

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
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**(334<sup>th</sup> SESSION)**

<b>Date and Day</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024, (Friday)
<b>Commenced at</b>	10:33 a.m.
<b>Adjourned at</b>	03:15 p.m.(Including one hour Namaz break)
<b>Presided by</b>	Chairman Senate
<b>Attendance</b>	46
<b>Total Working Hours</b>	4hours and 42minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

**Fateha**

The House offers "Fateha" for the departed souls of:-

- i. Ex-Senator and Ex-Federal Minister, Mr. Sartaj Aziz.

**Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-**

- 1.Senator Saadia Abbasi

**QUESTION HOUR**

Printed questions were asked and their oral replies were given by the ministers concerned.

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

**1. Senator Mohsin Aziz**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act, 2021 [The Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) (Amendment) Bill, 2023], introduced by Senator Mohammad Humayun Mohmand on 24th July, 2023.

**The Report stood laid.**

**2. Senator Mohsin Aziz**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023], introduced by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi on 24th July, 2023.

**The Report stood laid.**

**3. Senator Mohsin Aziz**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation Act, 2021 [The Islamabad Capital

Territory Charities Registration, Regulation and Facilitation (Amendment) Bill, 2023], introduced by Senator Shahadat Awan on 6th November, 2023.

**The Report stood laid.**

**4. Senator Mohsin Aziz**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Provincial Motor Vehicle Ordinance, 1965 [The Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2023], introduced by Senator Shahadat Awan on 6th November, 2023.

**The Report stood laid.**

**5. Senator Mohsin Aziz**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2023], introduced by Senator Mian Raza Rabbani on 13th November, 2023.

**The Report stood laid.**

**6. Senator Mohsin Aziz**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Societies Registration Act, 1860 [The Societies Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2023], introduced by Senators Kamran Murtaza, Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Molvi Faiz Muhammad and Atta-ur-Rehman on 7th August, 2023.

**The Report stood laid.**

**7. Senator Mohsin Aziz**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2023], introduced by Senator Fawzia Arshad on 20th November, 2023.

**The Report stood laid.**

**8. Senator Mohsin Aziz**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 [The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2023], introduced by Senator Shahadat Awan on 6th November, 2023.

**The Report stood laid.**

**CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES**

**1. Senator Zeeshan Khan Zada**, drew attention of the minister for National Food Security and Research, towards the problems being faced by the farmers due to shortage of urea fertilizer and its soaring rates.

**Mr. Murtaza Solangi, Minister for Federal Parliamentary Affairs, responded the issue.**

**Calling attention notice was disposed off.**

## **POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

- 1. Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Leader of the House,** spoke regarding the Insufficient spending on Health and Education.

### **Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-**

- 1.Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar
- 2.Senator Dilawar Khan
3. Senator Syed Ali Zafar

**After hearing the Member, The Chairman Senate said will make the Special Committee .**

- 2. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed,** spoke regarding on the Palestine-Israel conflict and recognizing the role of Hamas in Palestinian cause.
- 3. Senator Dost Muhammad Khan,** spoke regarding the grievances of internally displaced persons of FATA and Swat.

### **Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-**

- 1.Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
- 2.Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
3. Senator Muhammad Qasim
4. Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Leader of the House

- 4. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad,** spoke regarding the grievances of the Baloch protesting in the capital.

**At 12:55 p.m Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House for one Hous for Namaz-e-Jummah.**

### **Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-**

- 1.Senator Sana Jamali
- 2.Senator Kauda Babar
3. Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi

## **Motion under Rule 262**

- 1. Senator Dilawar Khan,** moved motion under Rule 262 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the requirement of Rules 25, 29, 30 and 133 of the said Rules be dispensed with in order to enable the House to discuss and pass a Resolution.

**The Motion was put to the House and Adopted.**

## Resolutions

### 1. **Senator Dilawar Khan,** moved the following resolution:-.

"Acknowledging that: The Constitution of Pakistan upholds the right to vote for every citizen of Pakistan; The constitutional duty assigned to the Election Commission of Pakistan to conduct free and fair elections is contingent upon inclusivity and ensuring the participation of all regions and people; The voter turnout in colder areas remains notably high during moderate weather conditions; January and February are recognized as the coldest months in a majority areas of Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; Various groups and political parties have expressed significant reservations regarding anticipated difficulties in ensuring the participation of residents in cold areas during the electioneering process; Noting with great concern that:-

Recent incidents, including the foiled attempts on the lives of Jamiat Ulama-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) Chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman and former MNA Mr. Mohsin Dawar, as well as threatening calls targeting the Awami National Party's Provincial Chief Mr. Aimal Wali Khan and other political figures, have raised concerns about the safety of political leaders;

The Ministry of Interior has conveyed serious threats to the lives of prominent politicians, further exacerbating the challenges faced by political parties in exercising their right to free and fair election campaigning,

There has been a marked increase in attacks on security forces and citizens claiming precious lives particularly in north-western Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan Provinces. The intelligence agencies have warned of militant attack threats on election rallies in the two provinces; Increase in attacks targeting both security forces and civilians, resulting in the loss of valuable lives, particularly in the north-western region of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan Provinces; Alerts issued by intelligence agencies, indicating imminent threats of militant attacks on election rallies within the aforementioned provinces may have potential impact on the safety of citizens and the democratic electoral process;

Cognizant of the resurgence of Covid-19 virus in the country and health sector's concerns about potential further spread; Reaffirms that while holding the judgment of the Hon'able Supreme Court of Pakistan regarding the elections date in the highest esteem for the Upper House of the Parliament, the Senate of Pakistan, being defender of the rights of all federating units, is obligated to ensure the constitutional guarantees and to alleviate fears of the smaller provinces especially vulnerable geographical territories;

#### **The Senate of Pakistan**

hereby RESOLVES that:- Conducting elections without addressing legitimate concerns, facilitating sufficient opportunities for election campaigns, and guaranteeing the safety of politicians and citizens would amount to a violation of the fundamental rights to vote and political participation, as safeguarded by the Constitution of Pakistan; The Elections scheduled for 8th February, 2024,

may be postponed to facilitate the effective participation of people from all areas of Pakistan and belonging to all political shades in the electioneering

process. This delay aims to protect and uphold their constitutional right to political participation;

The Election Commission of Pakistan is urged to promptly implement the postponement and ensure that all necessary arrangements are in place to facilitate the smooth conduct of elections on the revised date; The process of filing of nomination papers and scrutiny shall continue with the revised/extended timelines;

The Election Commission of Pakistan shall engage proactively with relevant stakeholders, political parties, and communities in order to address their concerns and foster an environment conducive to free and fair elections.

The Senate of Pakistan EXPRESSES confidence in the ability of the Election Commission of Pakistan to effectively manage and oversee the revised election schedule, ensuring the integrity and fairness of the electoral process.

**The Resolution passed by the House.**

**Following Member's also spoke on the issue:-**

- 1.Senator Afnan Ullah Khan
- 2.Senator Hidayatullah
3. Senator Manzoor Ahmed Kakar
4. Senator Kauda Babar
5. Senator Afnan Ullah Khan
6. Senator Prince Ahmed Umar Ahmedzai

**At 03:15 p.m. the Chairman read out the prorogation order received from the President.**

**Islamabad, the  
5<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.**