, The additional Members are :

1. Mr. Shahzad Gul, and
2. Sardar Ghulam Mohammad Khan.

Mr. Chairman: Any objection? Any comment? (Pause). None
All right. I put the motion now.

The motion before the House is :

“That four Members, namely :

1. Miss Asifa Farooqi,
2. Capt. Gul Mohammad,
3. Mr. Afzal Khan, and
4. Shaikh Omer Khan,

be elected to fill the casual vacancies, and two additional Members, namely

1. Mr. Shahzad Gul, and
2. Sardar Ghulam Mohammad Khan,

be elected to the Standing Committee on Food and Agriculture, Livestock, Works and Rehabilitation, Labour and Local Bodies, Manpower, Health and Social Welfare, Population Planning.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman: The motion is carried.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada: May I ask for permission to move an oral amendment?

I beg to move an oral amendment :

“That in para 5, Clause 2, instead of ‘one’, ‘three’ should be substituted, and word ‘Member’ should read as ‘Members’.”

Mr. Chairman: The oral amendment moved is :

“That in Clause 2, of para 5, instead of ‘one’, it should be ‘three’, and instead of ‘Member’, it should be read as ‘Members’.”

Any objection? (Pause). All right. I put the motion.

The motion before the House is :

“That in Clause 2, in para 5, instead of ‘one’, it should be read as ‘three’ and instead of ‘Member’ it should be read as ‘Members’.”

(The motion was adopted)

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Mr. Chairman : The motion is carried.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada: I beg to move :

“That this august House do proceed to elect two of its Members to fill casual vacancies in, and three of its Members as additional Members on the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Religious Affairs, Auqaf and Haj, Interior, Kashmir Affairs, States and Frontier Regions. The names are :

1. Mr. Mohammad Haneef Ramay, and

2. Mr. Ghulam Rasool A. Siddiqui :

and then,

1. Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Bilor,

2. Haji Niamatullah Khan, and

3. Qazi Faizul Haq.”

Mr. Chairman : The motion moved is :

“That the House do proceed to elect two Members, namely :

1. Mr. Mohammad Haneef Ramay, and

2. Mr. Ghulam Rasool A. Siddiqui,

to fill the casual vacancies and three Members, namely :

1. Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Bilor,

2. Haji Niamatullah Khan, and

3. Qazi Faizul Haq,

as additional Members on Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Religious Affairs ‘Auqaf and Haj, Interior, Kashmir Affairs, States and Frontier Regions.”

Any objection? (Pause) None. Now, I will put the question before the House.

The question before the House is :

“That two Members, namely :

1. Mr. Mohammad Haneef Ramay, and

2. Mr. Ghulam Rasool A. Siddiqui,

be elected to fill the casual vacancies, and three additional Members, namely :

1. Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Bilor,

2. Haji Niamatullah, and
3. Qazi Faizul Haq,

to fill the additional vacancies as additional Members to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Religious Affairs 'Auzaf and Haj, Interior, Kashmir Affairs, States and Frontier Regions."

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : The motion is carried. Now, item No. 6.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : I beg to move :

"That this august House do proceed to elect from its Members, three Members to fill casual vacancies in, and one additional Member to the Standing Committee on Finance, Planning and Development, Economic Affairs, Statistics. The names of the Members to be elected, I propose, are :

1. Mr. Farooq Ahmad Khan,
2. Mr. Mohanmad Haneef Ramay, and
3. Mr. Abdul Latif Ansari,

as three Members to fill the casual vacancies, and

Mr. Shahzad Gul.

as additional Member."

Mr. Chairman : The motion moved is :

"That the House do proceed to elect three Members, namely :

1. Mr. Farooq Ahmad Khan,
2. Mr. Mohammad Haneef Ramay, and
3. Mr. Abdul Latif Ansari,

as three Members to fill the casual vacancies in, and one additional Member, namely :

Mr. Shahzad Gul,

to be elect to the Standing Committee on Finance, Planning and Development, Economic Affairs, Statistics."

