

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(311TH SESSION)

Date and Day	27 th May, 2021 (Thursday)
Commenced at	04:10 p.m.
Adjourned at	07:10 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	82
Total Working Hours	03 hours

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Questions entered in a separate list were asked and answers given.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave was read in the House.

OFFERING OF FATEHA

The House offered Fateha for the departed soul of father of Senator Falak Naz Chitrali.

REPORT TO BE LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs laid before the Senate the Annual Report of the Election Commission of Pakistan for the year 2020, as required by sub-section (2) of section 16 of the Elections Act, 2017.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- 1. DR. SHIREEN M. MAZARI**, Minister for Human Rights, moved that the Bill to establish an effective system of protection, relief and rehabilitation of women, children, elders and any vulnerable person against domestic violence [The Domestic Violence (Prevention and Protection) Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

Leader of the Opposition moved that the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

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

The Chairman directed that the Committee may report the Bill back to the House at the earliest.

2. DR. SHIREEN M. MAZARI, Minister for Human Rights, moved that the Bill to provide for the well-being, comfort and dignity of the senior citizens residing in the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Capital Territory Senior Citizens Bill, 2021], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

Leader of the Opposition moved that the Bill be referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

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3. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Minister for Science and Technology moved on behalf of Mr. Asad Umar, Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives that the Bill to provide for the establishment of China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority [The China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority Bill, 2021] as passed by the National Assembly may be taken into consideration at once.

The Leader of the Opposition opposed the Bill and requested to refer the Bill to the Committee for consideration and report.

The Opposition walked out of the proceedings as protest against bringing the Bill on supplementary agenda.

Thereafter, the Motion was put to the House which was carried.

The House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

Thereafter, Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Minister for Science and Technology moved on behalf of Mr. Asad Umar, Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives that the Bill to provide for the establishment of China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority [The China Pakistan Economic Corridor Authority Bill, 2021], be passed.

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

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

1. SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ drew attention of the Minister for Water Resources, towards the delay in release of WAPDA's equity contribution for the speedy construction of Mohmand Dam, which is instrumental for the economic stability and social development in the country.

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

The Calling Attention Notice was thus disposed of.

2. SENATOR NUZHAT SADIQ drew attention of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, towards the exclusion of Chinese Vaccines from the list of Vaccines approved by the Saudi Authorities for pilgrims, due to which a large number of Pakistanis, who have received Chinese Vaccines, will not be able to travel to Saudia Arabia this year for performing Hajj and Umrah.

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

The Calling Attention Notice was thus disposed of.

MOTION OF THANKS

Further discussion on the following motion moved by Mr. Zaheer-Ud-Din Babar Awan, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs, on 22nd January, 2021:-

"This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both the Houses assembled together on 20th August, 2020."

The Chairman directed that the Parliamentary leaders may provide the list of speakers of their respective parties.

ZERO HOUR

1. Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar and other Senators from Balochistan pointed out that there is hardly any representation of Balochistan in various Policy/Advisory Boards and Boards of Directors constituted under the Federal Ministries due to which the rights of the people of Balochistan are not being safeguarded. The Members from both sides of the aisle vehemently condemned this discrimination with Balochistan and walked out of the proceedings of the Senate in protest.

The Hon'ble Chairman Senate of Pakistan directed that all the Ministries/Divisions may be asked to submit details of various Policy/Advisory Boards and Boards of Directors constituted under their respective Ministries/Division with province wise details of the memberships of such Boards, within one week.

2. Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti pointed out the unemployment of Engineers and Diploma Holders of Balochistan in petroleum sector in Balochistan.

The matter was referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

3. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani pointed out the failure of the Federal Government to ensure fair distribution of water among the provinces and violation of Water Apportionment Accord, 1991. He also pointed out the violations by Chairman IRSA.

Following Members also spoke on this issue:-

1. Senator Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the House.

2. Senator Saifullah Abro.

3. Senator Fesal Vawda.

4. Senator Jam Mehtab Dahar.

5. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi.

6. Senator Sana Jamali.

4. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizenjo pointed out the deteriorating law and order situation in Balochistan.

5. Senator Muhammad Akram pointed out the water storage and Border management issues in Balochistan.

6. Senator Irfan Siddiqui pointed out the incident of torture of a journalist in Islamabad.

7. Senator Syed Sabir Shah pointed out the increasing number of crimes against women and children throughout the country.

At 07:10 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 28th of May, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

**Islamabad,
The 27th May, 2021.**