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[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]

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**BILL**

*further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan*

**WHEREAS** it is expedient further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

**1. Short title and commencement.-** (1) This Act may be called the Constitution (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

**2. Amendment of Article 160 of the Constitution.-** In the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in Article 160, after clause (3B), the following new clause (3C) shall be added, namely:-

"(3C) The Senate shall send its observations on the Reports to the Federal Finance Minister and the Provincial Finance Ministers within two months of the Report being laid in the House. The observations shall also be laid in the respective Provincial Assembly."

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS**

Clause (3B), Article 160, Constitution, 1973, provides that the Federal Finance Minister and Provincial Finance Ministers shall monitor the implementation of the Award biannually and lay their Reports before Parliament and the Provincial Assemblies. This command of the Constitution is not being followed. Therefore, a new clause (3C) is proposed to be added whereby the Senate can make observations on the implementation of the Award at the Federal and Provincial levels. This will bring parliamentary oversight to the implementation of the NFC Award and become a vehicle for the enforcement of clause (3B), Article 160, Constitution, 1973.

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MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**