Any objection ? Any comment ? (Pause). None. So, I put the question.

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The question before the House is :

“That this House do proceed to elect three Members, namely :

1. Mr. Farooq Ahmad Khan,
2. Mr. Mohammad Haneef Ramay, and
3. Mr. Abdul Latif Ansari,

to fill the casual vacancies in, and one additional Member, namely :

Mr. Shahzad Gul,

be elected to the Standing Committee on Finance, Planning and Development, Economic Affairs, Statistics.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : The motion is carried.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : May I seek your permission to move an oral amendment to item No. 7 ?

Sir, I beg to move an oral amendment :

“That in para, 7 Clause 2, the word ‘one’ may read as ‘two’, and ‘Member’ may be read as ‘Members’, so that it would read as ‘two additional Members’ ”

Mr. Chairman : The motion moved is :

“That in place of ‘one’, it should read ‘two’ and instead of ‘Member’ it should read, Members’.”

Any objection ? Any comment ? (Pause). None. Now, I put the question.

The question before the House is :

“That in Clause 2, para 7, in place of ‘one’, it should read ‘two’, and in place of ‘Member’, it should read ‘Members’.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : The motion is carried.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, I beg to move :

“That this august House do now proceed to elect four of its Members to fill casual vacancies in, and two of its Members as additional Members

to the Standing Committee on Production, Town Planning and Agrovilles, Commerce, Industries, Fuel, Power and Natural Resources, and the names are :

- 1. Ch. Mohammad Aslam,
- 2. Qazi Faizul Haque,
- 3. Malik Mohammad Sharif, and
- 4. Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani Siddiqi

as four Members to fill casual vacancies, and two additional Members are :

- 1. Mr. Ajab Khan, and
- 2. Mir Nabi Bakhsh Zehri."

Mr. Chairman : The motion moved is :

"That the House do now proceed to elect four Member namely :

- 1 Ch. Mohammad Aslam,
- 2. Qazi Faizul Haque,
- 3. Malik Mohammad Sharif, and
- 4. Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani Siddiqi,

to fill casual vacancies and two Members, namely :

- 1. Mr. Ajab Khan, and
- 2. Mir Nabi Bakhsh Zehri,

as additional Members to the Standing Committee on Production, Town Planning and Agrovilles, Commerce, Industries, Fuel, Power and Natural Resources."

Mr. Chairman : Any objection ? Any amendment ?

Voices : No.

Mr. Chairman : Now, I will put the question.

The question before the House is :

"That the House do now proceed to elect four Members, namely :

- 1. Ch. Mohammad Aslam,
- 2. Qazi Faizul Haque,

[Mr. Chairman]

3. Malik Mohammad Sharif, and
4. Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani Siddiqi,

to fill casual vacancies, and two Members, namely :

1. Mr. Ajab Khan, and
2. Mir Nabi Baksh Zehri,

as additional Members to the Standing Committee on Production, Town Planning and Agrovilles, Commerce, Industries, Fuel, Power and Natural Resources."

Any objection ? Any amendment ?

Voices : No.

Mr. Chairman : Now, I will put the question.

The question before the House is :

"That the House do now proceed to elect four Members, namely :

1. Ch. Mohammad Aslam,
2. Qazi Faizul Haque,
3. Malik Mohammad Sharif, and
4. Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani Siddiqi.

to fill casual vacancies, and two Members, namely :

1. Mr. Ajab Khan, and
2. Mir Nabi Baksh Zehri.

as additional Members to the Standing Committee on production. Town Planning and deprevilles Commerce, Industries Puel Power and Natural Resources."

(The motion was adpoted)

Mr. Chairman : The motion is carried.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, I beg to move :

"That this august House do now proceed to elect three of its Members to fill causal vacancies in and one of its Members as additional Members to the Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Defence, Defence Production, Aviation, Communication Railways. Sir, the names of the three Members to fill the causal vacancies are :

1. Mr. Ghulam Rasool,
2. Ch. Mohammad Aslam, and
3. Mr. Farooq Ahmad Khan,

and Capt. Gul Mohammad is to act as additional Member.

