

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
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**(260<sup>th</sup> Session)**

<b>Date and Day</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017 (Friday)
<b>Commenced at</b>	10:45 a.m.
<b>Adjourned at</b>	01:20 p.m.
<b>Presided by</b>	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
<b>Attendance</b>	60
<b>Total working hours</b>	2 hours and 35 minutes

**QUESTION HOUR**

Question Nos. 100, 102, 136, 137, 139 to 142, 147 and 149 were replied in the House. Question No.98, 104 to 106, 109A, 113A, 146, 153, 154 and 156 were deferred. Replies to question Nos.90, 133 to 135, 150 to 152, 155, 157 to 162 and 164 to 167 were treated as laid on the Tables of the House due to absence of the concerned Members. <sup>1</sup>

**LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF  
ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

**Senator Sherry Rehman** moved the Adj. Motion No. 1 (9-260/2017-M), to discuss the recent increase in the prices of petroleum products by the Government which would result into increase in inflation rate.

**After hearing the mover, the Chairman held the motion in order and fixed it for discussion on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 as last item.**

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<sup>1</sup> During question hour, the Chairman took serious notice of the absence of the Members whose questions have been fixed and printed in the answer book. The Chairman directed the Parliamentary Party Leaders to make sure presence of such Members on particular day as lot of work is involved in replying a question.

### **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES**

- **Senator Sherry Rehman** drew attention of the Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division towards the media report that contaminated blood is being used by the health facilities for transfusion of blood in the Islamabad Capital Territory.

**Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary**, Minister for CADD made the statement and the matter was thus disposed of.

**(The opposition benches staged a walkout due to unsatisfactory reply of the Calling Attention Notice)**

- **Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel** drew attention of the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources towards the non-exploration of oil and gas from a successful project carried out in Sui Ragha, District Musakhel by the OGDCL in 1994.

**Shahid Khaqan Abbasi**, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources made the statement and the matter was thus disposed of.

### **MOTION**

**(Under Rule 263)**

**Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Aitzaz Ahsan, Taj Haider, Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, Ilyas Ahmad Bilour, Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Mushahid Hussain Syed, Hasil Khan Bizenjo, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri, Sirajul Haq, Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah And Hidayat Ullah**, moved under rule 263 of the Rules and Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the requirements of the relevant provisions of rules 94, 95, 97 and 98 of the said Rules pertaining to notice period, referral of the Bill to the Standing Committee concerned upon introduction, publication of Bill and supply of copies of the Bill to the Members respectively be dispensed with in order to introduce, consider and pass the Bill to regulate the appointment of persons to, and the terms and conditions of service of persons in, the Senate Secretariat under clause (2) of Article 87 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 [The Senate Secretariat Services Bill, 2017].

**The motion was put to the House and adopted.**

## **BILL INTRODUCED**

1. **Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Aitzaz Ahsan, Taj Haider, Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, Ilyas Ahmad Bilour, Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Mushahid Hussain Syed, Hasil Khan Bizenjo, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri, Sirajul Haq, Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah And Hidayat Ullah** moved for leave to introduce a Bill to regulate the appointment of persons to, and the terms and conditions of service of persons in, the Senate Secretariat under clause (2) of Article 87 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 [The Senate Secretariat Services Bill, 2017].

**The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted.**

2. **Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Aitzaz Ahsan, Taj Haider, Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, Ilyas Ahmad Bilour, Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Mushahid Hussain Syed, Hasil Khan Bizenjo, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri, Sirajul Haq, Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah And Hidayat Ullah** moved that the Bill to regulate the appointment of persons to, and the terms and conditions of service of persons in, the Senate Secretariat under clause (2) of Article 87 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 [The Senate Secretariat Services Bill, 2017], be taken into consideration at once.

