

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(302ND SESSION)

Date and Day	17 th August, 2020 (Monday)
Commenced at	05:35 p.m.
Adjourned at	11:07 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	81
Total Working Hours	05 hours and 32 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

BILLS INTRODUCED

1. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for making compulsory teaching of Arabic Language to the students in all educational institutions [The Compulsory Teaching of Arabic Language Bill, 2020].

Following Members' also spoke on the Bill:-

- i. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
- ii. Senator Raja Zafar Ul Haq, Leader of the Opposition
- iii. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House

Thereafter, the Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the bill was granted.

2. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, introduced the Bill to provide for making compulsory teaching of Arabic Language to the students in all educational institutions [The Compulsory Teaching of Arabic Language Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

3. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for protection against harassment of students in educational institutions [The Protection against Harassment of Students in Educational Institutions Bill, 2020].

The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the bill was granted.

4. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, introduced the Bill to provide for protection against harassment of students in educational institutions [The Protection against Harassment of Students in Educational Institutions Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

5. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Companies Act, 2017 [The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs not opposed thereafter, Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the bill was granted.

6. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, introduced the Bill further to amend the Companies Act, 2017 [The Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

BILLS WITHDRAWN

[Under Rule 115]

1. Senator Naseebullah Bazai sought leave to withdraw the Bill to amend the Trade Organizations Act, 2013 [The Trade Organizations (Amendment) Bill, 2019], introduced on 2nd September, 2019.

The Motion was put to the House and Adopted and the Bill was withdrawn by the Member.

2. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik sought leave to withdraw the Bill further to amend the Capital Development Authority Ordinance, 1960 [The Capital Development Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2019], introduced on 29th April, 2019.

The Motion was put to the House and Adopted and the Bill was withdrawn by the Member.

3. Senator Lt. General Abdul Qayyum HI (M) Retd sought leave to withdraw the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020] (**Amendment of Articles 213 and 215**), introduced on 13th January, 2020.

The Motion was put to the House and Adopted and the Bill was withdrawn by the Member.

MOTION

[Under Rule 126(7)]

Senator Quratulain Marri, moved that the Bill to provide for the facility of day care centres in public and private establishments [The Day Care Centres Bill, 2018], as passed by the Senate and transmitted to the National Assembly but not passed by the National Assembly within ninety days of its laying in the National Assembly, be considered in a joint sitting.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

MOTIONS
[Under Rule 218]

1. Senator Sherry Rehman moved that this House may discuss the increase in polio cases in the country.

Following Members' spoke on the Motion:-

- i. Senator Sherry Rehman
- ii. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq
- iii. Senator Dr. Mehar Taj Roghani
- iv. Senator Quratulain Marri
- v. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
- vi. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak
- vii. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro
- viii. Senator Musadik Masood Malik
- ix. Senator Walid Iqbal
- x. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan
- xi. Senator Molana Ghafoor Haideri
- xii. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
- xiii. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs wound up the debate.

The Motion was talked out and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

2. Senators Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on his behalf and behalf of Senators Gul Bashra and Abida Muhammad Azeem moved that this House may discuss the present political situation in the country and its impacts on the country.

Following Members' spoke on the Motion:-

- i. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
- ii. Senator Sirajul Haq
- iii. Senator Sassui Plijo
- iv. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
- v. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri
- vi. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan
- xiv. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs wound up the debate.

The Motion was talked out.

3. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi to move that this House may discuss the Sustainable Development Goals, the progress made by Pakistan in its fulfillment so far and the need to expedite the process of fulfillment of the same.

The Motion was deferred on request of Member.

4. Senator Kalsoom Perveen moved that this House may discuss the overall performance of the Federal Government Polyclinic Hospital, Islamabad and the medical and paramedical staff posted therein.

Following Members' spoke on the Motion:-

- i. Senator Kalsoom Parveen
- ii. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs

The Motion was talked out and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

5. Senator Gianchand to move that this House may discuss the importance of telemetering system for distribution of water amongst the provinces and reasons for non-implementation of the same in the country.

The Motion was deferred on request of Member.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Senator Sitara Ayaz on her behalf and behalf of Senators Mushahid Hussain Syed, Muhammad Akram, Pervaiz Rashid, Sana Jamali and Faisal Javed moved the following resolution:-

"This House recommends that the Government should construct "Small Rubber Dams", which have low cost and less construction time compared to the conventional dams, in Islamabad Capital Territory, for storage of water, provision of clean drinking water and generation of hydropower electricity on captive mode."

The Resolution was not opposed and unanimously passed by the House.