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Mr. Chairman : The motion moved is :

“That the House do now proceed to elect three Members, namely :

1. Mr. Ghulam Rasool,
2. Ch. Mohammad Aslam, and
3. Mr. Farooq Ahmad Khan,

to be elected to fill casual vacancies in, and one additional Member, namely :

Capt. Gul Mohammad,

to be elected as additional Member to the Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Defence, Defence Production, Aviation, Communication, Railways.”

Mr. Chairman : Any objection ?

Voices : No.

Mr. Chairman : So, I will put the question.

The question before the House is :

“That the House do now proceed to elect three Members, namely :

1. Mr. Ghulam Rasool,
2. Ch. Mohammad Aslam, and
3. Mr. Farooq Ahmad Khan,

to be elected to fill casual vacancies in and one Member namely :

Capt. Gul Mohammad,

to be elected as additional Member to the Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Defence, Defence Production, Aviation, Communication, Railways.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : The motion is carried.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : May I seek a clarification from the Secretary of the Senate, Sir ? What is the total membership of the Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges ?

Mr. Chairman : At the moment the number is eight.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Then, this motion is wrongly worded. According to this we want to fill six seats whereas only four Members have gone. So, I seek your permission for an oral amendment because there is this bar under the rules that you cannot have more than eight Members on the Committee.

Mr. Chairman : You are correct.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Then, I beg to move this oral amendment :

“That instead of item No. 9 it should be read as.....”

Mr. Chairman : Para No. 9 but Clause 1.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, both should go, and the whole paragraph should be substituted. It should read as "election of four Members to fill casual vacancies"

M Chairman : And no additional Member ?

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : No additional Member. There cannot be any.

Mr. Chairman : So, Clause 2 has to be omitted ?

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Yes, Sir, clause 2 has to be omitted.

Mr. Chairman : And in Clause 1 also you have to reduce 'five' to 'four' ?

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : The Opposition do not want Mr. Shazad Gul on this Committee. They have given the name of Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani.

Mr. Chairman : So, the oral amendment made is

(Pause)

Mr. Chairman : I am waiting for you, Mr. Pirzada. What you have said is correct. Your amendment appears to be that in Clause 1, instead of 'five', it should read 'four Members to fill casual vacancies'.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, is Mr. Mohammad Hashim Ghilzai on the Committee ?

Mr. Chairman : I do not know.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Then, Sir, I am afraid you are right. It will be 'five' to be elected. We are now only left with three Members *i.e.* Mr. Ahmed Waheed Akhtar, Mir Nabi Bakhsh Zehri and Mr. Qamaruz Zaman Shah.

So, Sir, Clause 2 of item No. 9 will have to go, and 1 will be as it is *i.e.* 'five' Members to fill casual vacancies'.

Mr. Chairman : So, Clause 1 will remain as it is and 2 will be omitted ?

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Yes, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : All right. Now, the oral amendment moved is :

"That Clause 2 of item 9 should be omitted".

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : That is right.

Mr. Chairman : Any objection to the oral amendment moved by Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada ?

Voices : No.

Mr. Chairman : All right. Then I put the question.

The question is :

“That in para 9 Clause 2 is to be omitted.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : Clause 2 stands omitted.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : I beg to move :

“That this House do now proceed to elect five of its Members to fill casual vacancies on the Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges.”

Mr. Chairman : Names ?

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Names are :

1. Mr. Kamal Azfar,
2. Mr. Afzal Khan Khoso,
3. Sardar Mohammad Aslam,
4. Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani Siddiqi, and
5. Mr. Mohammad Hashim Ghilzai,

Mr. Chairman : The motion moved is :

“That the House do now proceed to elect five Members, namely :

1. Mr. Kamal Azfar,
2. Mr. Afzal Khan Khoso,
3. Sardar Mohammad Aslam,
4. Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani Siddiqi, and,
5. Mr. Mohammad Hashim Ghilzai,

to fill casual vacancies in the Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges.”

Mr. Chairman : Any objection gentlemen ?

