

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

Date and Day	26 <sup>th</sup> April, 2019 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:30 a.m.
Adjourned at	12:53 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	76
Total Working Hours	2 hours and 23 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

**QUESTION HOUR**

Question Nos. 34, 35, 36, 38, 41, 42, 44, 45, 51, 52, 65, 66, 68, 74 and 75 were asked and replied in the House. Question No. 37, 50 and 75 were referred to the Committee concerned. All the remaining questions and their answers were treated as laid on the Table.

**LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

**REPORT OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:**

Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Chairman, Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas, presented report of the Functional Committee on its visit to Chitral, Kalash and Peshawar from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2018.

**CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES**

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani drew attention of the Minister for Planning and Development towards reallocation of Rs. 24 billion out of Rs. 27 billion under the head of special initiatives of CPEC towards other programs.

**Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs replied and the Calling Attention Notice. Thereafter, the Honourable Chairman Senate referred the Calling Attention Notice to the Committee concerned.**

Calling Attention Notice given by Senator Atta Ur Rehman on the Government's decision regarding provision of Halal certificate by the country from which goods will be imported, which may not be in line with the requirements as provided by Aalims of our Country was **dropped due to absence of the member.**

### **POINT OF ORDER**

On a Point of Order Senator Mian Raza Rabbani highlighted the impact of the appointment of Advisers and Special Assistants to the Prime Minister in the light of the Constitution and the Rules of Business, 1973.

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House suggested that opinion of Law Ministry should be taken on the issues and concerns raised by Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.

### **DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

The House started discussion on the admitted Adjournment Motion regarding the excessive use and sale of antibiotics at medical stores causing life threats to the public, moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 29th August, 2018. Following members spoke on the Motion:

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh
2. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
3. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro
4. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem
5. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani
6. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, wound up the dabate.

### **POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

- Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan drew attention of the House towards the plight of the employees of State life Insurance Corporation of Pakistan, who have staged a sit-in since February, 2019. He also apprised the House that the matter was taken up by a Standing Committee of the National Assembly however; the concerns of the employees could not be resolved. He suggested that the matter be referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Law and Justice to look into the legal position of the claims of the employees and determine a course of action in this regard.

**The Honourable Chairman Senate referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Law and Justice.**

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- Senator Kalsoom Perveen highlighted the issue of crops damage in wake of the floods in Balochistan and urged the Chairman Senate to sit with Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House and develop a tax relaxation scheme for the affected farmers. Senator Kalsoom Perveen also drew the attention of the House towards the difficulties being faced by the public in seeking admission for their children in the Government schools in Islamabad.
- Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum highlighted the issue of American funded construction of firing range in the diplomatic enclave Islamabad, and suggested that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Interior.

**The Honourable Chairman Senate referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Interior.**

- Senator Muhammad Akram brought attention of the House towards the recent flood and the pest attack on crops in Gwadar and Turbat.
- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh highlighted ill treatment awarded to the Pakistani fishermen by the India who wrongfully cross the border.
- Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini raised the issue of 47 employees of WAPDA who worked in Mirani dam but now after the completion of the dam, WAPDA is attempting to declare them over-age.

**The Chairman directed to seek report from the concerned quarters.**

- Senator Aurangzeb Khan raised the issue of non-payment of pension to the Levies official of District Orakzai.

**The Honourable Chairman Senate referred the matter to the implementation Committee.**

- Senator Manzoor Ahmed raised the issue of fee charged by private schools during summer vacations despite a clear order of the Supreme Court in this regard.

**The Honourable Chairman referred the matter to the implementation Committee.**

**At 12:53 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2019, at 03:00 p.m.**

**Islamabad,  
the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, 2019.**