

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(310TH SESSION)

Date and Day	5 th April, 2021 (Monday)
Commenced at	10:10 a.m.
Adjourned at	01:10 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	86
Total Working Hours	3 hours

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR 310th SESSION

1. Senator Dilawar Khan
2. Senator Syed Ali Zafar
3. Senator Samina Mumtaz

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

OFFERING OF FATEHA

- The House condemned murder of Mr. Aftab Afridi, Special Judge ATC Swat who has been murdered along with his wife and children near Swabi and offered Fateha for the departed souls.
- The House condemned murder of Asad Khan Achakzai, Press Secretary of ANP and offered Fateha for the departed soul.
- The House offered Fateha for the departed souls of four members of Jani Khail tribe who had been murdered.

MOTION

Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House, moved that the following Committees of the Senate comprising members as proposed in the list formed in consultation with the Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition and parliamentary leaders be formed. The Chairman Senate is authorized to make changes in the composition of these Committees and dissolve special or functional committees as and when he deems fit:-

- i.** Standing Committees;
- ii.** Functional Committees;
- iii.** Senate Finance Committee;
- iv.** House Committee; and
- v.** Other Committees.

The House may also endorse change of the status of Functional Committee on Human Rights to Standing Committee on Human Rights in view of existence of a separate Ministry of Human Rights.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

BILL TO BE INTRODUCED

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021] (Amendment of Articles 57, 62, 72, 73, 86, 89, 126, 159, 160, 162 and 166).

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

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, introduced the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021] which upon introduction referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. Senator Fawzia Arshad, moved that the Bill to provide for the safety and standards of food and for establishment of the Islamabad Food Authority [The Islamabad Capital Territory Food Safety Bill, 2020], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Bill was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

2. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Mr. Asad Umer, Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, moved that the Bill to amend the Public Private Partnership Authority Act, 2017 [The Public Private Partnership Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Bill was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

3. Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister for Finance and Revenue, moved that the Bill to make provisions for the establishment of Pakistan single window [The Pakistan Single Window Bill, 2021], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

Thereafter, Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister for Finance and Revenue, moved that the Bill to make provisions for the establishment of Pakistan single window [The Pakistan Single Window Bill, 2021], be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION

Senator Kamran Murtaza moved the following resolution:-

“The House is cognizant of the fact that in order to cope up with the international pandemic of Covid-19, all countries of the world are striving to divert resources for free vaccination of their people against corona virus while the Government of Pakistan has miserably failed to vaccinate the general public and has only prioritized the vaccination of senior citizens and front line health workers in the country. The House is also cognizant of the fact that the Government has allowed the import of Russian made anti-corona vaccine Sputnik by private firms and has fixed the price at Rs. 8400 per two doses as against the international market price of Rs. 1500. Amid the current economic crunch in the country caused by Covid-19 pandemic, it is not possible for the general public to afford the exorbitant prices of the said anti-corona, which is in violation of Article 38 of the Constitution of Pakistan. The House, therefore, urges upon the Government to provide either free of cost anti-corona vaccine to the general public or as per original international market price.”

The Resolution was partly opposed by the Leader of the House.

After debate, the Resolution was put to the vote of the House which was passed by majority of the votes.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani made his opening speech as Leader of the Opposition. He congratulated all the newly elected Members and urged that the Opposition will play its constructive role on national issues provided that the Government may take the Opposition into confidence on all important issues.
 2. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarrar demanded that the investigation committee of the House may be formed to probe into the issue of installation of hidden cameras in the Polling booths during election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman.
- **At 1:10 p.m. the Chairman read out the prorogation order signed by the President.**

Islamabad,
the 5th April, 2021.

