

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(327th SESSION)

Date and Day	31 st March 2023, (Friday)
Commenced at	10:30 a.m.
Adjourned at	12:32 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	60
Total Working Hours	2hours and 2minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

QUESTION HOUR

Printed questions were asked and their oral replies were given by the ministers concerned.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 194(1)]

1. Senator Faisal Javed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting, moved under sub-rule (1) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Right of Access to Information Act, 2017 [The Right of Access to Information (Amendment) Bill, 2021], introduced by Senators Walid Iqbal and Manzoor Ahmed on 25th January, 2021, may be extended for a period of sixty days with effect from 13th March, 2023.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

2. Senator Faisal Javed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting, moved under sub-rule (1) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to amend the protection of Journalists and Media Professionals Act, 2021 [The Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, on 31st January, 2022, may be extended for a period of forty five days with effect from 20th March, 2023.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

3. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Chairman, Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony, moved under sub-rule (1) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) Act, 1973 to the extent of Islamabad Capital Territory [The Publication of the Holy Quran (Elimination of Printing and Recording Errors) (Amendment) Bill, 2022], may be extended for a period of fifteen days with effect from 17th March, 2023.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

4. Senator Seemee Ezdi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Climate Change, moved under sub-rule (1) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo on 16th January, 2023, regarding tailpipe emission in cars with respect to its effects on climate change, may be extended for a period of forty five days with effect from 17th March, 2023.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:
[Under Rule 195]

1. Senator Syed Ali Zafar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, to present report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Farooq Hamid Naek on 1st August, 2022. **(Amendment of Article 142 and substitution of Article 175A).**

The Motion was deferred

2. Senator Syed Ali Zafar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, to present report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Fawzia Arshad on 10th October, 2022. **(Amendment of Article 51).**

The Motion was deferred

3. Senator Syed Ali Zafar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, to present report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi on 3rd October, 2022. **(Amendment of Articles 218 and 228).**

The Motion was deferred

4. Senator Syed Ali Zafar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, to present report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen on 7th October, 2022, regarding Circuit Benches of Balochistan High Court.

The Motion was deferred

5. Senator Taj Haider, Chairman, Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 [The Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2023], introduced by Senator Fawzia Arshad on 16th January, 2023.

The Report stood laid.

6. Senator Sana jamali, on behalf of **Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Water Resources, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources Act, 2007 [The Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (Amendment) Bill, 2022].

The Report stood laid.

7. Senator Fawzia Arshad, on behalf of **Senator Mohsin Aziz**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023], introduced by Senator Seemee Ezdi on 16th January, 2023.

The Report stood laid.

8. Senator Seemee Ezdi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Climate Change, to present report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 [The Pakistan Environmental Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2023], introduced by Senator Seemee Ezdi on 16th January, 2023.

The Report stood laid.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES-PRESENTATION OF:
[Under Rule 166 (7)]

1. Senator Rubina Khalid, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Maritime Affairs, presented report of the Committee on the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) proposed by the Ministry of Maritime Affairs for the financial year 2023-24, under sub-rule (7) of Rule 166 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

The Report stood laid.

2. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Defence, presented report of the Committee on the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) proposed by the Ministry of Defence for the financial year 2023-24, under sub-rule (7) of Rule 166 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

The Report stood laid.

3. Senator Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar, on behalf of **Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah**, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research, presented report of the Committee on the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) proposed by the Ministry of National Food Security and Research for the financial year 2023-24, under sub-rule (7) of Rule 166 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

The Report stood laid.

PAPERS TO LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

1. Senator Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice, on behalf of **Minister-In-Charge** of the Cabinet Secretariat, laid before the Senate, reports on the observance and implementation of principles of policy in relation to the affairs of the federation for the years 2013-14 to 2017-18 and for the years 2018-19 to 2019-20, as required under clause (3) of Article 29 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

The Report stood laid.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

BILLS AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

1. Senator Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice, on behalf of **Senator Musadik Masood Malik**, Minister of State for Petroleum, moved that the Bill further to amend the Petroleum Act, 1934 [The Petroleum (Amendment) Bill, 2022], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

2. Senator Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice, on behalf of **Syed Naveed Qamar**, Minister for Commerce, moved that the Bill to provide for the establishment of a comprehensive regime in Pakistan for the swift and effective resolution of disputes relating to the export and import of goods and services including import and export through e-commerce [The Trade Dispute Resolution Bill, 2023], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- 1. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani**, spoke regarding a report published in The Reuters with reference to Ministry of Finance's statement regarding rollover of 2 billion dollars loan from China.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance.

- 2. Senator Tahir Bizinjo**, spoke regarding Census.

After hearing the Member, The Chairman Senate issued directions to write a letter to the Secretary Interior for extension in digital census in Balochistan.

- 3. Senator Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur**, spoke regarding Political Victimization and Respect for women.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad

- 4. Senator Sarfaraz Ahmed Bugti**, spoke regarding rehabilitation of Kachhi Canal in Balochistan.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman Senate referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.

- 5. Senator Dost Muhammad Khan**, spoke regarding current political situation in the country.

At 12:32 p.m. the Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday , 3rd April, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

**Islamabad, the
31st March, 2023.**