SENATE OF PAKISTAN DAILY JOURNAL (327th SESSION)

Date and Day	7 th April 2023, (Friday)
Commenced at	10:30 a.m.
Adjourned at	12:26 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	56
Total Working Hours	1hours and 56minutes

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 Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi, on behalf of Senator Mohammad Abdul Qadir, Chairman, Standing Committee on Petroleum, 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 Petroleum Act, 1934 [The Petroleum (Amendment) Bill, 2022], may be extended for a period of sixty days with effect from 4th April, 2023.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

2. Senator Fawzia Arshad on behalf of Senator Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddiqui, Chairman, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, 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 provide for establishment of the University of Management and Technology Lahore [The University of Management and Technology Lahore Bill, 2023], introduced by Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim on 6th February, 2023, may be extended for a period of sixty days with effect from 6th April, 2023.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

3. Senator Fawzia Arshad on behalf of Senator Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddiqui, Chairman, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, 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 provide for establishment of the Orient Institute of Science and Technology, Gwadar [The Orient Institute of Science and Technology, Gwadar Bill, 2023], introduced by Senators Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Kauda Babar and Naseebullah Bazai on 6th February, 2023, may be extended for a period of sixty days with effect from 6th April, 2023.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

4. Senator Fawzia Arshad on behalf of Senator Irfan-UI-Haque Siddiqui, Chairman, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, 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 provide for the establishment of the International Institute of Technology, Culture and Health Sciences [The International Institute of Technology, Culture and Health Sciences Bill, 2022], introduced by Senators Kamran Murtaza, and Fawzia Arshad on 6th February, 2023, may be extended for a period of sixty days with effect from 6th April, 2023.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

Senator Naseebullah Bazai, Chairman, Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, 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 Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Act, 1991 [The Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal (Amendment) Bill, 2022], introduced by Senator Sania Nishtar on 10th October, 2022, may be extended for a period of sixty days with effect from 10th April, 2023.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

6. Senator Naseebullah Bazai, Chairman, Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, 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 subject matter of Starred Question No. 29,regarding details of funds under Ehsaas Kafalat Program in Balochistan during the last three years indicating number of beneficiaries and allocation of funds (district-wise breakup), asked by Senator Danesh Kumar on 13th January, 2023, may be extended for a period of forty-five days with effect from 14th April, 2023.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

7. Senator Naseema Ehsan, on behalf of Senator Kauda Babar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Information Technology and Telecommunication, 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

subject matter of Starred Question No. 42, regarding the year-wise details of total funds available and spend by the Universal Service Fund (USF), asked by Senator Kamran Murtaza on 31^{st} January, 2023, may be extended for a period of sixty days with effect from 1^{st} April, 2023.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

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

1. Senator Fawzia Arshad, 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 to provide for the establishment of Pir Roshaan Institute of Progressive Sciences and Technologies, Miranshah, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa [The Pir Roshaan Institute of Progressive Sciences and Technologies, Miranshah Bill, 2023].

The Report stood laid.

2. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi, on behalf of **Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Defence, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to territorial sea and maritime zones of Pakistan [The Pakistan Maritime Zones Bill, 2023].

The Report stood laid.

3. Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani, on behalf of **Senator Khalida Ateeb,** Chairperson, Standing Committee on Industries and Production, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Export Processing Zones Authority Ordinance, 1980 [The Export Processing Zones Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023]. Introduce by Senators Faisal Saleem Rehman, Dilawar Khan, Manzoor Ahmed and Hidayat Ullah on 3rd April, 2023.

The Report stood laid.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE-PRESENTATION OF: [Under Rule 166 (7)]

1. Senator Naseebullah Bazai, on behalf of Senator Muhammad Qasim, Chairman, Standing Committee on Railways, presented report of the Committee on the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) proposed by the Ministry of Railway 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

BILLS AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, on behalf of **Khawaja Muhammad Asif**, Minister for Defence, to moved that the Bill to establish the National University of Pakistan [The National University of Pakistan 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. Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, on behalf of **Khawaja Muhammad Asif,** Minister for Defence, moved that the Bill to establish the National University of Pakistan [The National University of Pakistan Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

3. Senator Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice, on behalf of Mufti Abdul Shakoor, Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, moved that 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], 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 Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice, on behalf of Mufti Abdul Shakoor, Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, moved that 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], be passed.

