

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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| Date and Day | 11 th April, 2017 (Tuesday) |
| Commenced at | 3:00 p.m. |
| Adjourned at | 6:25 pm |
| Presided by | Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan |
| Attendance | 60 |
| Total working hours | 3 hours and 25 minutes |

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 113A, 154, 2, 5, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 23 were replied in the House. Question Nos. 98, 109A, 153, 156, 6, 7, 12, 16, 17 and 22 were deferred. Replies to question Nos. 104, 105, 106 and 19 were treated as laid on the Tables of the House due to absence of the concerned Members. Remaining printed questions and their replies were treated as laid on the Table of the House.

- **Due to non-receipt of replies of a number of questions pertaining to Ministry of Interior, the Chairman directed to Minister to take disciplinary action against the delinquents.**
- **The Chairman also directed the Chairman Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges to issue notice of breach of privilege to the Joint Secretary (Legal), Ministry of Interior due to providing incomplete replies.**

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

1. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi moved Adjournment Motion No. 1-261/2017-M to discuss the present threat to the people of Pakistan as witnessed in recent terrorist attacks in Peshawar, Mohammad Agency, Lahore and Sehwan Sharif and the State's knee-jerk response to the new spate of terrorist acts and outrages.

The Mover advanced his arguments on the admissibility of the Motion.

After hearing the Mover, the Chairman held the Motion out of order.

2. Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati and Sirajul Haq moved Adjournment Motion No. 5, 8-261/2017-M, to discuss the recent price hike in basic food items which has further exacerbated the financial position of poor people.

The Movers advanced their arguments on the admissibility of the Motion.

After hearing the Movers, the Chairman held the Motion in order and fixed the same for two hours discussion on 18th April, 2017.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

1. Senator Farhatullah Babar drew attention of the Minister for Defence towards the permission granted by the Government to the recently retired Army Chief to join the Saudi-Led Multi nation Islamic Military Alliance to fight against terrorism.

The Chairman clubbed the adjournment motion of Senator Mohsin Aziz on the same issue with the instant Calling Attention Notice.

Senators Farhatullah Babar and Mohsin Aziz made statements on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice.

The Minister of Defence made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice. **The Chairman directed the Minister to lay before the Senate the ToRs of Pakistan's engagement with the alliance when the same will be finalized.**

2. Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, Mohsin Aziz And Ilyas Ahmad Bilour drew attention of the Minister for Housing and Works towards the mechanism introduced on no profit no loss basis for the Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation Scheme Thalian as advertised by the Government.

The Member made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice.

The Minister of Housing and Works made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE

The Minister for Defence made statement in the House regarding the awarding of death sentence to Kalbushan Yadev and Indian Spy.

The Chairman observed that sue process of law has been observed in the case of Kalbushan Yadev.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 [The National Accountability (Amendment) Bill, 2017].

Report stand laid.

REPORT TO BE LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of SENATOR MOHAMMAD ISHAQ DAR, Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, laid before the Senate the Second Quarterly Report for the year 2016-2017 of the Central Board of Directors of the State Bank of Pakistan on the state of Pakistan's Economy, as required under section 9A (2) of the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956.

Report stand laid.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE ON THE POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Minister of State for Interior and Narcotics Control made statement on the point of public importance regarding the attack by the students of Islami Jamiat Tulaba in the Punjab University on a cultural event arranged by the Pakhtun students of the university. (raised by Senators Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel and Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi on 28th March, 2017)

OBSERVATION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman drew attention of the Minister for Finance towards the vacancy of the post of Auditor General of Pakistan after the retirement of the existing Auditor General which has created a Constitutional Vacuum.

The Finance Minister stated that he has initiated the summary for appointment of most senior officer of the Department till the selection of a suitable candidate for the post and notification in this regard will be issued very soon.

FORMING OF QUESTION OF LAW

With reference to the COMSATS University Islamabad Bill, 2016 which was introduced in the Senate on 10th January, 2017 and referred to the Standing Committee concerned and reported back by the Standing Committee on 9th March, 2017 with certain recommendations in the Bill. The Chairman stated that on 28th March, 2017, a notice under rule 100(c) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 signed by Rana Tanvir Hussain, Minister for Science and Technology was received in the Secretariat whereby the Minister intends to move that the COMSATS University Islamabad Bill, 2016 as reported by the Standing Committee be referred to a Select Committee. The notice was circulated to the

Members for information. The Chairman formulated the following question seeking able assistance in this matter of Senators Aitzaz Ahsan, Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, Javed Abbasi, Muhammad Ali Khan Saif and Saifullah Magsi:-

“Whether there is inconsistency in paragraph (c), sub-rule (1) of Rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 regarding referral of a Bill, reported by the Standing Committee, to a Select Committee? Does it amount to undermining the recommendations/report of a Standing Committee?”

The Chairman directed the Members to advance their arguments on **Thursday, the 13th April, 2017.**

ZERO HOUR

1. Senator Taj Haider spoke about the disappearance of close allies of Mr. Asif Ali Zardari from Sindh and their non-production before the courts.
The Chairman directed the Minister of State for Interior to respond the issue tomorrow.
 2. Senator Tahir Hussain Mashhadi spoke about the missing persons belonging to MQM
The Opposition staged walkout as protest against enforced disappearances.
 3. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the non-payment of salaries to paramedical staff of Poly Clinic for last nine months.
 4. Senators Kalsoom Parveen and Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini spoke about the issues relating to elections in PMDC.
The Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister concerned with the direction to respond the same in the House on Friday the 14th April, 2017.
 5. Senator Taj Haider submitted report in the House regarding the incident of demolishing of a heritage building of school in Karachi and assured that the Government of Sindh will take serious action in this regard.
- The Chairman adjourned the House to meet again on Wednesday the 12th April, 2017 at 03:00 p.m.

Islamabad, the
11th April, 2017