

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(304TH SESSION)

Date and Day	23 rd October, 2020 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:30 a.m.
Adjourned at	12:55 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	58
Total Working Hours	2 hours and 25 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTIONS

Questions entered in a separate list were asked and their replies were given.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

1. **SENATOR MUHAMMAD JAVED ABBASI** drew attention of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, towards the unregistered pharmacies and medical stores in the country being run without properly qualified and licensed pharmacists with particular reference to dysfunctional status of the Pharmacy Council of Pakistan since September, 2019.

The Mover made detailed statement on the issue.

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs made statement.

The Calling Attention Notice was disposed of, however, the Chairman referred the subject matter of the CAN to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

2. **SENATOR MIAN RAZA RABBANI** to draw attention of the Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, towards the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority Ordinance, 2019 which is still holding the field.

However, on written request of the Minister concerned, the Calling Attention Notice was deferred with the direction to fix the same on Wednesday the 28th October, 2020.

ZERO HOUR

1. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani drew attention of the Chair and the House towards the violation of the Constitution by the Federal Government by not laying the Ordinances before the Parliament. He was of the view that non-laying of Ordinances amounts to circumventing the rights of the Parliament which is breach of privilege of the House.

Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs responded the point raised by Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.

Opposition staged token walkout as protest against non-laying of Ordinances in the Parliament.

2. Senator Dr. Asif Saeed Kirmani condemned the remarks of Senator Walid Iqbal made by him yesterday during his speech while referring Senator Sherry Rehman. He further spoke about various issues like, non-availability of medicines in Government Hospitals, behavior of Prime Minister during his address to Tiger Forces, statement of Minister of Interior about threats to the Opposition leaders of PDM.
3. Senator Ata Ur Rehman drew attention of the House towards the issuance of voters' lists in for GB election which reflected names of 19 Qadianis in District Diamir whereas actually no Qadiani resides in District Diamir. He further drew attention of the House towards the incident of firing at Dera Ghazi Khan on one Dr. Muhammad Usman and his son who raises voice of his area on social media. The Member demanded that the incident needs to be inquired properly. **The Chairman directed the Secretary to seek report from IGP Punjab.**

4. Senator Muhammad Akram drew attention of the House towards various issues like; the protests of Fishermen in Gwadar and Jewani; lack of electricity and internet services in various areas of Balochistan causing problems to students; the alleged usurpation of Islands of Balochistan and Sindh by Federal Government and discontinuation of scholarships of the students of Balochistan.
5. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed spoke about various issues like an incident of stampede outside the Pakistan Consulate in Jalalabad Afghanistan which resulted in death of 15 people; urged the Government to enhance visa facilities for Afghans in Pakistan Embassy in Afghanistan and its Consulates; also spoke about the issue of Islands of Balochistan and Sindh.
6. Senator Mohsin Aziz was of the view that the present problems are the outcome of the bad governance of last 30 years.

[At 12:35 p.m. Senator Lt. Gen (R) Abdul Qayyum came on the presiding Chair]

7. Senator Sassui Palijo spoke about the public gatherings of PDM and the efforts of the Federal Government to usurp the Islands of Sindh and Balochistan which will be protested strongly.
8. Leader of the Opposition responded the points raised by the Members.
9. **The Presiding Officer directed that the Ministers of Interior and Defence should come and brief the House about the internal and external security situation of the country at present.**

At 12:55 p.m. the Presiding Officer adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday the 26th October, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. which was subsequently changed to 4:00 p.m.

**Islamabad,
The 23rd of October, 2020.**