

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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(295th SESSION)

Date and Day	28 th January, 2020 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	03:02 p.m.
Adjourned at	05:50 p.m.
Presided by	Deputy Chairman Senate
Attendance	69
Total Working Hours	02 Hours and minutes 48

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTIONS

Questions entered in a separate list were asked and their replies were given.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

FATEHA

The House offered Fateha for the departed souls of Famous Intellectual Mr. Sharif ul Mujahid, wife of Shah Ahmed Norani and wife of Ex-Senator and Governor Mr. Rafique Rajwana.

MOTIONS

Under Rule 194(1)

1. Senator Khushbakht Shujat, Chairperson, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, 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 starred question No. 65, asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 5th March, 2019, regarding construction of Shifa International Hospital on charity land with an aim to function as a charity, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 28th January, 2020.

The motion was carried and the requisite extension was granted.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF THE SPECIAL/STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Senator Dilawar Khan, Convener, Senate Implementation Committee presented report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi, regarding the resolving phenomena in getting Visa of Pakistanis by issuing Pakistani Origin Cards (POCs) to expatriates staying in European countries.
2. Senator Dilawar Khan, Convener, Senate Implementation Committee presented report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi, regarding status of implementation of the report of Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum Adopted by the House on 8th November, 2017.
3. Senator Bahramand Khah Tangi on behalf of Senator Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, presented report of the Standing Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 195, asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 8th May, 2019, regarding revenue collected from toll plazas on National Highways and Motorways from 2013-19 and the amount utilized on the maintenance and rehabilitation of G.T. Road from Lahore to Islamabad / Rawalpindi.

MOTION

[Under Rule 196(1)]

1. Senator Rukhsana Zuberi on behalf of Senator Rubina Khalid, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunication, moved under sub-rule (1) of Rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the report of the Standing Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunication on issue of payment of increase in pension of the retired employees of Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) payable by the Pakistan Telecommunication Employees Trust (PTET), presented to the House on 7th January, 2020, be considered and adopted.

Following Members spoke on the report:

- i. Senator Rukhsana Zuberi
- ii. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik

- iii. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs

The Report was adopted. The Deputy Chairman directed that the concerned Division shall positively resolve the issue at the earliest.

M O T I O N
[Under Rule 157 (2)]

Further discussion on the following motion moved by Dr. Shireen M. Mazari, Minister for Human Rights on 2nd January, 2020:-

“that the Senate may discuss the Annual Report of the National Commission on the Status of Women for the year 2017, laid on the Table of the House on 22nd January, 2019.”

No further Member spoke on the report so the discussion was over.

MOTION OF THANKS

Further discussion on the following motion moved by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, on 1st January, 2020:-

“This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both the Houses assembled together on 12th September, 2019.”

Following Members spoke on the motion:

- i. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi was on his legs when due to interruption by the Treasury Benches, the Opposition Members staged walkout.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- Senator Zeeshan Khanzada spoke about outbreak of Corona Virus and the need to take precautionary measures in Pakistan.

After hearing the Member, the Chair referred the matter to the Standing Committee on National Health Services to Report back within five days.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

The Chair acknowledged the presence of 40 UN Volunteers and one faculty Member who were present in the galleries to witness the proceedings.

At 5:50 p.m. the Deputy Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 31st January, 2020, at 10:30 a.m.

**Islamabad,
the 28th of January, 2020.**