

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
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**(295<sup>th</sup> SESSION)**

Date and Day	3 <sup>rd</sup> February, 2020 (Monday)
Commenced at	04:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	08:15 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	68
Total Working Hours	04 hours and 15 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

**LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS FOR INTRODUCTION**

1. A Bill further to amend the Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services Act, 2008 [The Pakistan Institute for Parliamentary Services (Amendment) Bill, 2020] to be moved by Senator Sassui Palijo.

The motion was deferred on written request of the Member.

2. A Bill further to amend the Chairman and Speaker (Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) Act, 1975 [The Chairman and Speaker (Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Bill, 2020]. Senator Naseebullah Bazai on his behalf and behalf of Senators Sajjad Hussain Turi, Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar, Dilawar Khan, Dr. Ashok Kumar and Shammim Afridi sought leave to introduce the Bill.

The Motion was opposed by the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.

Following Members spoke on the Bill:-

- i. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.
- ii. Senator Faisal Javed
- iii. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif
- iv. Senator Sherry Rehman
- v. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
- vi. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition
- vii. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan
- viii. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri
- ix. Senator Sirjul Haq

- x. Senator Sitara Ayaz
- xi. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House
- xii. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
- xiii. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani
- xiv. Senator Nauman Wazir Khatak
- xv. Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Shah, Minister for Interior
- xvi. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh
- xvii. Senator Seemee Ezdi
- xviii. Senator Mr. Kauda Babar
- xix. Senator Pervaiz Rasheed
- xx. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
- xxi. Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani
- xxii. Senator Manzoor Ahmed
- xxiii. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi
- xxiv. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar
- xxv. Senator Kalsoom Perveen
- xxvi. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
- xxvii. Senator Walid Iqbal
- xxviii. Senator Abdul Qayyum.
- xxix. Senator Dilawar Khan
- xxx. Senator Gianchand

**The Motion was put to House and Rejected with votes of 16:29.**

3. A Bill further to amend the Deputy Chairman and Deputy Speaker (Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) Act, 1975 [The Deputy Chairman and Deputy Speaker (Salaries, Allowances and Privileges) (Amendment) Bill, 2020]. Senator Naseebullah Bazai on his behalf and behalf of Senators Sajjad Hussain Turi, Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar, Dilawar Khan, Dr. Ashok Kumar and Shammim Afridi, sought leave to introduce the Bill.

**The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was not granted.**

4. A Bill further to amend the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974 [The Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) (Amendment) Bill, 2020]. Senator Naseebullah Bazai on his behalf and behalf of Senators Sajjad Hussain Turi, Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar, Dilawar Khan, Dr. Ashok Kumar and Shammim Afridi, sought leave to introduce the Bill.

**The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was not granted.**

## **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi to move that the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (**Amendment of Article 198**)], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

**The Motion was deferred for next Monday by the Chairman due to lack of required number of Members i.e. 2/3<sup>rd</sup>.**

## **BILL WITHDRAWN**

[Under Rule 115]

Senator Naseebullah Bazai sought leave to withdraw the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018] (**Amendment of Article 260**), introduced on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2019.

**The Motion was put to the House and Adopted and the Bill was withdrawn by the Member.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take immediate steps for prevention of epidemic infectious diseases like Influenza viruses types A, B and C and Diphtheria in the winter season in Islamabad Capital Territory and to issue specific directions to the public sector hospitals in this regard.”

**The Resolution was not opposed and unanimously passed by the House.**

2. Senator Sirajul Haq moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends to the Government to formulate a comprehensive policy to address the issues of inflation and unemployment in the country.”

**The Resolution was not opposed and unanimously passed by the House.**

3. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should introduce a Group Insurance Scheme for its Employees, whereby Federal Government Servants shall be entitled to get the insured amount at the time of retirement out of their Group Insurance Fund, on the analogy of the Provincial Government employees.”

**The Resolution was opposed by Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Chairman directed the Member to discuss the matter with the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs. The resolution was deferred.**

4. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Custom gateway at Chaman border be kept opened on 24 hours basis on the analogy of customs gateway at Torkham border in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to increase the magnitude of trade with Afghanistan and to facilitate the movement of people.”

**The Resolution was not opposed and unanimously passed by the House.**

5. Senator Atta Ur Rehman moved the following resolution:-

“This House condemns the ban placed on media coverage of different political leaders by PEMRA and calls upon the Government to ensure media freedom and lift all such bans.”

**The Resolution was dropped due to absence of the Member.**

### **MOTIONS**

**[Under Rule 218]**

1. Senator Sassui Palijo to move that this House may discuss the issue of construction of Sindh Barrage on River Indus.

**The Motion was deferred on written request of the Member.**

2. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to move that this House may discuss the present status of work/progress on the project of Diamir Bhasha Dam and the status of funds collected under the "Dam Fund" so far.

