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Date and day	19 th February, 2018 (Monday)
Commenced at	03:04 p.m.
Prorogued at	7:00 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	61
Total working hours	03 hours and 56 minutes

• Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

• Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Farhatullah Babar on behalf of Senator Nasreen Jalil, Chairperson, Functional Committee on Human Rights, presented report of the Committee on a Bill to provide for the protection of rights of transgender persons and their welfare and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto [The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja and on a Bill to provide for protection, relief and rehabilitation of rights of the transgender persons and their welfare and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto [The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senators Rubina Khalid, Rubina Irfan, Samina Saeed and Kalsoom Perveen on 21st August, 2017.

Report stood laid.

BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED

1. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati was to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the safety and standards of food and for establishment of the Islamabad Pure Food Authority [The Islamabad Pure Food Authority Bill, 2018].

The Bill was dropped due to absence of the member.

 Senators Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of The Opposition, Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz, Barrister Murtaza Wahab, Sassui Palijo and Taj Haider were to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Companies Profits (Workers' Participation) Act, 1968 [The Companies Profits (Workers' Participation) (Amendment) Bill, 2018].

The Bill was dropped due to absence of the members.

3. Senator Sehar Kamran was to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Ordinance, 1979 [The Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) (Amendment) Bill, 2018].

The Bill was dropped due to absence of the member.

4. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah was to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018] (Amendment of Article 240).

The Bill was dropped due to absence of the member.

5. Senator Sitara Ayaz moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 [The Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2018].

The Motion was not opposed and the Leave was granted.

6. Senator Sitara Ayaz introduced the Bill further to amend the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 [The Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2018], which upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari moved that the Bill to regulate the recruitment and the conditions of service of persons appointed in the National Assembly Secretariat [The National Assembly Secretariat Employees Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Motion was not opposed and put to the House which was adopted. The House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

2. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari moved that the Bill to regulate the recruitment and the conditions of service of persons appointed in the National Assembly Secretariat [The National Assembly Secretariat Employees Bill, 2018] be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed.

3. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was not opposed and put to the House which was adopted. The House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

4. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2017] be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed.

5. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja moved that the Bill further to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890 [The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Bill, 2018], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was not opposed and put to the House which was adopted. The House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

6. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja moved that the Bill further to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890 [The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Bill, 2018] be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed.

7. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Barrister Murtaza Wahab moved that the Bill further to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 [The Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was not opposed and put to the House which was adopted. The House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

8. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Barrister Murtaza Wahab moved that the Bill further to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 [The Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2017] be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed.

9. Senator Sirajul Haq moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (Amendment of sections 292, 293 and 294 of PPC and Schedule-II of Cr.PC), as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was not opposed and put to the House which was adopted. The House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

10. Senator Sirajul Haq moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2017] be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed.

BILL TO BE WITHDRAWN[Under Rule 115]

 Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati was to seek for leave of the House to withdraw the Bill further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 [The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (Insertion of new section 48A and amendment of section 241), introduced by him on 6th November, 2017.

Motion was dropped due to absence of Member.

BILLS REPORTED BACK BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE

(Notices for motion under Rule 100 awaited) [Under Rule 99]

Following Private Member Bills have been reported back by the Standing Committees but notices for motion under rule 100 from the members concerned were awaited.

- (i) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Amendment of Article 153), introduced by Senators Barrister Murtaza Wahab and Saleem Mandviwala.
- (ii) The Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill, 2017] introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.

RESOLUTIONS

 Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi on his behalf and on behalf Senators Shahi Syed, Ilyas Ahmad Bilour, Haji Momin Khan Afridi, Hidayat Ullah, Taj Muhammad Afridi, Malik Najmul Hassan, Karim Ahmed Khawaja, Nauman Wazir Khattak, Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, Mohammad Azam Khan Swati And Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi moved the following resolution:-

"This House recommends to the Government that the process of delimitations of constituencies in FATA for next general elections be stopped and the elections, 2018 should be held there as per previous delimitations."

