

# SENATE OF PAKISTAN

## DAILY JOURNAL

### (285<sup>TH</sup> SESSION)

Date and Day	14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2018 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:40 A.M.
Adjourned at	12:52 P.M.
Presided by	Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Acting Chairman Senate
Attendance	59
Total Working Hours	02 hours 12 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

#### **PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICER FOR 285<sup>TH</sup> SESSION**

1. Senator Sitara Ayaz
2. Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani
3. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem

#### **POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition, raised a point of public importance regarding media trial of Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah, by the NAB and non-issuance of Production Orders of Mr. Saad Rafique, MNA, by the Speaker, National Assembly.

At this stage the Opposition staged **walkout** as a protest against the said issues.

Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, also spoke on the issue of Mr. Saad Rafique, MNA.

#### **OATH TAKING**

Ms. Seemee Ezdi and Mr. Walid Iqbal, Members-elect, took oath and signed the Roll of Members.

Thereafter, Senator Seemee Ezdi and Senator Walid Iqbal, made their maiden speeches.

### **QUESTION HOUR**

Question Nos. 30 (Def.), 31 (Def.), 7, 8, 12, 14, 15, 21, 28, 33 and 34 were asked and replied in the House. Question Nos. 17 (Def.), 1, 10, 19, 31 and 42 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Question Nos. 47 (Def.) and 29 were deferred on the request of the Minister for Water Resources, who was not present in the House. The remaining printed questions and their replies placed on the Table of the House were taken as read.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE**

The Acting Chairman acknowledged the presence of a group of 19 students along-with faculty members from the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology, Islamabad, in the Visitors' Gallery to witness the proceedings of the House.

### **LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

Leave applications were read by the Acting Chairman Senate.

### **FATEHA**

The House offered Fateha for the departed souls of the following:-

- Three paramilitary soldiers martyred in a bomb blast in the city of Quetta.
- Four people killed in an armed assault by the terrorists on the Chinese Consulate in Karachi.
- Thirty-four people killed at a market in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by the suicide bomber.
- Kashmiris martyred in the Indian Occupied Kashmir.
- Sister-in-Law of Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar

### **REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:**

- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 105, asked by Senator Dilawar Khan, on 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2018, regarding getting of WHO certification of Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan (DRAP).

- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues (Amendment) Bill, 2018, introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

**M O T I O N**  
**[Under Rule 194(1)]**

Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, 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 a point of public importance raised by Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood on 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2018, regarding depreciation of Pakistani rupee against the dollar, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.

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

**CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE**

Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar was to draw attention of the Minister for Railways towards the non-launching of Railway Service on Sibbi-Harnai-Shahrag-Khost route in Balochistan despite the fact that the maintenance work on the said track has been completed.

**However, the Calling Attention Notice was deferred due to absence of the Minister for Railways.**

**MOTION OF THANKS**

Discussion on the following motion moved by Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, on 9th November, 2018:-

“This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both the Houses assembled together on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.”

**Discussion on the motion was deferred.**

**POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

- Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen raised a point of public importance regarding suspension of Gas supply in Sindh.

**The Acting Chairman referred the issue to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report back to the House within five days.**

- Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani, raised a point of public importance regarding victimization by the NAB and non-issuance of Production Orders of Mr. Saad Rafique, MNA, by the Speaker, National Assembly.

- Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, also raised a point of public importance regarding victimization of Politicians and Bureaucrats by the NAB and the issue of black list.

**The Acting Chairman referred the issues raised by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report back to the House within seven days.**

- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, raised a point of public importance regarding non-regularization and non-payment of salaries to the Teachers of Basic Education Community Schools and their sit-in at D-Chowk, Islamabad, for the last fifteen days.

**Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, informed the House that the issue has been resolved.**

**CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE**

Senator Sherry Rehman drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the record devaluation of Pak rupee against the U.S dollar.

**Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition, suggested for deferment of the Calling Attention Notice till Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, so that Mr. Asad Umer, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, may himself made the statement.**

**Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, also made a statement on the issue.**

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

**[At this stage Members belonging to the Opposition staged a walk out]**

At 12:47 p.m. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar pointed out the quorum. Count was made and the House was not in quorum. Therefore, the bells were rung for five minutes and re-count was made but the House was still not in quorum.

**At 12:52 p.m. the Acting Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2018, at 02:00 p.m.**

**Islamabad,  
The 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.**