(Pause)

Mr. Chairman : There is no objection. So, I will put the question.

The question before the House is :

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“That the House do now proceed to elect five Members, namely :

1. Mr. Kamal Azfar,
2. Mr. Afzal Khan Khoso,
3. Sardar Mohammad Aslam,
4. Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani Siddiqi, and,
5. Mr. Mohammad Hashim Ghilzai,

to fill casual vacancies in the Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Chairman : The motion is carried. Next item.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Item No. 10. Sir, I beg to move :

“That this august House do now proceed to elect four of its Members to fill casual vacancies in, and one of its Members as additional Member to the House Committee. The name of the four Members to fill casual vacancies are :

1. Mr. Masud Ahmed Khan,
2. Mr. Abdul Lateef Ansari,
3. Mr. Niamatullah Khan Shinwari, and
4. Malik Mohammad Sharif.

The name of additional Member is Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Bilor.

Mr. Chairman : The motion moved is :

“That the House do now proceed to elect four Members, namely :

1. Mr. Masud Khan,
2. Mr. Abdul Lateef Ansari,
3. Mr. Niamatullah Khan Shanwari, and
4. Malik Mohammad Sharif,

to be elected to fill casual vacancies in, and additional Members, namely :

Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Bilor,

to be elected to be House Committee”.

Mr. Chairman : Any objection ?

Voices : No.

Mr. Chairman : Now, I will put the question.

The question before the House is :

“That the House do now proceed to elect four Members, namely :

1. Mr. Masud Ahmad Khan,
2. Mr. Abdul Lateef Ansari,
3. Mr. Niamatullah Khan Shanwari, and
4. Malik Mohammad Sharif,

to be elected to fill casual vacancies in, and one additional Member, namely :

Mr. Ghulam Ahmad Bilor.

to be elected to the House Committee.”

(The motion was adopted)

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, may I seek your permission to make an oral amendment to item No. 11.

Mr. Chairman : Item No. 11, this is with regard to the Special Committee.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Yes, Sir. I beg to move this oral amendment :

“That paragraph 11 may be amended as under :

“After ‘casual vacancies’ in the first line, following may be added...”

Mr. Chairman : In place of ‘casual vacancies’ ?

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : No, Sir, after ‘casual vacancies’ and before ‘in’, the following may be added :

“and two additional Members.”

Mr. Chairman : Is that all ?

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : That is all, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : The oral motion moved is :

[Mr. Chairman]

“That in para 11, line 1, after the words ‘casual vacancies’ and before ‘in’ the following be added :
‘two additional Members.’”

Mr. Chairman : Any objection ?

Voices : No.

Mr. Chairman : I will put the question.

The question is :

“That in para 11, line 1, after the words ‘casual vacancies’ and before ‘in’ the following be added :”

(The motion was adopted)

“two additional Members,”

Mr. Abdul Hfeez Pirzaua : Sir, I beg to move :

“That this august House do proceed to elect seven of its Members to fill casual vacancies in and two additional Members on the Special Committee on Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate of Pakistan, and their names are :

1. Mr. Tahir Mohammad Khan,
2. Mr. Shahzad Gul,
3. Mr. Niamatullah Khan Shinwari,
4. Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani Siddiqi,
5. Sardar Mohammad Aslam,
6. Mr. Kamal Azfar, and
7. Mr. Masud Ahmed Khan,

to fill casual vacancies, and two additional Members are :

1. Mr. Qamaruz Zaman Shah, and
2. Mr. Sher Mohammad Khan.”

Mr. Chairman : The motion is :

“That the House do elect seven Members, namely:

1. Mr. Tahir Mohammad Khan,

2. Mr. Shahzad Gul,
3. Mr. Nimatullah Khan Shinwari,
4. Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani Siddiqi,
5. Sardar Mohammad Aslam,
6. Mr. Kamal Azfar, and
7. Mr. Masud Ahmad Khan,

to fill the casual vacancies and two Members, namely :

1. Mr. Qamaruz Zaman Shah, and
2. Mr. Sher Mohammad Khan,

as additional Members in the Special Committee on Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate."