2. Senator Sirajul Haq moved the following resolution:-

"This House recommends that the Government should withdraw the authority of the Pharmaceutical Companies, granted to them under the Drug Policy of the Government, regarding the annual increase of 50% in the prices of medicines."

The Resolution was withdrawn by the Member in view of the statement of the Minister.

3. Senator Samina Saeed to move the following resolution:-

"This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to establish separate lock ups for the custody of juveniles arrested in suspicion of committing crimes in

order to keep them separate from adult criminals in lock ups, in all police stations in Islamabad Capital Territory.”

The Resolution was deferred.

4. Senator Khushbakht Shujat moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends to the Government to make arrangements for First Aid and Civil Defence Training in the educational institutions under the administrative control of the Federal Government in order to enable the youth to cope with any kind of emergency/accident in efficient-manner and save loss of human life and property.”

The Resolution was not opposed and unanimously passed by the House.

30. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed moved the following resolution:-

“This House Reiterates that ALLAH ALMIGHTY revealed the Holy Quran to His last Messenger, Hazrat Muhammad (SAW) which is the final word of ALLAH ALMIGHTY and a complete source of guidance for the mankind till the day of judgement; Recognizes the fact that our young generation is facing a number of problems and challenges on ideological and moral fronts mainly due to lack of true understanding of the teachings of the Holy Quran and Sunnah; Shows concern on the fact that there is no proper system of the teachings of the Holy Quran and Sunnah in the educational institutions in the country which has created an ideological gap in the minds of our youth; Considers it essential that the meaning and teachings of the Holy Quran should be taught in Urdu in all the universities under the administrative control of the Federal Government in the light of Articles 2, 31(2)(b) and 227 which provides for the Holy Quran and Sunnah to be the supreme law of the land and to promote their teachings in the country; and Therefore, the House recommends and urges upon the Government to make necessary arrangements for the teaching of the Holy Quran with Urdu translation in all the universities under the administrative control of the Federal Government in the country.”

The Resolution was not opposed and unanimously passed by the House.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

1. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Bill further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 [The Anti-terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Report stood laid.

2. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Bill to define and amend the law relating to trusts [The Islamabad Capital Territory Trust Bill, 2020].

The Report stood laid.

3. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen, Chairman, Standing Committee on Narcotics Control, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Bill further to amend the Control of Narcotic Substances Act, 1997 [The Control of Narcotic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2020].

The Report stood laid.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Shah, Minister for Interior, to move that the Bill further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 [The Anti-terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2020], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

The Motion was put to the House which was opposed by the Members of JI and JUI however, the same was adopted with majority. Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

2. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Mr. Ijaz Ahmad Shah, Minister for Interior, to move that the Bill further to amend the Anti-terrorism Act, 1997 [The Anti-terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2020], be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed with majority.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- Senator Sherry Rehman spoke about the summoning of Asif Ali Zardari by NAB Court and blocking of roads by ICT administration to prevent the Lawyers and Party Leaders to reach court.

Following Members' also spoke on the issue:-

- i. Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House
 - ii. Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri
- Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri spoke about incident of attack on MPA in Balochistan. **Chair directed to seek report from Chief Secretary and IGP.**
 - Senator Tahir Bizenjo spoke about killing of Hayat Baloch in Balochistan a University student in Turbat kech at the hands of FC soldier.
 - Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad endorsed the bill introduced by Javed Abbasi about compulsory Arabic Language. He also spoke about desecration of Holy Quran in a village "Jakhar". He also spoke about attack on Mr. Zabid MPA from Balochistan. He also spoke about devastation caused by rain in Balochistan and demanded that special relief may be given to devastated areas of Balochistan. He also spoke about Pakistan-Saudi relations which has a long history.
 - Senator Atta Ur Rehamn spoke about the incident of desecration of Holy Quran by a Qadiani at D.G Khan village Jakhar. He further stated that police arrested the accused and also mounted baton charge on protestors. He also spoke about coming of Qadianis in limelight since this Government came into power. **The Chairman directed to seek report from Chief Secretary Punjab and IGP.**
 - Senator Mushtaq Ahmad spoke about increasing tendency of incidents of blasphemy. He also spoke about killing of Hayat Baloch a student of Karachi University at the hands of FC.
 - Senator Sirajul Haq spoke about closing of schools in Malakand division since January and non-payment of salaries to private school teachers.
 - Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs responded various issues raised by the Members.

- **At 11:07 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Wednesday, the 18th August, 2020, at 06:00 p.m.**

Islamabad,
the 17th of August, 2020.