SENATE OF PAKISTAN

DAILY JOURNAL

(286TH SESSION)

Date and Day	25 th January, 2019 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:30 A.M.
Adjourned at	12:10 P.M.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	53
Total Working Hours	01 Hour 40 Minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

• Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance regarding procedure for putting names in the black list and legal value of the said list.

Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, also briefed the House on the subject issue of the Report and proceedings of the Committee meetings.

• Senator Hillal Ur Rehman, Chairman, Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Companies Profits (Workers' Participation) (Amendment) Bill, 2018, introduced by Senators Sassui Palijo and Gianchand, on 5th March, 2018.

MOTION [Under Rule 196(1)]

• Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on behalf of Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood on 21st July, 2018, regarding depreciation of Pakistani rupee against dollar, presented to the House on 23rd January, 2019, be considered and adopted.

Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, also spoke on the report of the Standing Committee.

Thereafter, the Motion was put to the House and carried and the report of the Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, on a point of public importance raised by Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood on 21st July, 2018, regarding depreciation of Pakistani rupee against dollar, was adopted by the House.

POINT OF ORDER

• Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, raised the issue of non-presence of the Ministers in the House.

[At this stage the Opposition staged **walkout** as protest against the non-presence of the Ministers.]

The Chairman Senate took serious notice of the absence of the Ministers, whose business was on the Orders of the Day and asked the Secretariat to apprise the Honourable Prime Minister of the position with the request to direct the Ministers to ensure their presence in the House during the sittings of the Senate and give due importance to the parliamentary business.

[At 10:50 a.m. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi pointed out the quorum. Count was made but the House was not in quorum. Therefore, the bells were rung for five minutes, thereafter, re-count was made and the House was in quorum.]

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

- Senator Sherry Rehman was to draw attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards missing of revenue collection target of Rs.175 billion by the Federal Board of Revenue which is causing a slowdown in the economy. However, the Calling Attention Notice was deferred on the request of the Member.
- Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi drew attention of the Minister for Interior towards the miseries of the displaced residents of Quaid-e-Azam University land, who were promised to be accommodated in the model villages by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) but they have not been accommodated so far.

Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister of State for Revenue, made a statement and hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed off accordingly.

MOTION

• Further consideration of the following motion moved by Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister of State for Revenue on 23rd January, 2019:-

"That the Senate may make recommendations to the National Assembly on the Money Bill, the Finance Supplementary (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019, under Article 73 of the Constitution.".

The following Members spoke on the Motion:-

- 1. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro
- 2. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani
- 3. Senator Mushtag Ahmed
- 4. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati

Further consideration of the Motion was deferred till Monday, the 28th January, 2019.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESENCE

The Chairman Senate acknowledged the presence of the following in the Gallery to witness the proceedings of the House:-

- A group of 34 students along-with 10 faculty members from Al-Meezan Education System, Bharakahu, Islamabad.
- Dr. Abdul Malik, former Senator and former Chief Minister of Balochistan.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- Senator Sitara Ayaz, raised a point of public importance regarding video message of a child from North Waziristan and another video of a person from the said area regarding women being abused in Waziristan.
- Senator Nighat Mirza, raised a point of public importance regarding straight firing by the Saudi Police on workers including Pakistanis National demanding their wages, in the industrial city Al-Jubail and requested the Chairman Senate to kindly direct the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development to submit their report to the House.

The Honourable Chairman Senate directed the Secretariat to ask the Ministries to submit the report.

MOTION [Under Rule 204]

• Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition moved under rule 204 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the Chairman Senate may be authorised to constitute a Special Committee to examine purported grievances among some sections of the society and reach out, engage genuinely aggrieved persons to create national cohesion. The Chairman be further authorised to appoint Convener of the Committee and make changes in the composition as and when deemed necessary.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

At 12:10 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 28th January, 2019, at 03:30 p.m.

<u>Islamabad,</u> The 25th January, 2019.