SENATE OF PAKISTAN DAILY JOURNAL (334th SESSION)

Date and Day	1 st January 2024, (Monday)
Commenced at	02:35 p.m.
Adjourned at	05:43 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	43
Total Working Hours	1hours and 52minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

BILLS TO INTRODUCED

1. **Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri,** moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 [The Prevention of Electronic Crimes (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

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

2. Senator Fawzia Arshad, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860, the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 and the Qanun-e-Shahadat Order, 1984 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023]. (Amendment of sections 84, 89, 90, 98, 108, 306, 308, 310, 313, 337M, 337O, 361, 376A, 464 and 491 of the PPC 1860. Amendment of sections 198, 199, 199A, 345, 468, 470, 471, 473, 474, 475 and substitution of sections 464, 465, 466, 469, scheduled II of Cr PC, 1898 and amendment of Articles 2, 59, 121 of the Qanun-e-Shahadat, 1984).

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 Kauda Babar, on behalf of Senators Manzoor Ahmed, Naseebullah Bazai And Sana Jamali, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2024]. (Amendment of Article 51)

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. Senators Rana Mahmood UI Hassan, Umer Farooq And Mushahid Hussain Sayed, to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the establishment of Wapda University Islamabad [The Wapda University Islamabad Bill, 2023].

The Motion was deferred

5. Senator Shahadat Awan, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Act, 2022 [The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

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

6. Senator Kauda Babar, on behalf of **Senators Manzoor Ahmed, Naseebullah Bazai And Sana Jamali**, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2024]. **(Amendment of Article 106)**

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

7. Senator Shahadat Awan, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Fatal Accidents Act, 1855 [The Fatal Accidents (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

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

8. Senator Kauda Babar, on behalf of **Senator Naseebullah Bazai,** moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the establishment of National Excellence Institute [The National Excellence Institute Bill, 2024].

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

9. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking Ordinance, 2002 [The Prevention and Control of Human Trafficking (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

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

10. Senators Dilawar Khan And Manzoor Ahmed, to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the establishment of the Falcon University of Medical Sciences and Technologies [The Falcon University of Sciences and Technology Bill, 2024].

The Motion was deferred

11. Senator Shahadat Awan, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Civil Servants Act, 1973 [The Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

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

12. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Guardians and Wards Act, 1890 [The Guardians and Wards (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

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

13. Senator Shahadat Awan, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Service Tribunals Act, 1973 [The Service Tribunals (Amendment) Bill, 2023]. **(Amendment of section 4)**

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

14. Senator Shahadat Awan, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the General Clauses Act, 1897 [The General Clauses (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

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

15. Senator Shahadat Awan, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2023]. (Insertion of new sections 59A, 431A, amendment of sections 154 and 431 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.

16. Senator Shahadat Awan, 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 297A in the 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.

17. Senator Shahadat Awan, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Service Tribunals Act, 1973 [The Service Tribunals (Amendment) Bill, 2023]. (Amendment of section 3)

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

18. Senator Shahadat Awan, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Act, 2017 [The Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

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

19. Senator Shahadat Awan, moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the safety standards on the watersides of canals, dams, lakes and rivers in the Islamabad Capital Territory which are currently ineffective and are required to be improved and regulated to avoid unfortunate incidents of drowning [The Islamabad Capital Territory Watersides Safety Bill, 2023].

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

20. Senator Shahadat Awan, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Higher Education Commission Ordinance, 2002 [The Higher Education Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

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

21. Senator Shahadat Awan, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Nursing Council Act, 1973 [The Pakistan Nursing Council (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

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

22. Senator Shahadat Awan, 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]. (Amendment of sections 292, 293 and 294 of 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.

23. Senator Shahadat Awan, moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2023]. **(Amendment of sections 513 and 514 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.

24. Mr. Murtaza Solangi, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, on behalf of **Ms. Shamshad Akhtar,** Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, introduced a Bill further to amend the Banking Companies Ordinance, 1962 [The Banking Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

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

25. Mr. Murtaza Solangi, Minister for Information and Broadcasting, on behalf of **Ms. Shamshad Akhtar,** Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, introduced a Bill to amend the Deposit Protection Corporation Act, 2016 [The Deposit Protection Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2023].

