SENATE OF PAKISTAN DAILY JOURNAL (288TH SESSION)

Date and Day	2 nd May, 2019 (Thursday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	06:58 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	77
Total Working Hours	3 hours and 58 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

FATEHA

The House offered Fateha on the martyrdom of three soldiers of Pakistan Army on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESENCE

The Chairman Senate acknowledged the presence of 45 students and 3 faculty members from NUML University to witness the proceedings of the Senate.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 149, 163, 165, 179, 108, 113, 114, 115, 116 and 117 were asked and replied in the House. Question Nos. 165 and 117 were referred to the concerned Committees. The remaining printed questions and their replies placed on the Table of the House were taken as read.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES-PRESENTATION OF:

- Senator Khushbakht Shujat, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Postal Services, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Pakistan Courier and Logistics Regulatory Authority Bill, 2018, introduced by Senator Khushbakht Shujat on 4th March, 2019.
- Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (Amendment of Article 24), introduced by Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif, on 14th May, 2018.

MOTION [Under Rule 194(1)]

• Senator Khushbakht Shujat, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Postal Services, 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 Post Office Bill, 2019, introduced by Senator Khushbakht Shujat on 4th March, 2019, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 2nd May, 2019.

The Motion was put to the House and carried and the requisite extension was granted.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

• Senator Mohsin Aziz drew attention of the Minister In-charge for Aviation Division towards the non-availability of public transport facility to the New Islamabad International Airport causing issues for the general public.

Mr. Ghulam Sarwar Khan, Minister In-charge for Aviation Division mate a statement and consequently the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

• Senator Sherry Rehman drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the talks with IMF by the Government without taking the Parliament into confidence.

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

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 5^{th} October, 2018, regarding the lack of modernization and internal accountability system in the Federal Investigation Agency due to which the Agency could not finalize investigations in important cases.

The following members expressed their opinion on the adjournment Motion:

- 1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeg Shaikh
- 2. Senator Sassui Palijo
- 3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
- 4. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed
- 5. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, wound up the debate.

Consequently the Adjournment Motion was disposed of.

DISUCSSION ON INTERNATIONAL LABOURS' DAY

The following members expressed their views on account of the International Labours' Day:

- 1. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
- 2. Senator Sassui Palijo
- 3. Senator Mushtag Ahmed
- 4. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
- 5. Senator Sitara Ayaz
- 6. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati
- 7. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
- 8. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed
- 9. Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo
- 10. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
- 11. Senator Gianchand
- 12. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro
- 13. Senator Faisal Javed

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- 1. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani raised the following issues:
 - a. Lack of details shared by the Government regarding the IMF Program;
 - b. Statement by the Prime Minister regarding Pakistani soil being used by terrorists in Iran;
 - Division of resources between federation and the provinces in the light of NFC;
 - d. Placement of Masood Azhar on terrorism list
- 2. Senator Sherry Rehman raised the following issues:
 - a. Lack of information shared by the Government regarding its negotiations with IMF;
 - b. Lack of the details shared by the Government regarding the details of agreements made by Pakistan and Iran in lieu of the Prime Minister's visit;
 - c. Plight of prisoners in foreign jails who have completed their sentences.

The Chairman directed the member to raise the issue in the Foreign Affairs Committee.

3. Senator Sitara Ayaz raised the issue of lack of doctors and medicines in Hospitals in Islamabad.

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs also spoke on the matter and suggested that 2 members of the Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination should visit the hospitals and report back.

Therein the Chairman directed that two members of the Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination should visit the hospitals and report back.

4. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi raised the issue of reduction in HEC funding and its impact on Pakistani students.

The Chairman referred the matter for ministerial response.

5. Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo highlighted the issue of climate change and the need to install some mechanism to check the smoke emissions from cars.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Climate Change Committee.

6. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro raised the issue of Indus delta.

The Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Committee.

At 06:58 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 3rd May, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

<u>Islamabad</u>, the 2nd of May, 2019.