

## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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Islamabad, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020; 33<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice was held today at 02:00 PM under the Chairmanship of Mr. Riaz Fatyana, MNA in Committee Room No.7, (04<sup>th</sup> Floor), Parliament House, Islamabad.

2) The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran, then, the Committee decided to proceed with the agenda. The Committee unanimously confirmed the minutes of its previous meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2020 and deferred the agenda item No. ii.

3) The Committee considered the Bills, **The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Article 179)**, **The Recognition and Enforcement (Arbitration Agreements and Foreign Arbitral Awards) (Amendment) Bill, 2019**, **The Federal Ombudsman Institutional Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Amendment in Article 22)** and the **Defamation (Amendment) Bill, 2019**, moved by **Mr. Amjad Ali Khan, MNA**; and deferred the same due to non-availability and request of the Mover.

4) The Committee considered the Bills, **The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Amendment in Article 239)** and **The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Amendment in Article 140)** moved by **Ms. Kishwar Zehra, MNA** and deferred the same due to non-availability and request of the Mover.

5) The Committee considered the Bill, **The Transfer of Evacuee Land (Kachi Abadi) (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Section 13)** moved by **Mr. Riaz Fatyana, MNA**. After detail deliberations; it was observed by the Committee that similar Bills has already been referred by the Hon. Speaker to the Legislative Drafting Council, hence, the same is also forwarded for consideration and decision of council along with other Bills.

6) The Committee considered the Bill, **The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Article 89)** moved by **Mr. Abdul Qadir Patel, MNA** and deferred the same due to non-availability of the mover.

7) The Committee considered the Bill, **The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Amendment in Third Schedule)** moved by **Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranjha, MNA**. After detail deliberations the Committee deferred the same till next meeting.

8) The Committee considered the Bill, **The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Article 259)** moved by **Ch. Faqir Muhammad, MNA**; after detail deliberations the Committee deferred the same till next meeting.

9) The Committee considered the Bill, **The Limitation (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Article 150) moved by Syed Javed Hussain, MNA.** After detail deliberations the Committee recommends that the Bill may be passed by the Assembly.

10) The Committee considered the Bill, **The Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Amendment in Section 5) moved by Dr. Nafisa Shah, MNA.** Due to non-availability of the representative of the Pakistan Bar council as well as Sindh Bar council the Committee deferred the same till next meeting.

11) The Committee considered the Bill, **The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Article 27-A) moved by Agha Rafiullah, MNA.** After detailed deliberations the Committee directed the Mover to make improvements in the Bill in consultation with the Ministry of Law and Justice and deferred the same till next meeting.

12) The Committee considered the Bill, **The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (Article 51) moved by Mr. Junaid Akbar, MNA** and Committee deferred the same till next meeting.

13) The Committee considered the Bills, **The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Amendment in Article 251) and The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2020 (Amendment in Article 25A) moved by Mr. Kesoo Mal Kheal Das, MNA** and deferred the same at request of the Mover.

14) Hon. Members/MNAs/Movers Mr. Atta Ullah. Mr. Lal Chand, Mr. Muhammad Farooq Azam Malik, Malik Muhammad Ehsan Ullah Tiwana, Ch. Mehmood Bashir Virk, Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranjha, Syed Hussain Tariq, Dr. Nafeesa Shah, Ms. Aliya Kamran, Agha Hassan Baloch Mr. Junaid Akbar, Mr. Kesoo Mal Kheal Das, Agha Rafiullah, Ch. Faqir Ahamed, Secretary Ministry of law and justice and Secretary Election Commission of Pakistan along with their staff attended the meeting.

  
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Director (L.D)/Secretary Committee

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