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

RESOLUTIONS

1. Senator Seemee Ezdi, to move the following resolution:-

"Noting the recommendations presented in IMF's recent report on public investment of Pakistan indicating that Pakistan's economy is going to be affected @ 9% by natural disasters;

Acknowledging that Pakistan is among the countries more likely to be effected by the climate change as manifested in the shape of floods in 2022;

Observing that since 2000, Pakistan has been facing an estimated annual loss of over \$2 billion due to the climate changes; around 500 people are being killed, over four million people being affected and agriculture and other infrastructure destroyed in the country;

The Senate of Pakistan, therefore, recommends that the Government should prioritize climate change projects in its development Budget and allocate sufficient funds for climate change adaptation and preparedness in this regard."

The Resolution was deferred

2. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi, moved the following resolution:-

"Cognizant of the huge sacrifices of Armed forces and other security agencies in the war against terror and for the Defence and protection of the country's borders;

Acknowledging the fact that strong army and other security agencies is indispensable for the Defence of the country especially in view of the hostile neighborhood;

Expressing deep concern on the negative and malicious propaganda against the armed forces and other security agencies on various social media platforms;

The Senate of Pakistan, therefore, recommends to the Government to take necessary steps to award severe punishment including disqualification for any public office for ten years for all those found involved in negative and malicious propaganda against the armed forces and other security agencies of Pakistan."

The Resolution passed by the House unanimously.

3. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, moved the following resolution:-

"Recognizing the increasing usage of hard drugs such as heroin, cocaine ecstasy pills, shisha, cannabis (charas), imjected drugs and alcohol by university students at the university campuses;

Noting that the hostelized students are more frequent drug users as compared to non-hostellers inside the university campuses;

Further noting that there are almost nine million drug addicts in the country including two million of them between the age of 15 to 25 years, this issue is resulting in serious social and health implications for the country;

The Senate of Pakistan, therefore, recommends that the Government should take immediate steps:

- i. to cater to the needs of all students with diverse cultural backgrounds and to reform the higher education curriculum to apprise students of the consequences and risks of drug usage; and
- ii to devise a monitoring mechanism in all the universities for enforcement of the 'Policy on Drug and Tobacco Abuse in Higher Education Institutions 2021' in letter and spirit."

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, responded the issue.

The Resolution passed by the House unanimously.

MOTIONS [Under Rule 218]

1. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri, moved that this House may discuss the need to devise and launch technical training programs for the youth of Balochistan to equip them with advanced skills to secure employment opportunities worldwide as well as in the proposed FDI projects in the province including CPEC projects.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

- 1. Senator Professor Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani
- 2. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed
- 3. Senator Sania Nishtar

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi, Federal Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, responded the issue.

The motion was talked out.

2. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo, moved that this House may discuss the reasons of under development of Balochistan despite tall claims of successive Governments to develop Balochistan under the CPEC and other FDI projects.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Taj Haider

Mr. Sami Saeed, Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, responded the issue.

The motion was talked out.

3. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, moved that this House may discuss opportunities of getting economic benefits and earning precious foreign exchange through export of pink salt after value addition in the country.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani

Mr. Sami Saeed, Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, responded the issue.

The motion was talked out.

4. Senator Dr. Zarqa Suharwardy Taimur, to move that this House may discuss the issue of millions of tons of plastic wastes being produced in the country annually at an increasing rate and the devastating impact of this unchecked production on our environment.

The motion was dropped.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Muhammad Akram, spoke regarding the alleged killing of Balach Baloch in Turbat by Counter Terrorism Department (CTD), Balochistan and subsequent protest/sit-in by Baloch women and children near National Press Club, Islamabad.

Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-

- 2. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri
- 3. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
- 4. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
- 5. Senator Hidayatullah Khan
- 6. Senator Muhammad Hamayun Mohmand
- 7. Senator Kamran Murtaza
- 8. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad

- 9. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed
- 10. Senator Behramand Khan Tangi
- 11. Senator Samina Mumtaz Zehri
- **2. Senator Atta Ur Rehman,** spoke regarding the deteriorating law & order situation in D.I. Khan and Tank districts.
- **3. Senator Behramand Khan Tangi,** spoke regarding the increase in load shedding of electricity despite nation wide anti-electricity theft drive.

At 05:43 p.m. the Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday, 2nd January, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

Islamabad, the 1st January, 2024.