SENATE OF PAKISTAN DAILY JOURNAL (295th SESSION)

Date and Day	24 th January, 2020 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:30 p.m.
Adjourned at	02:47 p.m.
Presided by	Deputy Chairman Senate
Attendance	64
Total Working Hours	4 hours and 17 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTIONS

Questions entered in a separate list were asked and their replies were given. The questions remained unanswered were treated as laid on the Table of the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

MOTIONS [Under Rule 194(1)]

1. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, 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 Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Insertion of Article 253A)], introduced by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed on 2nd September, 2019, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 24th January, 2020.

The motion was carried and the requisite extension was granted.

2. Senator Javed Abbasi on behalf of Senator Walid Iqbal, Chairman, Standing Committee on Defence, 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 a point of public importance raised by Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak on 5th March, 2019, regarding appointment of Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee, 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.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq, Chairperson, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No. No.1-1/2019 moved by Senator Aurangzeb Khan on 18th December, 2019, against Mian Abdul Qadir, Director Food, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The Report stood laid.

The Chairperson briefed the House about the report.

At this stage, Senator Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, informed the House that despite clear directions of the Chair, the delinquent officer is still working on his position which is sheer violation of the direction of the Chairman Senate and is breach of privilege of the whole House.

The Members expressed their serious concerns on the state of affairs as informed by the Leader of the House.

After hearing the Members, the Deputy Chairman directed that under Rule 78(2) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, the Establishment Division should ensure compliance of removal of the said officer and take action against all responsible for violation of the ruling of the Chair, under intimation to this Secretariat.

<u>REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:</u>

 Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, to present report of the Standing Committee on the Bill further to amend the National Counter Terrorism Authority Act, 2013 [The National Counter Terrorism Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2019], introduced by Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Shah, Minister for Interior on 3rd September, 2019.

The Motion was deferred on request of the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs.

2. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Standing Committee on the 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, 2019], introduced by Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi on 2nd September, 2019.

The Motion stood laid.

ORDINANCE LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Senator Dr. Muhammad Farogh Naseem, Minister for Law and Justice, to lay before the Senate the Enforcement of Women's Property Rights (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 (Ordinance No. XXIV of 2019), as required by clause (2) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

- i. Senator Sherry Rehman
- ii. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan
- iii. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House
- iv. Senator Javed Abbasi
- v. Senator Raja Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition

The Members vehemently objected upon laying of the Ordinance as the original Ordinance in which the amending ordinance has been issued is still in the Committee as a Bill so the Members were of the view that if the Government wants to make any amendment, that can be made in the Committee or in the House and there is no need to issue another ordinance for that.

After detailed discussion, the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs did not press the agenda item and the same was deferred.

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."

The Motion was deferred.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

> Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood spoke about the incident of murder of a minor girl in Nowshera.

The matter referred to the Special Committee on child abuse cases.

> Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar raised a point regarding installation if Air mix plants in Balochistan.

The matter referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

- > Senator Moula Bux Chandio spoke about the transfer of I.G Police Sindh. He also spoke regarding Court cases against Journalists.
- > Senator Sirajul Haq spoke about the repair of damaged electric poles and transformers due to heavy snowfall in different areas of KPK and the role of NDMA and PDMA in this respect. He also spoke about the report of Transparency International.

Mr. Ali Muhammad khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs responded the matter.

- Senator Sherry Rehman spoke about the meetings and statement of Prime Minister in Davos whereby he gave preference to Afghan issue and Kashmir issue was secondary during discussions. She also spoke the importance of Parliament where every issue of national importance should be discussed.
- > Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizinjo spoke about statement of Alice wills about CPEC and relationships of Pakistan with USA which have always damaged Pakistan. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed also spoke on the issue.

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House responded the points raised by Members.

Senator Muhammad Tahir Khan Bizenjo spoke regarding the importance of completion of project of Khuzdar University.

The matter referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

- > Senator Behramand Khan Tangi spoke regarding flour and wheat crisis in Pakistan.
- > Senator Gianchand spoke about the minorities' quota and effects of Thar Coal Project on local people.
- At 02:47 p.m. the Presiding Officer adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 27th January, 2020, at 03:00 p.m.

<u>Islamabad,</u> the 24th of January, 2020.