**The Motion was put to the House and adopted.**

**The House started clause by clause consideration of the Bill.**

**Thereafter, Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Aitzaz Ahsan, Taj Haider, Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, Ilyas Ahmad Bilour, Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Mushahid Hussain Syed, Hasil Khan Bizenjo, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri, Sirajul Haq, Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah And Hidayat Ullah** moved that the Bill to regulate the appointment of persons to, and the terms and conditions of service of persons in, the Senate Secretariat under clause (2) of Article 87 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 [The Senate Secretariat Services Bill, 2017] be passed.

**The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed unanimously.**

**MOTIONS**  
**(UNDER RULE 194)**

1. **Senator Farhatullah Babar**, Chairman, Select Committee on the Right to Information Bill, 2016, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the right to information in a rapid and low-cost manner subject only to reasonable restrictions established by law [The Right to Information Bill, 2016], introduced by Senator Kamil Ali Agha on 21st November, 2016, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 19th March, 2017.

**The Motion was put to the House and the requisite extension was granted.**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESENCE**

The Chairman recognized the presence of a group of 71 students and 8 faculty members from Frobels international school, F-11, Islamabad.

**MINISTERIAL RESPONSE BY THE MINISTER**

Mr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Interior and Narcotics made statements on the following points of public importance:-

1. Regarding the various incidents of ransacking of Christian localities in various parts of the country on the pretext of various allegations in the recent past especially in Punjab and the concern over the acquittal of the accused persons from the cases registered for such incidents. He wanted to know that whether the Government has filed appeal against acquittal in any such case or not. **(Raised by Senator Aitzaz Ahsan on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2017)**
2. Regarding the reported incidents of abduction of 150 women from Rawalpindi who were reportedly trafficked to Afghanistan for ransom and specifically about the case of one Ms. Farzana whose FIR is not being registered by Police. **(Raised by Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah on 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2017)**

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman informed the Members about the schedule of number of events going to happen on the conclusion of parliamentary year, 2016-17

### **POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

1. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan (Leader of the Opposition) spoke about the incident of attack on the rally of Mr. Shaukat Basra, MPA wherein his P.A was got killed and enquired the progress in that case.

**Chairman directed the Minister of State for Interior to check and inform the Leader of the Opposition in this regard.**

2. Senator Hidayat Ullah pointed out the shifting of passport office from Bajor to Lower Dir with the commitment to shift it back but the same has not been done so far causing great problems to the people of the area..

**Chairman directed the Minister of State for Interior to look into the matter and inform the House on Monday.**

3. Senator Saeed Ghani pointed out that the leakage of compulsory papers of English and current Affairs of FPSC.

**The Chairman referred the matter to the Standing committee concerned for consideration and report.**

4. Senators Kamil Ali Agha pointed out the blasphemous material on the social media and showed his serious concern over not taking of any action by the Government.

Following Members also spoke on this issue:-

1. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati,
2. Senator Sirajul Haq,
3. Senator Taj Haider,
4. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik,
5. Senator Nehal Hashmi,
6. Senator Ghaus Muhammad Khan Niazi,
7. Senator Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri,
8. Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams,
9. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan (Leader of the Opposition)

After discussion, Senator Kamil Ali Agha moved motion for suspension of relevant rules in order to enable the House to pass a condemning resolution in this regard.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

Thereafter, Senator Kamil Ali Agha moved unanimous resolution to condemn the blasphemous material on the social media and showed his serious concern over not taking of any action by the Government.

5. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel appreciated the decision by FATA Independent members to join the opposition benches and requested to be seated with independent opposition

group also. He also spoke on the matter of restoration of non-functional Passport offices and the problems like lack of accommodation and offices faced by the new acquired staff in Balochistan.

6. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik pointed out the arrest of two Pakistani students Faisal Awan and Ahsan Khurshid in India. He further asked the Government if they have sought an apology from Prime Minister of India and will the government of Pakistan take up this matter of Human Rights violation with United Nations.
- The Chairman adjourned the proceedings to meet again on Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

**Islamabad, the**  
**10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017**