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

5. Senator Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice, on behalf of Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, moved that 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], 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.

6. Senator Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice, on behalf of **Mr. Murtaza Javed Abbasi**, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, to moved that the Bill further amend the Federal Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance Act, 1969 [The Federal Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2022], be passed.

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

7. Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, moved that the Bill to provide for the establishment of Pir Roshaan Institute of Progressive Sciences and Technologies, Miranshah, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa [The Pir Roshaan Institute of Progressive Sciences and Technologies, Miranshah 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.

8. Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, moved that the Bill to provide for the establishment of Pir Roshaan Institute of Progressive Sciences and Technologies, Miranshah, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa [The Pir Roshaan Institute of Progressive Sciences and Technologies, Miranshah Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

1. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader Of The Opposition, on behalf of Senators Mohsin Aziz, Kamran Murtaza, Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur And Mushahid Hussain Sayed, drew attention of the Minister for water Resources, towards a notice which has been served by India on Government of Pakistan through the Indus Water Commission on 25th January, 2023 for revision of the Indus Water Treaty.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

- 1. Senator Kamran Murtaza
- 2. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed

Senator Sherry Rehman Minister for Climate Change, responded the issue.

Calling Attention notice was Disposed off

2. Senator Engr. Rukhsana Zuberi, , drew attention of the Minister for Law and Justice, towards the pending cases/backlog in Supreme Court/ High Courts and steps taken by the Government for speedy disposal of such cases.

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

Calling Attention notice was Disposed off

RESOLUTION

1. Senator Sania Nishtar, moved the following

"The Senate of Pakistan acknowledges the significant of the World Health Day in promoting global health awareness. Commemorating this day that marks the founding of the World Health Organization in 1948, as the World's only Universal membership multi-lateral agency in health and congratulates the World Health Organization on its 75th anniversary.

The House recognizes WHO's critical role in advancing health globally by promoting health, improving disease prevention and care, addressing health disparities and advocating for investments in strong and sustainable health systems to achieve better health outcomes for all. The House recognizes that Health care remains the top priority agenda in the social sector including environmental protection and Economic development.

The House emphasizes that cause of development in the Country cannot be realized without taking steps towards building a healthy nation. The House further expresses concern that the significant size of the Country's population that could be contributing to the development and progress has limited access to better health care facilities.

The House calls upon all Stake Holders including The Senate of Pakistan to work tirelessly to augment the country's health infra-structure with the focus on quality and affordable health care for our citizens. And, finally the House demands that the Government of Pakistan leverage technical expertise from the World Health Organization and other International Health Institutions to enhance the Country's reediness from outbreaks and emergencies.

To both to the Country's capacity to deliver on sustainable development goal 03 including its Universal health coverage target to deal with climate change related health risks in better ways and improves Pakistan's prospects of realizing the right to health across all segments of the society."

The Resolution was put to the House and adopted.

PRIVILEGE MOTION

1. Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan, spoke regarding his illegal arrest in Multan.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman Senate referred the said matter to Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- **1. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the Opposition,** spoke regarding the current political situation, verdict of the apex court and conduct of elections in the country.
- **2. Senator Fawzia Arshad,** spoke regarding the shortage of water supply in Islamabad.

After hearing the Member, The Chairman Senate directed to Secretary Senate seek Report in this regard From Ministry of interior and planning.

3. Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan, spoke regarding the sugar smuggling.

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

4. Senator Rana Mahmood ul Hassan, spoke regarding the process of appointments in MEPCO.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman Senate said to the Senator Saifullah Abro take up the matter in Committee.

- 5. **Senator Mushtaq Ahmed,** spoke regarding the Israeli terrorism in Masjid Aqsa.
- **6. Senator Saifullah Abro,** spoke regarding the murder of Professor Ajmal Sawan in Kandkot, Sindh.
- **7. Senator Saifullah Abro,** spoke regarding the kidnapping of Nabeela Khawar from Larkana.

After hearing the Member, The Chairman Senate directed to Secretary Senate seek Report in this regard.

At 12:26 p.m. the Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, 10th April, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Islamabad, the 7th April, 2023.