**The Motion was deferred for next Monday on written request of the Minister for Water Recourses.**

3. Senator Sassui Palijo to move that this House may discuss the WHO report on rise of Polio cases in Pakistan.

**The Motion was deferred on written request of the Member.**

4. Senator Sirajul Haq to move that this House may discuss the failure of the Government to control the incidents of kidnapping and abuse of children in the Islamabad Capital Territory.

The following Member also spoke on the issue:

- i. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq. She requested the Chair to forward the recommendations contained in the report of Special Committee on child abuse under her convenership may also be provided to the Senate Special Committee on Child Protection for adoption.
- ii. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs wound up the debate.

**The Motion was talked out. However, the Chairman directed Senator Sirajul Haq to join the proceedings in the Special Committee on Child Protection and give his valuable suggestions. Chairman further directed the Secretariat that the report of Special Committee on child abuse under the convenership of Senator Nuzhat Sadiq may be discussed with him.**

5. Senator Kalsoom Perveen to move that the House may discuss the problems being faced by the residents of Azad Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of the recent earthquake.

**The Motion was dropped due to absence of the Member.**

6. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar moved that this House may discuss the project of Federal Government for plantation of 10 billion trees in the country. .

The following Members also spoke on the issue:

- i. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
- ii. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh
- iii. Senator Seemee Ezdi
- iv. Senator Sirjaul Haq
- v. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen
- vi. Ms. Zartaj Gul, Minister of State for Climate Change wound up the debate.

**The Motion was talked out.**

7. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved that this House may discuss the need for allocation of separate funds by each Ministry for achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the country.

The following Members also spoke on the issue:

- i. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghni
- ii. Senator Kuhda Babar
- iii. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs wound up the debate.

**The Motion was talked out.**

## **GOVERNMENT BUSINESS** **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

1. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Shah, Minister for Interior, moved that the Bill further to amend the National Counter Terrorism Authority Act, 2013 [The National Counter Terrorism Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2019], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The following Members also spoke on the Motion:

1. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
2. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
3. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition
4. Senator Nauman Wazir Khatak

**With the sense of the, the report of the Standing Committee on the Bill was referred back to the Committee for reconsideration and report back within three days.**

2. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Senator Muhammad Farogh Naseem, Minister for Law and Justice, moved that the Bill to provide for an efficacious and speedy mechanism for issuance of Letters of Administration and Succession Certificates [The Letters of Administration and Succession Certificates Bill, 2020], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

**The Motion was put to the House which was adopted. Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.**

3. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Senator Muhammad Farogh Naseem, Minister for Law and Justice, moved that the Bill to provide for an efficacious and speedy mechanism for issuance of Letters of Administration and Succession Certificates [The Letters of Administration and Succession Certificates Bill, 2020], be passed.

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

**Chairman Senate observed that it is a very important piece of legislation so the provincial assemblies should also legislate in the respective provinces so that whole nation can benefit from this important law.**

**The Chairman directed that all Provincial Legislatures should replicate this Legislation and Secretariat may send the bill to all Provincial Assemblies/Speakers.**

### **POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

- Senator Kauda Babar spoke about closure of only flight from Gwadar to Muscat.

**The Chairman asked Secretary Senate to write to Secretary Aviation Division to start flights from Gwadar to Muscat.**

- Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi spoke about problems of Pakistani Students in China.

- Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi drew attention of the House towards the problems being faced by IDPs of erstwhile FATA. He stated that the Government had promised to give Rs.4,00,000/= to every IDP for reconstruction of their destroyed houses but the same has not been given to them so far due to which people are making protests as well.

**After hearing the Member, the Chairman Senate directed to refer the matter to the Chief Secretary, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to look into the matter and submit a report in this regard.**

- Senator Dr. Sikandar Mendhro drew attention of the House towards the closing down of diploma in nursing programme after metric by the Government and starting of degree programme in nursing after FSc. He was of the view that Pakistan is already in shortage of doctors, dentists and paramedics and by closing of diploma programme after metric will further decrease the number of nurses in the country.

**Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee concerned.**

- Senator Mushtaq Ahmad drew attention of the House towards the corruption in Golen Gol Hydropower Project of WAPDA in Chitral. The Member stated that due to corrupt practices and mismanagement, the project, installed capacity of which is 136 MW, is producing only 6 MW electricity causing great problems to people of Chitral.

**After hearing the Member, the Chairman Senate directed to refer the matter to the Power Division and seek report on the same.**

- Senator Mushtaq Ahmad further spoke about firing of mater shell from Afghan border which resulted into deaths of seven members of a family.
- Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif spoke about the need to discuss the conflicts between federation and provinces and the problems being faced by the provinces after devolution.

**At 8:15 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2020, at 03:00 p.m.**

**Islamabad,  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2020.**