SENATE OF PAKISTAN DAILY JOURNAL (331st SESSION)

Date and Day	4 th August 2023, (Friday)
Commenced at	10:37 a.m.
Adjourned at	04:52 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	55
Total Working Hours	5hours and 12 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 194(1)]

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz, on h 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 subject matter of Starred Question No. 3, asked by Senator Mushtaq Ahmed on 4th April, 2023, regarding rates of import of LPG and the taxes imposed on the same, may be extended for a period of sixty days with effect from 31st July, 2023.

The Motion was put to the House and Adopted.

2. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, 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 Official Secrets Act, 1923 [The Official Secrets (Amendment) Bill, 2023], may be extended for a period of four days with effect from 3rd August, 2023.

The Motion was put to the House and Adopted.

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

1. Senator Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddiqui, Chairman, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, to present report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 [The Higher Education Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

- 1.Senator Mian Raza Rabbani
- 2. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice
- 3. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed

- 4. Senator Kamran Murtaza
- 5. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
- **2. Senator Irfan-Ul-Haque Siddiqui,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to amend the Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences and Technology, Islamabad Ordinance, 2002 [The Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences and Technology, Islamabad (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

The Report stood laid.

3. 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 National Skills University Islamabad Act, 2018 [The National Skills University Islamabad (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

The Report stood laid.

4. Senator Taj Haider, Chairman, Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for Establishment of one stop service for investors in special economic zones and the country, in general [The One Stop Service Bill, 2023].

The Report stood laid.

5. Senator Zeeshan Khan Zada, Chairman, Standing Committee on Commerce, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1950 [The Imports and Exports (Control (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

The Report stood laid.

6. Senator Zeeshan Khan Zada, Chairman, Standing Committee on Commerce, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Trade Marks Ordinance, 2001 [The Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

The Report stood laid.

7. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Chairman, Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony, presented report of the Committee on the Bill for regulating and managing the Hajj and Umrah [The Hajj and Umrah (Regulation) Bill, 2023].

The Report stood laid.

8. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Chairman, Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to regulate the system of moon sighting for commencement of Islamic Hijri calendar months [The Pakistan Ruet-e-Hilal Bill, 2023].

The Report stood laid.

9. Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Danesh Kumar on 3rd April, 2023, regarding incidents of target killing of members of minority communities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in general and incident of killing of Mr. Dyal Singh, member of Sikh community in Peshawar in particular.

The Report stood laid.

BILL TO INTRODUCED

1. Khawaja Saad Rafique, Minister for Aviation, introduced the Bill further to amend the Pakistan International Airline Corporation (Conversion) Act, 2016 [The Pakistan International Airline Corporation (Conversion) (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Leader of the House,

The Motion was put to the House. The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

MOTION

[Under Rule 263]

1. SENATOR MUHAMMAD ISHAQ DAR, Leader of the House, moved under Rule 263 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate 2012, that the requirement of sub-rule (2) of rule 99 of the said Rules, be dispensed with in order to take into consideration at once the Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences and Technology, Islamabad (Amendment) Bill, 2023, as reported by the Standing Committee.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

BILLS AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEES

2. Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Leader of the House, on behalf of Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, moved that the Bill to amend the Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences and Technology, Islamabad Ordinance, 2002 [The Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences and Technology, Islamabad (Amendment) Bill, 2023], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

3. Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Leader of the House, on behalf of Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, moved that the Bill to amend the Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences and Technology, Islamabad Ordinance, 2002 [The Federal Urdu University of Arts, Sciences and Technology, Islamabad (Amendment) Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

4. Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Leader of the House, on behalf of **Rana Tanveer Hussain,** Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, move that the Bill further to amend the National Skills University Islamabad Act, 2018 [The National Skills University Islamabad (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.

5. Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Leader of the House, on behalf of **Rana Tanveer Hussain,** Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, moved that the Bill further to amend the National Skills University Islamabad Act, 2018 [The National Skills University Islamabad (Amendment) Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

6. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice, On behalf of **Syed Naveed Qamar,** Minister for Commerce, moved that the Bill further to amend the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1950 [The Imports and Exports (Control) (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.

7. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice, On behalf of Syed Naveed Qamar, Minister for Commerce, moved that the Bill further to amend the Imports and Exports (Control) Act, 1950 [The Imports and Exports (Control) (Amendment) Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

8. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice, On behalf of **Syed Naveed Qamar,** Minister for Commerce, moved that the Bill further to amend the Trade Marks Ordinance, 2001 [The Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill, 2023], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

9. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice, On behalf of **Syed Naveed Qamar,** Minister for Commerce, moved that the Bill further to amend the Trade Marks Ordinance, 2001 [The Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

10. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood, Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, moved that the Bill for regulating and managing the Hajj and Umrah [The Hajj and Umrah (Regulation) 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.

11. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood, Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, moved that the Bill for regulating and managing the Hajj and Umrah [The Hajj and Umrah (Regulation) Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

12. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood, Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, moved that the Bill to regulate the system of moon sighting for commencement of Islamic Hijri calendar months [The Pakistan Ruet-e-Hilal 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.

13. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood, Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, moved that the Bill to regulate the system of moon sighting for commencement of Islamic Hijri calendar months [The Pakistan Ruet-e-Hilal Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

14. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice, On behalf of Mr. Sajid Hussain Turi, Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, moved that the Bill further to amend the Emigration Ordinance, 1979 [The Emigration (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.

15. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice, On behalf of **Mr. Sajid Hussain Turi,** Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, moved that the Bill further to amend the Emigration Ordinance, 1979 [The Emigration (Amendment) Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

At 12:47 p.m Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House for One hour and Forty Five minutes for Namaz-e-Jummah.

BILLS AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

1. Hina Rabbani Khar, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, on behalf of Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Minister for Foreign Affairs, moved that the Bill to establish National Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism Authority in Pakistan [The National Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism Authority Bill, 2023], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

- 1. Senator Syed Yousuf Raza Gillani
- 2. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice,
- 3. Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Leader of the House,
- 4. Senator Mohsin Aziz

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

2. Hina Rabbani Khar, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, on behalf of Mr. Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, Minister for Foreign Affairs, moved that the Bill to establish National Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism Authority in Pakistan [The National Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Financing of Terrorism Authority Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

3. Hina Rabbani Khar, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, on behalf of Mr. Bilawal bhutto zardari, Minister for Foreign Affairs moved that the Bill to give effect to the Convention on abolishing the requirement of legalization for the foreign public documents [The Apostille Bill, 2023], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.

The Motion was put to the House. The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

4. Mr. Khurram dastgir khan, Minister for Energy moved that the Bill to amend the Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) Act, 2016 [The Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) (Amendment) Bill, 2023], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.

5. Mr. Khurram dastgir khan, Minister for Energy moved that the Bill to amend the Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) Act, 2016 [The Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) (Amendment) Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

6. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice, On behalf of **Ms. Shazia Marri,** Minister for Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, moved that the Bill further to amend the Zakat and Ushr Ordinance, 1980 [The Zakat and Ushr (Amendment) Bill, 2023], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.

The Motion was put to the House. The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

7. **Ms. Maryam Aurangzaib,** Minister for Information and Broadcasting, moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 [The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2023], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

- 1. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
- 2. Senator Muhammad Ishaq

The Motion was put to the House. The Bill introduced and referred to Standing Committee concerned.

8. Ms. Maryam Aurangzaib, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, moved that the Bill further to amend the Press Council of Pakistan Ordinance, 2002 [The Press Council of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2023], as passed by the National Assembly, 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.

