

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(324th SESSION)

Date and Day	30 th January 2023, (Monday)
Commenced at	4:02 p.m.
Adjourned at	6:44 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	61
Total Working Hours	2hours and 42minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

1. Senator Fawzia Arshad, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1997 [The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the bill was granted. The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

2. Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Halal Authority Act, 2016 [The Pakistan Halal Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022].

The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the bill was granted. The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

3. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Benazir Income Support Act, 2010 [The Benazir Income Support (Amendment) Bill, 2022].

The Motion was deferred

4. Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for establishment of the University of Management and Technology Lahore [The University of Management and Technology Lahore Bill, 2023].

The Motion was deferred

5. Senator Kamran Michael, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Christian Marriage Act, 1872 [The Christian Marriage (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the bill was granted. The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

6. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022] **(Amendment of Article 160 of the Constitution).**

The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the bill was granted. The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

7. Senators Zeeshan Khan Zada And Faisal Saleem Rehman, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956 [The State Bank of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2022].

The Motion was deferred

8. Senator Kamran Michael, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the National Commission on the Rights of Child Act, 2017 [The National Commission on the Rights of Child (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the bill was granted. The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

BILLS AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Senator Seemee Ezdi, moved that the Bill further to amend the Factories Act, 1934 [The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2022], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

The Motion was put to the House. Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

2. Senator Seemee Ezdi, moved that the Bill further to amend the Factories Act, 1934 [The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2022], be passed.

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

3. Senator Seemee Ezdi, moved that the Bill further to amend the Federal Universities Ordinance, 2002 [The Federal Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

The Motion was put to the House. Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

4. Senator Seemee Ezdi, moved that the Bill further to amend the Federal Universities Ordinance, 2002 [The Federal Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022], be passed.

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

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 218]

1. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, moved that this House may discuss smuggling of millions of dollars out of country on daily basis and the report of the State Bank of Pakistan on national economy (July-September 2022) according to which the exports of the country have declined up to 10%, and the foreign investment has reduced by 52%.

The Motion was deferred

2. Senators Kamran Murtaza, Mushtaq Ahmed And Molvi Faiz Muhammad, moved that this House may discuss the non-availability of wheat and its exorbitant rates, severely affecting the masses of the country especially the poor ones.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Kamran Murtaza
2. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
3. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
4. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad

Chaudhary Tariq Bashir Cheema, Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research.

The Motion was talked out.

3. Senators Samina Mumtaz Zehri And Mohsin Aziz, moved that this House may discuss the need to expand solar and wind power up to at least 30 percent of country's total electricity generation capacity by 2030, equivalent to around 24,000 Megawatts.

The Motion was deferred

4. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr taj roghani, moved that this House may discuss the current status of implementation on the National immunization Policy 2022.

5. senator bahramand khan tangi, moved that this House may discuss ways and means to strengthen the Election Commission of Pakistan to enable it to conduct free and fair elections in the country.

The Motion was deferred

RESOLUTIONS

1. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, moved the following resolution:-

"The Senate of Pakistan recalls Article 38 (f) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan which stipulates elimination of "Riba" as early as possible, and shows concerns that for the last 75 years the curse of "Riba" has not been eliminated from the country.

The House acknowledges decision of the Federal Shariat Court for elimination of Riba from the country. The House also appreciates and supports the decision of the Government of Pakistan, State Bank of Pakistan and National Bank of Pakistan for withdrawal of appeals against the decision of the Federal Shariat Court which is very encouraging for establishing an interest free financial and banking system in Pakistan.

The House demands that for establishing an interest (Riba) free economic and financial system in the country the Government of Pakistan should take the following steps on immediate basis:-

- (I) The Government should establish a permanent Division and its subordinate Task Force under the administrative control of Ministry of Finance for chalking out a practical road map of eliminating Riba and establishing an interest free financial and economic system in the country;
- (II) The Government should enact laws for prohibiting individual and collective interest/riba based business in the country;
- (III) The Government should eliminate interest/riba from various financial institutions i.e. N.I.T Unit, House Building Finance Corporation, Pension Fund, Savings Fund, Consumer Finance and other related institutions; and
- (IV) A Task Force may be established with the responsibility of implementing the recommendations of the reports of all previous Committees/Commissions/Task Forces established regarding elimination of Riba."

The Resolution was deferred

2. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, moved the following resolution:-

"The Senate of Pakistan draws the attention of the Government towards Article 227 of the Constitution of Pakistan therein stipulating that all existing laws shall be brought in conformity with the Injunctions of Islam as laid down

in the Holy Quran and Sunnah and no law shall be enacted which is repugnant to such Injunctions.

The House also draws the attention of the Government towards Articles 203C and 203F of the Constitution of Pakistan therein providing for the Federal Shariat Court and Shariat Appellate Bench in the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

The House shows deep concerns over the vacant Positions of Judges including Ulema Judges in the Federal Shariat Court and infrequent meetings of the Shariat Appellate Bench in the Supreme Court of Pakistan causing heavy pendency of important cases.

The House demands that as per the obligatory constitutional strength, the Government should make the Federal Shariat Court and Shariat Appellate Bench in the Supreme Court of Pakistan functional by appointing all Judges including Ulema Judges in the Federal Shariat Court on immediate basis."

The Resolution was deferred

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the Opposition, spoke regarding the recent in the prices of petroleum Products and Law and Order Situation in the Country.

Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice responded the issue.

2. Discussion on the wave of terrorism engulfing the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa particularly the recent terrorist attack on Police Lines, Peshawar.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani.
2. Senator Hidayat Ullah Khan
3. Senator Mohsin Aziz
4. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen
5. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
6. Senator Fida Muhammad
7. Senator Robina Khalid

At 06:44 p.m. the Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday , 31st January, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

**Islamabad, the
30th January 2023.**