SENATE OF PAKISTAN DAILY JOURNAL (288th SESSION)

Date and Day	6 th May, 2019 (Monday)
Commenced at	02:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	03:42 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	68
Total Working Hours	1 hour 42 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

MOTIONS [Under Rule 194(1)]

• Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Housing and Works, 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 Standing Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 193, asked by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi on 8th March, 2019, regarding non-handing over of possession of plots of sub-sector 1 of Sector G-14, Islamabad, may be extended for a period of sixty working days, with effect from 7th May, 2019.

The Motion was carried and the requisite extension was granted.

• Senator Mushtaq Ahmed on behalf of Senator Walid Iqbal, Chairman, Standing Committee on Defence, 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 Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak on 5th March, 2019, regarding appointment of Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, may be extended for a period of sixty working days, with effect from 5th May, 2019.

The Motion was carried and the requisite extension was granted.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE RULES (Under Rule 278)

3A. 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, sought leave under sub-rule (4) of rule 278 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, to move that the heading "Senate Forum for Policy Research" and rules 269 to 276, of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, may be omitted.

The Motion was carried and the leave to move the motion was granted.

3B. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House moved that the omission of the heading "Senate Forum for Policy Research" and rules 269 to 276, of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, be taken into consideration.

The Motion was carried.

3C. Senators Syed Shibli Faraz, moved that the omission of the heading "Senate Forum for Policy Research" and rules 269 to 276, of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, be adopted.

The Motion was adopted.

BILLS INTRODUCED

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Anti-Money Laundering Act, 2010 [The Anti-Money Laundering (Amendment) Bill, 2019].

The Bill was not opposed and the leave was granted.

Thereafter, Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh introduced the Anti-Money Laundering (Amendment) Bill, 2019, which upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

2. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 [The Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2019].

The Bill was not opposed, the motion was carried and the leave was granted

Thereafter, Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh introduced the Negotiable Instruments (Amendment) Bill, 2019, which upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

3. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Companies Act, 2017 [The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2019].

The Bill was not opposed, the motion was carried and the leave was granted. Senator Musadik Masood Malik expressed his reservation on the Bill. The Chairman directed that he may also be invited to the Committee meeting while the Bill is being considered.

Thereafter, Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi introduced the Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2019, which upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

4. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019] (Substitution of section 489F of PPC and amendment of Schedule-II of Cr.PC).

The Bill was not opposed, the motion was carried and the leave was granted.

Thereafter, Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh introduced the Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2019, which upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

5. Senator Sherry Rehman moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019] (Substitution of Article 84).

The Bill was opposed by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs. The motion was put to the House, carried and the leave was granted.

Thereafter, Senator Sherry Rehman introduced the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Substitution of Article 84), which upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

6. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the establishment of a federal legal aid agency in order to provide aid to the indigent persons [The Federal Legal Aid Bill, 2019].

The Bill was opposed by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and he informed the House that a similar bill has been introduced as well as referred to the Committee concerned in the National Assembly. The mover of the Bill expressed his intention of withdrawing the Bill and incorporating his views when the bill is referred to the Senate.

COMMENCED MOTION [Under Rule 218]

• Further discussion on the following motion moved by Senator Walid Iqbal, on 29th April, 2019:-

"This House may discuss the existing laws regarding execution of prisoners on death row suffering from mental disorder/illness and the need to reform the criminal justice system to effectively provide for proper diagnosis and treatment of the under trial and convicted prisoners suffering from severe mental disorders."

[At 2:58p.m.: the opposition staged a walk-out. Senators Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Sajjad Hussain Turi, Chief Whip were sent by the Chairman to convince the opposition to end the walk-out.]

Motion has been talked out.

DEFERRED MOTIONS [Under Rule 218]

• Senator Sirajul Haq to move that this House may discuss the issue of increasing infant mortality rate in the country.

The motion has been dropped.

- Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood moved that the House may discuss present position of Pakistan's economy and ways and means to improve the same. The following members expressed their thoughts on the Motion:
- 1. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood

[At 3:05 p.m. Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini pointed out that the House was not in Quorum thereafter the Chairman directed that the count be made wherein it was found that the House is not in Quorum and the bells were rung for 5 minutes. After ringing of the bells, the count was made again and the House was not in Quorum wherein the Chairman suspended the proceedings of the House for thirty minutes.

[the House re-assembled at 03:40 p.m. and the count was made again, the House in not in Quorum.]

At 03:42 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday, the 7th May, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.

<u>Islamabad,</u> the 6th of May, 2019.