

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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Islamabad, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2019; 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice was held today under the Chairmanship of Mr. Riaz Fatyana, MNA in Committee Room No.7 Parliament House Islamabad.

2. The meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran. Then the committee decided to proceed with agenda.

3. The Committee reconsidered the Bills “The Federal Ombudsmen Institutional Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Section 22) The Recognition and Enforcement (Arbitration Agreements and Foreign Arbitral Awards) (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Section 9) and The Defamation (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Section 16) (Moved by Syed Fakhar Imam, MNA);” after detail deliberations the Committee deferred the same till its next meeting.

4. The Committee considered the Bill, The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Article 31) moved by Mr.Faheem Khan MNA after detail deliberations the Committee recommends that the same may not be passed by the Assembly. However the Committee recommended to the Ministry of Religious Affairs to consider the legislation to address the object of the Bill specifically in private organizations and institutions. It was also recommended that the Establishment Division shall issue circular to the effect that the prayer time shall be granted to all staff members in Government offices.

5. The Committee considered the Bill “The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Article 25) (Moved by Dr. Nafisa Shah, MNA)” after detail deliberations the Committee deferred the same till next meeting.

6. The Committee considered the Bill, The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Article No. 51 and 106) moved by Mr. Naveed Aamir Jeeva, MNA, The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019, to the extent of (Article No. 51 and 106) moved by Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani, MNA and The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Article No. 51 and 106) moved by Dr. Darshan, MNA, after detail deliberations the Committee recommends that issue for enhancement of seats for minorities be referred to the House

with recommendation that a Parliamentary/Special Committee shall be constituted for consideration of the same. However the Committee recommends that the issue relating to the dual votes and other provisions in the Bill, moved by Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani, MNA may not be passed by the Assembly.

9. Hon. Members/MNAs/Movers Mr. Atta Ullah, Mr. Muhammad Farooq Azam Malik, Ms. Kishwar Zehra, Mr. Muhammad Sana Ullah Khan Masti khel, Malik Muhammad Ehsan Ullah Tiwana, Agha Hassan Baloch, Mr. Sher Ali Arbab, Ms. Shunila Ruth, Ch. Mahmood Bashir Virk, Syed Hussain Tariq, Ms. Nafeesa Shah, Ms. Aliya Kamran, Syed Fakhar Imam, Dr. Darhan, Mr. Faheem Khan and Dr. Ramesh Kumar Vankwani, attended the meeting besides the senior officers from the Ministry of Law and Justice with their staff.