

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

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Date and Day	25 th April, 2019 (Thursday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	05:30 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	75
Total Working Hours	2 hours and 30 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS

- Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
- Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot
- Senator Gul Bashra

FATIHA:

The House offered Fateha on the death of the following:

- 50 innocent people martyred in terrorist attacks at mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, during Friday Prayer on 15th March, 2019.
- 20 people, out of which 8 belonged to Hazara community and others were Baloch and Pashtoons, martyred in a blast in Quetta.
- 14 people martyred in Ormara firing incident.
- One policeman martyred in operation against terrorists in Hayatabad, Peshwar.
- Six policemen martyred by terrorists in the Ziarat district, Balochistan.
- Four people martyred in a bomb explosion on a train track in Nasirabad District, Balochistan.
- Two people martyred in blast in Chaman, Balochistan

OBSERVANCE OF SILENCE

The House observed one minute silence for victims of deadly series of suicide bombings in Sri Lanka.

RESOLUTION:

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition moved a Resolution regarding the terrorist attack in Sri Lanka.

The following members expressed their thoughts on the terror attack:

- Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House
- Senator Sherry Rehman
- Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs
- Senator Gianchand
- Senator Anwar Lal Dean
- Senator Mian Raza Rabbani
- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh
- Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum
- Senator Kamran Michael
- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
- Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
- Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
- Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan

The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 72, 22, 23, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37, 40, 41, 44, 51, 53, 2 and 3 were asked and replied in the House. Question No. 73 was referred to the Committee concerned. All the remaining questions were treated as laid on the Table.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESENCE

The Chairman acknowledged the presence of a delegation from Shura Council of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia led by Chairman of the Shura Council to witness the proceedings of the House.

PRIVILEGE MOTION

Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi moved Privilege Motion under Rule 70 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, against I.G. Islamabad and other concerned of police department on the incident of 'lathi charge' on him .

The Chairman referred the matter to the Committee on Privileges.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF: **[Under Rule 166(4) and (7)]**

- Senator Nuzhat Sadiq, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Maritime Affairs, presented report of the Standing Committee on the review of budgetary allocations for Financial Year 2018-19, and scrutiny of proposed PSDP for Financial Year 2019-20 of the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and its attached departments, in terms of sub-rules (4) and (7) of rule 166 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- Senator Gianchand on behalf of Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Science and Technology, presented report of the Standing Committee on the budgetary allocations and its utilization for Financial Year 2018-19 and PSDP proposals for the Ministry of Science and Technology for Financial Year 2019-20, in terms of sub-rules (4) and (7) of rule 166 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

- Senator Gianchand on behalf of Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Science and Technology, presented a special report of the Standing Committee on the expo cum conference titled "Role of Higher Education in Science and Technology for Socio-Economic Development in Pakistan", held at PCSIR, Lahore from 11th to 13th February, 2019.
- Senator Gianchand on behalf of Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Science and Technology, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senators Sassui Palijo and Dr. Sikandar Mandhro on 6th March, 2019, regarding sea intrusion and erosion.

- Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Standing Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 56, asked by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 29th August, 2018, regarding the names and other details of persons who went missing in the country during the last ten years.
- Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Standing Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 57, asked by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 29th August, 2018, regarding the number of persons arrested on charges of involvement in terrorist activities in the country during the last five years.
- Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi on 6th September, 2018, regarding lodging of FIR against sitting Senator Shammim Afridi.
- Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, to present report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Sitara Ayaz on 25th January, 2019, regarding a video of a child abused in Waziristan.
- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on behalf of Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, to present report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif on 30th August, 2018, regarding problems being faced by advocates and politicians in opening their accounts in the banks or any other financial institution.
- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on behalf of Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi on 24th January, 2019, regarding non-payment of dividends by the Companies listed with the Pakistan Stock Exchange.

- Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman, Standing Committee on Petroleum, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 24th January, 2019, regarding non-installation of 27 Air Mix Plants in Balochistan.
- Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman, Standing Committee on Petroleum, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi on 1st March, 2019, regarding excessive billing by the gas companies in the country.
- Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Kalsoom Perveen on 31st August, 2018, regarding substandard medicines and fake degrees of Doctors.
- Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan, Chairman, Standing Committee on Aviation, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati on 31st January, 2019, regarding difficulties being faced by special persons travelling on PIA and Air Blue.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Sassui Palijo drew attention of the Minister for Industries and Production towards closure of 175 outlets of the Utility Stores Corporation across the country due to financial crisis.

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs replied on behalf of Minister for Industries and Production and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to draw attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the highest ever tax shortfall being faced by the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR).

Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister of State for Revenue replied and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

BILL TO BE INTRODUCED

Chaudhary Tariq Bashir Cheema, Minister for Housing and Works, introduced a Bill to provide for establishment of Federal Government Employees Housing Authority [The Federal Government Employees Housing Authority Bill, 2019].

He made a brief statement citing the objects and reasons to be achieved by the Bill and requested that the Bill may be taken into consideration at once.

Senators Mian Raza Rabbani and Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition objected and suggested that the Bill be referred to the Committee concerned.

The Bill as introduced stood referred to the Committee concerned.

REPORT TO BE LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister of State for Revenue on behalf of Dr. Abdul Hafeez Shaikh, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, laid before the Senate the Second Quarterly Report for the year 2018-2019 of the Board of Directors of the State Bank of Pakistan on the state of Pakistan's Economy, as required under section 9A (2) of the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956.

At 5:30pm the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 26th April, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.

Islamabad,
the 25th of April, 2019.