

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

<b>Date and Day</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> March 2024, (Friday)
<b>Commenced at</b>	10:37 a.m.
<b>Adjourned at</b>	01:47 p.m.
<b>Presided by</b>	Deputy Chairman Senate
<b>Attendance</b>	63
<b>Total Working Hours</b>	2hours and 10minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

**LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

Leave applications were read by the Deputy Chairman Senate.

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

**1. Senator Zeeshan Khanzada**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Commerce, presented report of the Committee for the period from March, 2021 to March, 2024.

**The Report stood laid.**

**RESOLUTION**

**1. Senator Seemee Ezdi**, on behalf of **Senator Sania Nishtar and Sana Jamali** moved the following resolution:-

“Emphasizing the importance of Gender Equality Through Economic Empowerment, as highlighted by the theme for International Women’s Day, consistent with the priority theme of the UN 68th Commission on the Status of Women aimed at advancing economic inclusion for women and girls globally;

Recognizing the persistent disparities and challenges faced by women and girls worldwide, including but not limited to economic, social and political barriers that hinder their full participation and contribution to society;

The Senate of Pakistan recommends that the Government should take measures to ensure and enhance women economic inclusion, including but not limited to,-

- i) Enhancing recruitment, retention and development opportunities for female talent through effective education and skills programs;
- ii) Facilitating support mechanisms for women and girls to access leadership, decision-making roles, entrepreneurship and STEM fields

through strategic planning and educational reforms;

iii) Investing in infrastructure that caters to the specific needs of women and girls across various economic sectors;

iv) Introducing gender-sensitive policies and fostering inclusive work environments that prioritize the well-being and advancement of women;

v) Reforming national health policies to empower women in making informed decisions about their health and reproductive rights;

vi) Formulating and implementing policies aimed at integrating women and girls into sustainable agricultural practices and ensuring food security through comprehensive training programs. Eliminate all forms of violence against women through effective and robust legal justice system;

vii) Encourage businesswomen to participate actively in e-commerce through entrepreneurship.

The House also Calls upon all stakeholders, including government agencies, civil society organizations, the private sector, the media, academia and individuals, to join hands in the collective pursuit of gender equality and women's empowerment, recognizing that only through concerted and sustained efforts can we build a more inclusive, equitable and just society for all."

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

1.Senator Mushtaq Ahmed

2.Senator Syed Ali Zafar

**The Resolution passed by the House unanimously.**

**2. Senator Rukhsana Zuberi,** moved regarding the historic opinion of the Honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan in the Presidential reference to reopen the case of death sentence of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto:-

"This House embraces the historical opinion of the honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan in the Presidential reference filed 12 years ago by President Asif Ali Zardari, to reopen the case of death sentence of the first elected Prime Minister of Pakistan Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto. As per opinion of the honourable Supreme Court of Pakistan, 45 years ago during the rule of a Military dictator, when Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto was sentenced to death, justice and a fair trial was not granted in accordance with the Constitution. The Supreme Court has acknowledged by its remarkable decision that Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto's execution was a judicial murder and did not perceive a fair trial according to the law.

This ruling highlights the importance of upholding the principles of justice and ensuring that all individuals regardless of their status are entitled to a fair trial in accordance with the Constitution. It serves as a reminder of the need to address past injustices and uphold the Rule

of Law in the pursuit of justice and accountability. The verdict on the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto case should be overturned.

On this occasion we salute the sacrifices of Begum Nusrat Bhutto and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto, who sacrificed their lives to seek justice against the cold blooded judicial murder of Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto. The House also acknowledges the efforts of the Chairman Pakistan People's Party Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, who single mindedly, pursued the Presidential reference in the Supreme Court of Pakistan. That Senate of Pakistan should approach the Federal Government, that Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, be declared a National Democratic Hero. This House demands from the Federal Government to officially declare Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto as Shaheed, also the Nishan-i-Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto should be awarded to political workers and activists, who have fought and sacrificed their lives for democracy.

**The Resolution passed by the House unanimously.**

### **PLACEMENT OF STANDING ORDER**

"In terms of Standing Order No.4.2, the Hon'ble Chairman Senate has approved an amendment in Standing Order No 1.64(a) concerning the gown of Chairman Senate which is being placed before the Senate in terms of Standing Order No.4.3."

### **Farewell Speeches by Retiring Senators (2018-2024)**

1. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
2. Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen
3. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed
4. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah
5. Senator Faisal Javed
6. Senator Irfan-ul-Haque Siddiqui
7. Senator Fida Muhammad
8. Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Leader of the House
9. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani

**At 12:48 p.m Deputy Chairman Senate adjourned the proceedings of the House for Forty minutes for Namaz-e-Jummah.**

10. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
11. Senator Naseebullah Bazai
12. Senator Seemee Ezdi
13. Senator Danesh Kumar
14. Senator Syed Waqar Mehdi

**At last Farewell remarks by Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi, Deputy Chairman Senate.**

**Felicitations to Senator Faisal Saleem Rehman on being elected as Member, Board of Directors of IMF and World Bank**

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

- 1.Senator Manzoor Ahmed
- 2.Senator Muhammad Humayun Mohmand
3. Senator Afnan Ullah Khan

**ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN**

"The Members are informed that all pending business of the Members except Bills shall stand lapsed on prorogation of the session and members are requested to submit fresh notices once the Senate is duly constituted after the Senate elections."

**POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

1. **Senator Syed Ali Zafar**, spoke regarding the issuance of Production Orders for Senator Ejaz Ahmed Chaudhary.

**01:47 p.m. the Deputy Chairman Senate read out the prorogation order received from the President..**

**Islamabad, the  
8<sup>th</sup> March,2024.**