

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT
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Islamabad, 30th April, 2025; 10th meeting of the **Standing Committee on Law and Justice** was held today under the **Chairmanship of Ch. Mahmood Bashir Virk, MNA** at 02:00 P.M. in Committee Room 7, Parliament House, Islamabad.

- 2) The meeting commenced with a recitation from the Holy Quran. The committee then proceeded with the agenda. It approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th March 2025 and deferred agenda item No. 2.
- 3) The committee considered **the Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2025**. After detailed deliberations, the committee recommended—by majority—that the Bill, as introduced, may be passed by the Assembly. However, Mr. Changaze Ahmad Khan, Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Mr. Umair Khan Niazi, Ms. Aliya Kamran, Mr. Sohail Sultan, and Sardar Muhammad Latif Khan Khosa submitted proposed amendments to be recorded as a note of dissent.
- 4) The Committee consider the Bill, **The Qanun-e-Shahadat (Amendment) Bill, 2025" (moved by Ms. Shazia Marri, MNA)**. After thorough deliberations on the contents and implications of the proposed amendments, the Committee decided to defer further consideration of the Bill to the next meeting. The decision was taken to allow the Ministry of Law and Justice sufficient time to furnish a comprehensive comparative analysis of relevant legal provisions across selected Commonwealth countries, with a focus on best practices and alignment with international standards.

Additionally, during the discussion, the Ministry of Law and Justice highlighted that the proposed amendments, if enacted, would be uniformly applicable to all provinces. In light of this, the Committee emphasized the importance of obtaining input from all provincial governments to ensure inclusivity and to account for regional perspectives. Therefore, it was recommended that the Ministry formally seek and compile the views and comments, of all four provinces before the next meeting.

- 5) The Committee did not consider the Bill, **The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2025" (Article-59) (moved by Mr. Naveed Aamir, MNA)**; and deferred the same till next meeting due to non availability of the mover.
- 6) Hon. Members/MNAs, Rana Muhammad Qasim Noon, Ms. Zara Wadood Fatemi, Ms. Kiran Haider, Dr. Nafisa Shah, Syed Abrar Ali Shah, Syed Naveed Qamar, Syed Hafeezuddin Mr. Changaze Ahmad Khan, Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Mr. Umair Khan Niazi, Mr. Hassaan Sabir, Ms. Aliya Kamran, Mr. Sohail Sultan, Sardar Muhammad Ltif Khan Khosa, Ms. Shazi Marri, Minister of State for Law and Justice and Secretary, Ministry of Law and Justice, Special Secretary Establishment, along with staff attended the meeting.