# SENATE OF PAKISTAN DAILY JOURNAL (327<sup>th</sup> SESSION)

Date and Day	4 <sup>th</sup> April 2023, (Tuesday)
Commenced at	11:00 a.m.
Adjourned at	12:18 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	51
Total Working Hours	1hours and 18minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

#### **LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

# <u>SPECIAL REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:</u> [Under Rule 193]

1. Senator Walid Iqbal, Chairman, Standing Committee on Human Rights, presented a special report of the Committee regarding "Consolidation of Bills proposing amendments in or repeal of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018 in order to provide a comprehensive law for protection, relief and rehabilitation of rights of the khunsa (intersex) persons and their welfare in line with Shariah and the Constitutional guarantees.

# The Report stood laid.

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

**2. Senator Walid Iqbal,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Human Rights, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018 [The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 2021], introduced by Senator Mushtaq Ahmad on 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

#### The Report stood laid.

**3. Senator Walid Iqbal,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Human Rights, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018 [The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Fawzia Arshad on 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2022.

**4. Senator Walid Iqbal,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Human Rights, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018 [The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Mohsin Aziz on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022.

### The Report stood laid.

**5. Senator Walid Iqbal,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Human Rights, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018 [The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022.

#### The Report stood laid.

**6. Senator Walid Iqbal,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Human Rights, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2018 [The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senators Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Atta-Ur-Rehman, Molvi Faiz Muhammad and Kamran Murtaza on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022.

# The Report stood laid.

**7. Senator Walid Iqbal,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Human Rights, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for protection, relief and rehabilitation of rights of the khunsa persons and their welfare and for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto [The Khunsa Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Mushtag Ahmad on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022.

#### The Report stood laid.

**8. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Special Technology Zones Authority Act, 2021 [The Special Technology Zones Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir, on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

# The Report stood laid.

**9. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Civil Servants Act, 1973 [The Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Dr. Afnan Ullah Khan, on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022.

**10. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 [The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Kauda Babar on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2022.

# The Report stood laid.

**11. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the management and regulation of Tosha Khana [The Tosha Khana (Management and Regulation) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi, on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022.

#### The Report stood laid.

**12. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the National Disaster Management Act, 2010 [The National Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Seemee Ezdi, on 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.

#### The Report stood laid.

**13. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Federal Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance Act, 1969 [The Federal Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2022].

# The Report stood laid.

**14. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony, presented 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].

#### The Report stood laid.

**15. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad,** on behalf of **Senator Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddiqui,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2012 [The Right to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Fawzia Arshad on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022.

**16. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Defence, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to establish the National University of Pakistan [The National University of Pakistan Bill, 2023].

### The Report stood laid.

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

**1. Senator Zeeshan Khan Zada,** Chairpman, Standing Committee on Commerce, presented report of the Committee on the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) proposed by the Ministry of Commerce 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 Mohsin Aziz,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) proposed by the Ministry of Interior 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 Mohsin Aziz on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance and Revenue, presented report of the Committee on the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) proposed by the Ministry of Finance and Revenue 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.

**4. Senator Syed Ali Zafar,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) proposed by the Ministry of Law and Justice 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.

**5. Senator Hidayatullah Khan,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Housing and Works, presented report of the Committee on the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) proposed by the Ministry of Housing and Works 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.

**6. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo**, on behalf of **Senator Farooq H. Naek**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, presented report of the Committee on the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) proposed by the Ministry of Foreign 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.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

#### **BILL AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

1. Senator Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice, on behalf of Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah, Minister for Water Resources, moved that the Bill to amend the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources Act, 2007 [The Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (Amendment) Bill, 2023], 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 Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice, on behalf of Syed Khursheed Ahmed Shah, Minister for Water Resources, moved that the Bill to amend the Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources Act, 2007 [The Pakistan Council of Research in Water Resources (Amendment) Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

#### **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES**

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz, on behalf of and Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman, drew attention of the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training towards inappropriate/obscene material in O-level syllabus from the Course Book Sociology under the chapter "The Family" its sub heading "Same Sex Family".

Both movers spoke on the issue.

Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, responded the issue.

#### Calling Attention notice was Disposed off

**2. Senator Kamran Murtaza,** drew attention of the Minister for Communications towards the issue of severe traffic jams in Abbottabad city due to non-construction of flyovers and underpasses and not resolving the matter of land acquisition for the project of widening and rehabilitation of existing N-35 (Karakoram Highway) passing through Abbottabad city.

Senator Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice, responded the issue.

**Calling Attention notice was Disposed off** 

# **POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

**1. Senator Naseema Ehsan,** spoke regarding the use of professional indulgence by security personnel in personal matters.

At 12:18 p.m. the Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Islamabad, the 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2023.