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, opposed the resolution. The following Members spoke on the Resolution:

- Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi
- Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi
- Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja
- Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
- Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi
- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
- Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel
- Senator Farhatullah Babar

- Senator Sehar Kamran
- Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail
- Senator Aitzaz Ahsan Leader of the Opposition

The Resolution was put before the House and passed unanimously.

2. Senator Khalida Parveen moved the following resolution:-

"This House recommends that, in view of the growing collaboration between Pakistan and China under the CPEC, courses of the Official Chinese Language should be launched for all current and prospective Pakistani CPEC human resource in order to overcome any costly communication barriers."

The Resolution was passed with amendment, by the majority of the members present.

3. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan was to move the following resolution:-

"The House recommends that the Government should take immediate steps to control pollution in the industrial areas of Islamabad and Cantonments."

The Resolution was deferred on the request of the Mover.

4. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati was to move the following resolution:-

"This House recommends that the Government should conduct new survey for Benazir Income Support Programme in the country."

The Resolution was dropped due to absence of the Member.

5. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel moved the following resolution:-

"This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to set up separate branches of the National Bank of Pakistan in Tehsils Dadak and Kangri of District Musakhel, Balochistan."

The Resolution was not opposed and passed unanimously.

MOTIONS [Under Rule 218]

1. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah was to move that this House may discuss the situation arising out of adverse impacts on children of social media and use of drugs in the country.

The motion was deferred due to intimation by the Ministry of Information that the subject matter of the Motion does not pertain to their Ministry, but concerned Ministry of Interior instead.

2. Senator Sherry Rehman was to move that this House may discuss the National Climate Change Policy 2012.

The Motion was dropped due to absence of the Member.

3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on his behalf and aon behalf of Senators Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel and Nisar Muhammad moved that this House may discuss the Government's policy of banning the issuance of licenses for automatic weapons in the country.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:

- Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.
- Senator Shahi Syed
- Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
- Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah
- Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
- Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz
- Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar

Mr. Muhammad Tallal Chaudry, Minister of State for Interior will wind up the discussion on 19th February, 2018.

4. Senator Sehar Kamran moved that this House may discuss the increase in cases of child abductions, rapes and murders in the country and the role of the Government to protect the life and property of the people.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:

- Senator Sehar Kamran
- Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi
- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
- Senator Hamza
- Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
- Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
- Senator Maulana Tanveer-ul-Haq Thanvi
- Senator Kalsoom Perveen
- Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah
- Senator Aitzaz Ahsan Leader of the Opposition
- Minister of State for Interior Muhammad Tallal Chaudry wound up the discussion, thus talked out.
- 5. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood was to move that the House may discuss the Education Policy of the Government with particular reference to implementation of Article 25A of the Constitution.

The motion was deferred on the request of the Member.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE ON THE POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Statement by the Minister for Defence on the point of public importance raised by Senator Farhatullah Babar on 16th February, 2018, regarding the press release issued by the Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) on 15th February, 2018, that Pakistan Army contingent is being sent to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Engineer Khurram Dastgir Khan, Minister for Defence, responded on the matter. Chairman found the statement made by the Minister inadequate and unsatisfactory. Following Members expressed their reservations on the said issue:

- Senator Farhatullah Babar
- Senator Aitzaz Ahsan Leader of the Opposition
- Senator Sehar Kamran
- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar

- Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
- Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
- Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams
- Senator Sirajul Haq

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

The Chairman acknowledged the presence of group of 55 students along with 5 faculty members of Jammu and Kashmir College Kotli.

- At 6:15 p.m. the proceedings were suspended for Magrib Prayer and resumed at 6:25 p.m.
- At 07:00 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday, the 20th February, 2018 at 03:00 p.m.

<u>Islamabad,</u> <u>The 19th February, 2018.</u>