

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	24 th June, 2020 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	04:00 P.M.
Adjourned at	06:50 P.M.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	54
Total Working Hours	02 Hours 50 Minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE : PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, presented report of the Standing Committee on the proposals for making recommendations on the Finance Bill, 2020, containing the Annual Budget Statement.

After the report was laid, Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif and Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi raised the matter of reduction in the budget of Senate Secretariat, maintaining that Finance Division had no authority to put a cut on budget estimates duly approved by Senate Finance Committee, which is a Constitutional body. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek also supported the view and, with permission of the Chair, moved the following amendment in recommendations of the Committee:

“Senate of Pakistan recommends to the National Assembly that the deduction made by the Government in the Senate Budget, in disregard to Article 88 of the Constitution, should be reversed and budget estimates, originally approved by the Senate Finance Committee and duly conveyed to the Finance Division, be made part of the Finance Bill, 2020.”

The Amendment was put to the House and adopted.

MOTION

Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, moved that the recommendations on the Finance Bill, 2020, containing the Annual Budget Statement, as reported by the Committee, be adopted.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE : PRESENTATION OF:

1. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Amendment of Articles 51 and 106), introduced by Senators Sajjad Hussain Turi, Ahmed Khan, Naseebullah Bazai, Sana Jamali, Manzoor Ahmed, Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Muhammad Akram, Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Agha Shahzaib Durrani, Kalsoom Perveen, Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen, Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, Abida Muhammad Azeem, Gul Bashra, Kauda Babar and Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar on 2nd September, 2019.
2. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Amendment of Article 45)], introduced by Senator Sirajul Haq on 20th January, 2020.

MOTION

Further consideration of the following motion moved by Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister for Industries and Production, on 12th June, 2020:-

“That the Senate may make recommendations to the National Assembly on the Finance Bill, 2020, containing the Annual Budget Statement, as required under Article 73 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.”

The following members spoke, in order, on the motion:-

1. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq
2. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
3. Senator Musadik Masood Malik
4. Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo
5. Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister for Industries and Production.

Debate on the Motion concluded with the speech of Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister for Industries and Production.

RESOLUTION

Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, on behalf of Senator Dr. Shahazad Waseem, Leader of the House, Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi and Senator Professor Sajid Mir, moved a resolution recommending that Khatim-un-Nabiyeen shall be written with the name of Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in all educational curriculum and official documents.

The Resolution was put to the House and adopted unanimously. Mr. Chairman Directed that the resolution be sent to all four chief ministers and speakers of provincial assemblies.

ISSUES RAISED

- Senator Mushtaq Ahmed and Senator Momin Khan Afridi raised a matter regarding arrest and extra-judicial killing in police custody of one Mr. Irfanullah Afridi, who was recently selected for appointment as a teacher in government school. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed and Senator Fida Muhammad raised the matter of illegal arrest and torture by police of one Mr. Aamir Tehkaali. Police undressed him after arrest, made his video and

made it viral on social media. Mr. Chairman directed the Secretariat to seek a report from IG Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on both issues.

- Senator Hidayatullah raised a matter regarding arrest and extra-judicial killing in custody of Kotli police of one Mr. Zahid Jan son of Niazmeen, a resident of Bajaur Agency who worked as a laborer in Kotli, Azad Jammu and Kashmir. Mr. Chairman directed the Secretariat to seek a report on the issue.
- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar raised a matter regarding illegal detention of two journalists namely Syed Ali Achakzai and Abdul Mateen for pointing out non-availability of water and lack of proper treatment in the Chaman Quarantine Center. He further informed that the said journalists have been barred from going out of Chaman and are directed to report to DC office every week. Mr. Chairman directed to seek a report from Chief Secretary Balochistan on the issue.
- Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi raised a matter regarding financial problems being faced by owners, administration, teachers and other staff of lower tier private schools due to closure of educational institutions in view of COVID-19 pandemic. The Senator pointed out that except for high end private schools that are taking fee from students even during this closure, majority of private schools which are lower tier are not getting any fee because their students also come from middle and lower income families, which have been hard hit by the pandemic. The Senator demanded that government should consider bringing these private schools under the Ehsaas Program so that salaries and utility bills of these lower tier private schools are paid. Mr. Chairman directed that these suggestions be forwarded to Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training for appropriate action.
- Mr. Muhammad Ali Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, pointed out that name of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province should be written and pronounced completely instead of using the abbreviations of KP or KPK. He observed that the province got a proper name after 70 years and when names of other three provinces are written and pronounced completely, using abbreviations instead of complete name for the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was uncalled for. Mr. Chairman directed that intimation be sent to all federal and provincial parliamentarians for writing and pronouncing complete name of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

The Chairman carried forward the notices of the questions, resolutions, motion under Rule 218 and adjournment motions notices of which were received for the current session but have not been taken in the House, will not lapse on prorogation of this session and will be carried forward for the next session.

- **At 6:50 p.m. the Chairman prorogued the Senate Session on conclusion of its business.**

DR. SYED PERVAIZ ABBAS
Secretary

Islamabad,
The 24th June, 2020.