

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

<b>Date and Day</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017 (Wednesday)
<b>Commenced at</b>	03:00 p.m.
<b>Adjourned at</b>	07:25 p.m.
<b>Presided by</b>	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan and Senator Sitara Ayaz, Presiding Officer
<b>Attendance</b>	68
<b>Total working hours</b>	4 hours and 25 minutes

**QUESTION HOUR**

Question Nos. 18, 46, 68 to 79, 82 and 138 were replied in the House. Question Nos. 60A and 80 were deferred. The remaining questions and their printed replies were treated as laid on the table of the House.

**LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

**REPORTS OF THE STANDING/SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

The following report of the Committees was presented in the House: -

1. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, Convener, Special Committee on 24 Demands made by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, presented report of the Special Committee on those demands.

**The Chairman appreciated the efforts of the Committee. The Chairman further directed that the committee may continue working as an oversight committee for these 24 demands made by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.**

**REFERRING BACK OF THE BILL**

**The Chairman referred back the Bill further to amend the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 [The National Accountability (Amendment) Bill, 2017] to the Standing Committee on Law and Justice with the direction to report back within 30 days.**

## MOTIONS

### [UNDER RULE 194(1)]

Following Motions for extension in time were moved in the House: -

**1. Senator Rahila Magsi**, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, 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 Standing Committee on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice moved by Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq on 20th January, 2017, regarding the granting of equivalence certificates to O and A level students by Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC), may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 21st March, 2017.

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

**2. Senator Muzaffar Hussain Shah on behalf of Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini**, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, 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 question of breach of privilege of the House by Secretary Aviation by providing incorrect reply to Senate starred question No. 119, set down for answering on 17th January, 2017, asked by Senator Farhatullah Babar, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 18th March, 2017.

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

**3. Senator Muzaffar Hussain Shah on behalf of Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini**, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, 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 question of breach of privilege of the Senate by the Ministry of Finance and National Bank of Pakistan by not acting upon the ruling of the Chairman Senate regarding taking action against the officials who drafted and approved the misleading answer to Senate starred question No. 4, set down for answering on 6th September, 2016, for placing the same before the Parliament, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 7th April, 2017.

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

- 4. Senator Muzaffar Hussain Shah on behalf of Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan,** Convener, Special Committee on the performance of PIA, 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 Special Committee on the matter referred by the House on 15th February, 2017, regarding “the sale of PIA Airbus A-310 to a German Firm in violation of PPRA rules”, may be extended for a period of sixty working days.

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

### **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES**

Following Calling Attention Notices were moved in the House: -

- 1. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan,** drew attention of the Minister for Water and Power towards the due dates of payment of electricity bills in the last days of every month causing problems to the general public especially salaried persons having limited income.

**Mr. Abid Sher Ali, Minister of State for Water and Power, made the statement and notice was disposed of.**

- 2. Senators Syed Shibli Faraz, Nauman Wazir Khattak and Mohsin Aziz,** drew attention of the Minister for Water and Power towards the soaring of circular debt pertaining to IPPs and the threat of exercising of legal remedies by such IPPs to call on the sovereign guarantees.

**Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Minister for Water and Power, made the statement and notice was disposed of.**

**(Due to unsatisfactory statement by the Minister, the Opposition Benches staged walkout)**

### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

- 1. Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice** moved that the Bill to provide for the constitution of Commissions of Inquiry [The Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Bill, 2016], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Minister explained the salient features of the Bill.

Then the Motion was put to the House and adopted.

The House started clause by clause consideration of the Bill.

Thereafter, Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice moved that the Bill to provide for the constitution of Commissions of Inquiry [The Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Bill, 2016], be passed.

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman made announcement about the request made by the Members belonging to FATA desiring to sit in the Opposition Benches. The Chairman stated that due to administrative problems the seats of the Members cannot be shifted to Opposition side however, they will be treated as independent opposition group of Members from FATA.

#### **STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE**

Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization made statement regarding the agreement between Government of Pakistan and Switzerland to sign a treaty for exchange of information.

#### **RULING OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman gave detailed ruling regarding interpretation of rules 99, 100 and 166(3) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

#### **MOTION (Under Rule 60)**

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved the motion under rule 60 for discussion on the following matter of public importance arising out of answer to starred question No. 7, replied on 14th February, 2017:-

“regarding writing off of Rs. 4600 million loans by the banks on their own discretion and without bringing the same into the notice of the Government.”.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:-

- 1) Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh.

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice wound up the debate.

**The Motion was thus talked out**

## **RESOLUTION**

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq, Leader of the House on his behalf and on behalf of the House moved the unanimous resolution on the occasion of International Women's Day which was put to the House and passed.

Following members spoke on the resolution:-

- 1) Senator Sehar Kamran.
- 2) Senator Kalsoom Perveen.
- 3) Senator Sherry Rehman
- 4) Senator Gul Bashra
- 5) Senator Nighat Mirza
- 6) Senator Najma Hameed
- 7) Senator Khalida Parveen
- 8) Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel
- 9) Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
- 10) Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati
- 11) Senator Mir Kabir Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
- 12) Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi
- 13) Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed
- 14) Senator Hari Ram
- 15) Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour

Senator Sitara Ayaz, the Presiding Officer also expressed her views on the occasion and appreciated the meaningful debate.

- The Presiding Officer adjourned the proceedings to meet again on Thursday, the 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at 03:00 p.m.

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