9. Ms. Maryam Aurangzaib, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, moved that the Bill further to amend the Press Council of Pakistan Ordinance, 2002 [The Press Council of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

10. Ms. Maryam Aurangzaib, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, moved that the Bill to amend the Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals Act, 2021 [The Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals (Amendment) Bill, 2023], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.

11. Ms. Maryam Aurangzaib, Minister for Information and Broadcasting to move that the Bill to amend the Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals Act, 2021 [The Protection of Journalists and Media Professionals (Amendment) Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

- 1. Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand
- 2. Senator Raza Rabbani
- 3. Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui

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

12. Ms. Maryam Aurangzaib, Minister for Information and Broadcasting ,moved that the Bill to amend the Press, Newspapers, News Agencies and Books Registration Ordinance, 2002 [The Press, Newspapers, News Agencies and Books Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2023], as passed by the National Assembly, 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.

13. Ms. Maryam Aurangzaib, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, moved that the Bill to amend the Press, Newspapers, News Agencies and Books Registration Ordinance, 2002 [The Press, Newspapers, News Agencies and Books Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

14. Mr. Ehsan-Ur-Rehman Mazari, Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination, moved that the Bill to provide for the establishment, administration and management of the affairs of the Gun and Country Club in Islamabad [The Gun and Country Club Bill, 2023], as passed by the National Assembly, 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.

15. Mr. Ehsan-Ur-Rehman Mazari, Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination, move that the Bill to provide for the establishment, administration and management of the affairs of the Gun and Country Club in Islamabad [The Gun and Country Club Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

At 03:17 p.m the opposition walked out of the proceedings.

Senator Dost Muhammad Khan pointed out the quorum and the count was made but the House was not in order, so the bells were rung for five minutes and count was made again and the House was found in order.

At 3:24 p.m Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House for tenminutes

The House was not in order, so the bells were rung for Two minutes 16. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice, on behalf of Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary, Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, moved that the Bill to provide for the establishment of National Logistics Corporation [The National Logistics Corporation Bill, 2023], as passed by the National Assembly, 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.

17. Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for Law and Justice, on behalf of Mr. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary, Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, moved that the Bill to provide for the establishment of National Logistics Corporation [The National Logistics Corporation Bill, 2023], be passed.

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

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

1. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad, drew attention of the Minister for National Health Services Regulations and Coordination towards the recent malfunctioning of AC system in PIMS Hospital resulting in death of patients in emergency department.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Fawzia Arshad

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

The Calling Attention Notice was disposed off.

2. Senator Danesh Kumar, drew attention of the Minister for Communications towards a matter of an utmost importance relating to the deterioration of highways after floods in Balochistan, specially the 'Pinjra Pul', district Bolan and 'Hub Pul', that connects district Hub to Karachi, got completely damaged last year and despite spending millions of rupees by the National Highway Authority the reconstruction could not be completed; as a result of corruption and poor planning both of these bridges got washed away once again in just slight rainfall and in a usual flow of water, as a result the human lives in Balochistan are very badly affected

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

The Calling Attention Notice was disposed off.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Mina Raza Rabbani, spoke regarding the CCI meeting for the approval of Census, 2023.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

- 1. Senator Shahadat Awan, Minister of State for Law and Justice
- 2. Senator Sherry Rehman

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

- **2. Senator Umer Farooq,** spoke regarding the issue of load shedding and disruption of road infrastructure in Balochistan.
- **3. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen,** spoke regarding the irregularities in the process of appointment in PSQCA.
- **4. Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi,** spoke regarding the negligence of NHA with respect to Highways in Sindh and Balochistan, b) torture of a girl by the wife a Session Judege.
- **5. Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman,** spoke regarding the non-payment of compensation to the affectees of the Mohmand Dam project.

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

6. Senator Hidayat Ullah Khan, spoke regarding the law and order situation in the country particularly Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

At 04:52 p.m. the Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Sunday, 6th August, 2023, at 12.00 noon

Islamabad, the 4th August, 2023.