

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	10 April 2023, (Monday)
Commenced at	11:00 a.m.
Adjourned at	02:10 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	72
Total Working Hours	3hours and 10minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED

1. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Factories Act, 1934 [The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

The Motion was deferred. Senator and Minister agreed to hold discussion prior to the introduction of Bill.

2. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act, 2021 [The Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

Following Member also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri

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

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 Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023]. **(Insertion of new section 376B in PPC and subsequent amendment in Schedule-II of Cr.PC).**

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

4. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, on her behalf of **Senators Samina Mumtaz Zehri And,** moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal

Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023]. **(Insertion of new sections 52B, 52C and 52D in PPC and subsequent amendments in Schedule-II of Cr.PC).**

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 National Disaster Management Act, 2010 [The National Disaster Management (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 National Disaster Management Act, 2010 [The National Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2022], be passed.

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

3. Senator Hidayat Ullah, on behalf of **Senators Faisal Saleem Rehman, Dilawar Khan, Manzoor Ahmed**, moved that the Bill further to amend the Export Processing Zones Authority Ordinance, 1980 [The Export Processing Zones Authority (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.

4. Senator Hidayat Ullah, on behalf of **Senators Faisal Saleem Rehman, Dilawar Khan, Manzoor Ahmed**, moved that the Bill further to amend the Export Processing Zones Authority Ordinance, 1980 [The Export Processing Zones Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

5. Senator Seemee Ezdi, moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 [The Pakistan Environmental Protection (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.

6. Senator Seemee Ezdi, moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997 [The Pakistan Environmental Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

7. Senator Seemee Ezdi, moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

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

The Motion was put to the House and bill was re-referred to the Standing Committee concerned on request of Minister of State for Law & Justice.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 263]

1. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo, moved under 263 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Senate 2012 that the requirements of rules 29 and 30 of said rules be dispensed with in order to enable the House to consider a resolution regarding spirit of Article 280 and 224 and resolving that general elections be held together across the country.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Senator Sania Nishtar, on behalf of **Senators Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader Of The Opposition, Sania Nishtar, Kamil Ali Agha, Samina Mumtaz Zehri, Seemee Ezdi, Faisal Saleem Rehman, Mohammad Humayun Mohmand, Mohsin Aziz, Faisal Javed, Fida Muhammad, Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani, Dost Muhammad Khan, Liaqat Khan Tarakai, Walid Iqbal, Zeeshan Khan Zada, Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur, Falak Naz, Gurdeep Singh, Fawzia Arshad, Aon Abbas, Ejaz Ahmad Chaudhary, Syed Ali Zafar And Saifullah Abro**, moved the following resolution:-

“The Senate of Pakistan recalls Article 37(a) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan which stipulates that the State shall promote, with special care, the educational and economic interests of backward classes or areas.

The Senate of Pakistan further recalls Article 38(a) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan which stipulates that the State shall secure the well-being of people, irrespective of sex, cast, creed, or race by raising their standard of living.

The House recognizes that Pakistan currently faces unprecedented food inflation, which is crippling for working class families, who are struggling to maintain their current standard of living and require government support.

The House further recognizes that the Ehsaas Roshan Riayat program was end-to-end digitized, and helped create a digital ecosystem, connecting 15,000 merchants through a Mobile Point of Sale/Point of Sale, National Bank of Pakistan as core service provider, BISP as the repository of socioeconomic data and Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety as the primary program owner.

This House demands that the Federal Government, through the Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, re-start the Federal Ehsaas Roshan Riayat Program.

The House also demands that the Federal Government aim to collaborate with the governments of each province and federating units to devise a cost-sharing mechanism, whereby both the Provincial and Federal Governments each contribute funds to the program.

Following Member also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the Opposition

Ms. Shazia Marri, Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety responded the issued.

The Resolution was rejected.

2. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo, on behalf of Senators Shafique Tareen, Manzoor Kakar, Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Hidayat Ullah Khan, Behramand Khan Tangi, Taj Haider, Faisal Sabzwari, Rana Maqbool Ahmad, Muhammad Qasim and Dilawar Khan , moved the following resolution:-

“The House firmly believes that political stability is immanent for economic stability. This House is of the opinion that, according to the spirit of Article 218, the general elections to all the assemblies must be held simultaneously on time under neutral caretaker set ups under Article 224 with a view to bring true political and economic stability to the country.

Holding separate elections in Punjab, the largest federating unit having more than 50 per cent National Assembly seats, will inevitably influence the outcome of the general elections to the National Assembly seat in Punjab. As such it will trample upon the smaller provinces role in the Federation.

This House therefore resolves that General Elections to the National Assembly and all Provincial Assemblies be held together for strengthening the Federation.”

The Resolution passed by the House unanimously.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 218]

1. Senator Taj Haider, moved that this House may discuss failure to tap into true potential of Thar Coal inordinate delay in construction of second transmission line and Islamkot-Chor Railway line that has left national grid deprived of affordable electricity and many coal power plants reliant on expensive imported coal.

Following Member also spoke on the issue:-

1. Mr. Khurram Dastgir Khan, Minister of Power
2. Senator Dr. Shahzad Waseem, Leader of the Opposition

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

The Motion was talked out

2. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, to move that this House may discuss the steps that can be taken to transform debt-ridden PIA into a robust and profitable organization capable of running its operations without any reliance on government's subsidy and in accordance with successful international model.

The Motion was deferred

3. Senator Sania Nishtar, to move that this House may discuss the need to revamp the performance and incentive management system for public sector employees.

The Motion was deferred

4. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi, to move that this House may discuss the re-organization/re-structuring plan of Pakistan Steel Mills (PSM).

The Motion was deferred

5. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, to move that this House may discuss marked increase in human trafficking, domestic as well as international, especially in relation to women and children and steps taken by the Government to address the issue.

Mr. Abdul Rehman Khan Kanju, Minister of State for Interior responded the issued.

The Motion was disposed of.

LAI D A COPY OF THE MONEY BILL

1. Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance and Revenue, laid before the Senate a copy of the Money Bill to charge the sums upon the Federal Consolidated Fund [The Charged Sums for General Election (Provincial Assemblies of the Punjab and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa) Bill, 2023], as required under Article 73 of the Constitution.

The Money Bill stood laid.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- 1. Senator Mohsin Aziz**, spoke regarding the upholding of the Constitution.
- 2. Senator Manzoor Ahmed**, spoke regarding the pertaining to conduct of General Elections across the country at one time.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Faisal Javed

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

- 3. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo**, spoke regarding the financial crisis being faced by the educational institutions in Balochistan.
- 4. Senator Aon Abbas**, spoke regarding the holding of general elections in Punjab and KP and upholding of the Constitution.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Dr. Muhammad Humayun Mohmand
2. Senator Saifullah Abro
3. Senator Manzoor Ahmed
4. Senator Afnan Ullah Khan

At 02:10 p.m. the Chairman Senate read out the prorogation order received from the President.

**Islamabad, the
10th April, 2023.**