

SENATE OF PAKISTAN  
SENATE DEBATES

Thursday, January 01, 2004

The Senate of Pakistan met in the Senate Hall (Parliament House) Islamabad, at twenty three minutes past eleven in the morning with Mr. Presiding Officer (Justice Qazi Ihsan Ullah Qureshi) in the Chair.

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*Recitation from the Holy Quran*

اعوذ باللہ من الشیطان الرجیم

بسم اللہ الرحمن الرحیم

وقل اعملوا فیسری اللہ عملکم ورسولہ والمؤمنون وستردون

الی علم الغیب والشہادۃ فینبئکم بما کنتم تعملون ۝

ترجمہ :- اور ان سے کہہ دو کہ عمل کیے جاؤ۔ خدا اور اس کا رسول اور

مومن (سب) تمہارے عملوں کو دیکھ لیں گے۔ اور تم غائب و حاضر کے

جاتے والے (خدا کے واحد) کی طرف لوٹائے جاؤ گے۔ پھر جو کچھ تم

کرتے رہے ہو وہ سب تم کو بتادے گا۔ وما علینا الا البلاغ۔

(سورہ التوبہ آیت ۱۰۵)

## Procedure and process for vote of confidence

### for the President of Pakistan.

Mr. Presiding Officer: Election of Pakistan notification dated 31st December, 2003. In pursuance of the President Vote of Confidence Rule 2003, the Chief Election Commissioner has appointed the following as Presiding Officer and Assistant Presiding Officers to conduct the proceedings at the meeting of the members of the Senate on the appointed date and time fix for the vote of confidence for the President.

Name of present Presiding Officer:-

Mr. Justice Qazi Ihsan Ullah Qureshi, Judge, Peshawar High Court and Member Election Commission.

Name of Assistant Presiding Officers:-

1. Mr. Muhammad Saleem Akhtar, Joint Secretary (Election), Election Commission of Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad.

2. Syed Iftikhar Hussain Shah, Section Officer (Record) Election Commission of Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad.

3. Mr. Mehboob Ali, Deputy Secretary, Senate Secretariat, Islamabad.

Mr. Presiding Officer: (Inaudible)....by the order of the Chief Election Commissioner, signed by Hassan Muhammad, Secretary.

Senator Wasim Sajjad, Mr. S. M. Zafar, members, have moved a resolution for vote of confidence in the President, in terms of Clause 8 of

Article 41 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan read with Rule 3(1) of the Vote of Confidence for the President Rules, 2003.

*[ At this stage the Opposition members after lodging their protest against the Motion walked out of the House ]*

Mr. Presiding Officer: Similar resolution has been moved by Senator Nisar Ahmed Memon; Dr. Khalid Ranjha, Muhammad Ali Durrani, Babar Khan Ghori, Justice (Retd.) Abdul Razzaq Thahim, Anisa Zeb Tahirkheli, Mohammad Sarwar Khan Kaker, Muhammad Ajmal Khan, Mohim Khan Baloch, Mir Muhammad Naseer Mengal and Mr. Tariq Azeem Khan alongwith Senator Gulzar Ahmed Khan. The voting on the resolution would be by division. The procedure for the recording of votes is placed at the desk of the members. Now we start the process of the division. The bells be rung for five minutes.

*[ Then bells were rung for five minutes ]*

*(Pause)*

Mr. Presiding Officer: All the entrances be locked.

*(Pause)*

Mr. Presiding Officer: All those in favour of the resolution, as moved, may proceed to the "Ayes" lobby, on my right side, to record their votes. All those against the resolution, as moved, may proceed to the "Nos" lobby, on my left side, to record their votes.

*(Division process)*

Mr . Presiding Officer: The honourable members , who boycotted the session, shall be treated as absent.

*(Division Process)*

Mr . Presiding Officer: Voting has been concluded . Now , I request the Assistant Presiding Officer to collect the Division List, count the votes recorded and present the count . Let the list of members , who have absented and who have abstained from voting , may also be prepared by the Assistant Presiding Officer.

*(Process of counting of votes)*

Mr . Presiding Officer: Doors may be opened . Now , I request the members to take their seats.

*(Pause)*

Mr . Presiding Officer: Members are requested to take their seats please . Now , I am going to announce the results . Results have been received . 56 members are in favour of the resolution , one member is against the resolution , no one has abstained from the voting , 42 members are absent.

Mr . Wasim Sajjad: Sir, I thank you for coming here and we are very grateful to you.

Mr . Presiding Officer: Thank you . I will now read the Presidential Order.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Clause 1 of Article 54 of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, I hereby prorogue the Senate on the conclusion of its business.

Sd/-

**General Parvez Musharraf**

President of Pakistan.

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*[The House was then prorogued sine-die.]*  
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