

SENATE OF PAKISTAN



REPORT NO. 34

REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE



REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON "THE
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023",
INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SHAHADAT AWAN, IN THE SENATE IN
ITS SITTING HELD ON 6th NOVEMBER, 2023.

PRESENTED BY

Senator Syed Ali Zafar
Chairman
Standing Committee on Law and Justice

SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject:- REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON "THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023", INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SHAHADAT AWAN, IN THE SENATE IN ITS SITTING HELD ON 6th NOVEMBER, 2023.

1. Senator, Syed Ali Zafar, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice, have the honour to submit, on behalf of the committee, this report on "The National Security Council (Amendment) Bill, 2023", introduced by Senator Shahadat Awan, in the Senate in its sitting held on 6th November, 2023, and referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

2. The Composition of the Committee is as under:-

1.	Senator Syed Ali Zafar	Chairman
2.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
3.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
4.	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani	Member
5.	Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar	Member
6.	Senator Musadik Masood Malik	Member
7.	Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri	Member
8.	Senator Walid Iqbal	Member
9.	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Member
10.	Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
11.	Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
12.	Minister for Law and Justice	Ex-Officio Member


3. The Committee considered the Bill in its sitting held on 20th February, 2024, at Old PIPS Hall, Parliament Lodges, Islamabad, with the following in attendance:-

1.	Senator Syed Ali Zafar	Chairman
2.	Senator Farooq Hamid Naek	Member
3.	Senator Kamran Murtaza	Member
4.	Senator Sania Nishtar	Mover
5.	Senator Dinesh Kumar	Mover
6.	Senator Shahadat Awan	Member-in-Charge

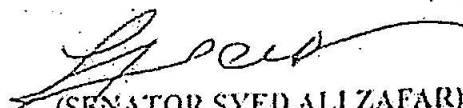
4. The purpose of the amending Act is to provide the representation to the Leader of Opposition of the Senate, in Parliamentary Committee on the National Security. Presently, the Leader of Opposition of the National Assembly has been given representation, but the Leader of Opposition of the Senate has not been represented so far.

5. The Committee in its meeting held on 20th February, 2024, deliberated upon the bill and decided to put it to vote whereupon it was passed unanimously.

6. The Committee recommends that the subject bill as introduced in the Senate may be passed by the Senate of Pakistan. The Bill as referred by the House and passed by the Committee is annexed at 'B'.



(MIR SHAI MAZAR BALOCH)
DG/Secretary Committee



(SENATOR SYED ALI ZAFAR)
Chairman
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The Senate of Pakistan and National Assembly have been represented in Parliamentary Committee on the National Security by the Leaders of Opposition of both Houses. On the other hand, National Security Council Act, 2004 does not provide the representation by Leader of Opposition in the Senate beside the National Assembly.

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