Any objection ?

Voices : No.

Mr. Chairman : All right. I will put the question.

The question before the House :

"That the House do Proceed to elect seven Members, namely :

1. Mr. Tahir Mohammad Khan,
2. Mr. Shahzad Gul,
3. Mr. Niamatullah Khan Shinwari,
4. Maulana Shah Ahmed Noorani Siddiqi,
5. Sardar Mohammad Aslam,
6. Mr. Kamal Azfar, and
7. Mr. Masud Ahmed Khan,

to fill the casual vacancies and two additional Members, namely :

1. Mr. Qamaruz Zaman Shah, and
2. Mr. Sher Mohammad Khan

in the Special Committee on Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business as two additional Members, and I have given their names to you."

(The motion was adopted)

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Mr. Chairman : I think, that disposes of the elections to all the Standing Committees.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Yes, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : Thank you very much. Now, we take up legislative business. Yes Malik Mohammad Jafar, it is now your item No. 12.

THE DIVORCE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1975

Malik Mohammad Jafar : I beg to move :

“That the Bill further to amend the Divorce Act, 1869 [The Divorce (Amendment) Bill, 1975], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.”

Mr. Chairman : The motion made is :

“That the Bill further to amend the Divorce Act, 1869 [The Divorce (Amendment) Bill 1975], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.”

Mr. Chairman : Any objection? Anybody would like to say anything?

Rao Abdus Sattar (Leader of the House) : The Bill may be referred to the Standing Committee.

Mr. Chairman : No, you have to move an oral amendment.

Rao Abdus Sattar : The Bill may be referred to the Standing Committee.

Mr. Chairman : No, No, you just move a formal motion.

Rao Abdus Sattar : Sir, I beg to move an oral amendment to the effect :

“That the Bill may be referred to the Standing Committee.”

Mr. Chairman : The motion before the House in the form of an amendment is :

“That the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee concerned.”

Any objection Mr. Minister? Have you got any objection, Malik Jafar?

Malik Mohammad Jafar (Minister of State for Minorities Affairs and Tourism) : No, Sir. Let it be referred to the Standing Committee.

Mr. Chairman : All right. I will put the question.

The question before the House is :

“That the Bill further to amend the Divorce Act, 1869 [The Divorce (Amendment) Bill, 1975], as passed by the National Assembly, be referred to the Committee concerned.”

(Pause)

Mr. Chairman : Well, I have heard one voice which was unusual. Whether it was yes or no ? Its sound is unusual.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Might be some beneficiary of the Bill from outside the House.

(Laughter)

Mr. Chairman : So, the motion is carried.

We meet tomorrow at ?

Voices : At 10.

Mr. Chairman : At 10 or 9.30 ?

Voices : 10 O'Clock, Sir.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : Sir, I think, 10 O'Clock will be all right because there is no urgency about this legislative business. Tomorrow all that will be done is that the Bills will be referred to the Standing Committees concerned.

Malik Mohammad Akhtar (Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs) : Sir, we will be introducing four Bills, and all those Bills will be referred to the Standing Committees.

Mr. Chairman : Do you agree to the 10 O'Clock in the morning ?

Malik Mohammad Akhtar : Yes, Sir.

Sardar Mohammad Aslam : Point of Order, Sir.

Mr. Chairman : Yes, do you want to say anything ?

سردار محمد اسلم : انہوں نے ایڈوانس کیسے کہہ دیا کہ -

All the Bills shall be referred to the Standing Committees.

انہوں نے یہ پہلے ہی کیسے کہہ دیا -

Mr. Tahir Mohammad Khan : No, Sir, actually he was hoping that the House would refer those Bills to the Standing Committees.

Mr. Abdul Hafeez Pirzada : He will move those motions.

(Laughter)

Mr. Chairman : Thank you. The House stands adjourned to meet tomorrow at 10.00 in the morning.

The House adjourned till ten of the clock in the morning on Friday, August 8, 1975.
