

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**  
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Islamabad, 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2020; 40<sup>th</sup> meeting of the **Standing Committee on Law and Justice** was held today under the **Chairmanship of Mr. Riaz Fatyana, MNA** in Constitution Room (Committee Room No.5), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- 2) The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran and then the Committee unanimously condemned the incident of bomb blast at Peshawar and also recited Fatiha for the departed souls. Committee then decided to proceed with the agenda. The Committee unanimously confirmed the Minutes of the previous meetings held on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2020 with minor improvements as suggested by members and deferred the agenda no.2 till next meeting.
- 3) The Committee considered, **The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment Bill, 2019 moved by Ms. Munaza Hassan, MNA.** After detail deliberations the Committee with majority recommends that the Bill may be passed by the Assembly. However Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranjha, Mr. Naveed Qamar, Dr. Nafeesa Shah and Syed Hussain Tariq MNAs submitted their note of Dissent.
- 4) The Committee considered, **The Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Bill, 2019 moved by Aliya Kamran, MNA;** it was observed that the same Bill has already been recommended to be passed by the committee hence the committee must endorse its earlier recommendation and again recommends that the Bill may be passed by the Assembly.
- 5) The Committee considered, **The Trained Paramedical Staff Facility Bill, 2019 moved by Shazia Marri, MNA;** after detail deliberations the Committee unanimously recommends that the Bill may be passed by the Assembly.
- 6) The Committee considered, **The Maternity and Paternity Leave Bill, 2020 moved by Shazia Marri, MNA;** after detail deliberations the Committee recommends with majority that the Bill may be passed by the Assembly.
- 7) The Committee considered, **The Federal Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2019 moved by Ms. Kishwer Zehra,** after detail deliberations the Committee unanimously recommends that the Bill may be passed by the Assembly.
- 8) The Committee considered, **The National Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2018 moved by Ms. Kishwer Zehra, MNA;** after detail deliberations the Committee unanimously recommends that the Bill may be passed by the Assembly.

9) The Committee considered, **The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2020** moved by **Ms. Kishwer Zehra, MNA**; after detail deliberations it was recommended by the Committee that the written comments from the Ministry of Interior as well as from the provinces be obtained to proceed further in the matter. The Committee deferred the same till next meeting.

10) The Committee considered, **Pakistan psychological Council Bill, 2020** moved by **Mr. Riaz Fityana MNA**. As the Hon. Chairman was the Mover in the Bill hence Mr. Lal Chand MNA was requested to convene the meeting. It was briefed to the Committee that the same Bill has already been passed by the concerned Committee of the National Assembly which has been sent to this Committee for reconsideration. After detail deliberations the Committee unanimously recommends that the Bill may be passed by the Assembly.

11) Hon. Members/MNAs/Movers Mr. Atta Ullah, Mr. Lal Chand, Ms. Kishwer Zehra, Mr. Muhammad Sana Ullah Khan Masti Khel, Ms. Shunila Ruth, Ch. Mehmood Bashir Virk, Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranja, Syed Hussain Tariq, Dr. Nafeesa Shah, Syed Naveed Qamar, Ms. Aliya Kamran, Ms. Shazia Marri, Ms. Munaza Hassan, Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting, representatives of Ministry of Law and Justice, representatives of Ministry of National Health Services and Regulations, representatives of Ministry of Finance Division, representatives of Ministry of Power Division, representatives of NDMA, representatives of Higher Education Commission along with their staff attended the meeting.

  
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Director (L.D)/Secretary Committee