

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	12 th April, 2017 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	06:00 p.m.
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	64
Total working hours	3 hours

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 29, 47 to 50, 54, 55¹, 58, 59², 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 68, 78, 80 were replied in the House. Question Nos. 52³, 56 and 61 were deferred. Question No. 51 was referred to the Standing Committee concerned in the request of Minister. Replies to Question Nos. 53, 57, 65 were treated as laid on the Tables of the House due to absence of the concerned Members. The remaining questions and their printed replies were treated as laid in the table of the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

¹ The Chairman directed the secretariat to examine the written replies of all twelve organizations. He further directed the Chairman Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges to issue notice of breach of privilege to the concerned MDs or CEOs upon finding any discrepancy and incomplete replies.

² The chairman observed that curriculum is a devolved subject and if the federal government has made any mechanism in this regard that is extra constitutional. The only constitutional forums to address the devolved subjects are IPC and CCI.

³ The Chairman observed that the ministries are taking the parliament very lightly and conveying wrong information. The Chairman directed the Chairman Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges to issue notice of breach of privilege to the Secretary IPC.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF
ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

The admissibility of following Adjournment Motions was determined:-

1. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi was to move the Adj. Motion No. 1 (2-261/2017-M), to discuss the alarming rise in the use and selling of drugs among university students. However, the Chairman suggested the Member to move a Motion under rule 218 so the Member withdrew his motion.
2. Senator Mohsin Aziz was to move the Adj. Motion No. 2 (4-261/2017-M), to discuss the decision of the Government to privatize three international airports of Karachi, Lahore and Islamabad through an executive order which could be a security threat to the strategic assets of the country. However, the Chairman informed the Member that the matter has already been referred to the Standing Committee, therefore, **the Adjournment Motion was withdrawn by the Member.**
3. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz was to move the Adj. Motion No. 3 (6-261/2017-M), to discuss the serious structural issues in power sector resulting into perpetual crisis affecting the daily lives of general public. However, the Chairman suggested the Member to move a Motion under rule 218 so the Member withdrew his motion.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

- Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, Mohsin Aziz, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar And Hidayat Ullah drew attention of the Minister for States and Frontier Regions towards the recent attack on mines in Mohmmmand Agency and the sufferings of the people of FATA from terrorism and failure of the Security Agencies to provide security to them.

Mr. Abdul Qadir Baloch, Minister for States and Frontier Regions made the statement and the matter was thus disposed of.

- Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization towards the refusal of Pakistani Banks to accept old design US \$ 100 Notes whereas there is no official restriction on accepting the same and the money changers are charging upto 4% fee to exchange these bills.

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, made the statement and the matter was thus disposed of.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to make provisions for the incorporation, regulation and winding up of limited liability partnerships as body corporate and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto [The Limited Liability Partnership Bill, 2017].

MOTIONS

(UNDER RULE 194)

1. Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, 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 reform and re-enact the law relating to companies and for matters connected therewith [The Companies Bill, 2017], may be extended till the next session.

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

2. Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, 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 a point of public importance raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 10th January, 2017, regarding amnesty scheme for motor vehicles, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 25th April, 2017.

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

3. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control, 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 Bill further to amend the Islamabad Rent Restriction Ordinance, 2001 [The Islamabad Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 2017], may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 25th April, 2017.

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

4. Senator Kalsoom Perveen on behalf of Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, 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 Bill to provide for the well-being, comfort and dignity of the senior citizens in the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Capital Territory Senior Citizens Board Bill, 2017],

introduced by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan, on 13th February, 2017, may be extended for a period of ten working days with effect from 14th April, 2017.

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

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE ON THE POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- 1. Mr. Abid Sher Ali, Minister of state for Water and Power** made a statement regarding the acute shortage of water in the Province of Sindh due to which major crops i.e. sugar, cotton and rice are badly affecting. (Raised by Senators Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamra @ Aajiz, Sassui Palijo, Taj Haider, Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari and Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail on 28th March, 2017).

After hearing the honorable minister, the Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned with direction to report back in fifteen days.

- 2. Mr. Muhammad Baleegh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Interior and Narcotics Control** made a statement regarding the disappearance of Mr. Ashfaq Leghari and Ghulam Qadir Muree at the hands of Law enforcement Agencies. (Raised by Senator Farhatullah Babar on 10th April, 2017).

Since the Parliamentarians belonging to KPK and FATA had also lodged a sit-in outside the Parliament as protest against the blocking of CNIC, therefore, the Chairman asked the Minister to go to them and address their grievances.

Following members spoke on this issue at various occasions:

- 1. Senator Farhatullah Babar**
- 2. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.**
- 3. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.**
- 4. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak.**
- 5. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhel.**
- 6. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini**

(Opposition benches also staged a token walkout as protest against the blocking of CNICs)

At this stage, the Minister of State for Interior informed the Chair that an officer of the Ministry has been suspended due to non-replying of number of questions listed for 11th April, 2017 and enquiry against one officer is under process.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati drew attention of the Government towards Free Trade Agreement with Turkey which is affecting the local manufacturing industry in Balochistan, FATA and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
2. Senator Kalsoom Perveen pointed out that PIA is using grounded ATR aircrafts for their outbound flights from Islamabad to Quetta.

The Chairman directed the Member to come in his Chamber so that the matter can be resolved.

3. Senator Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah pointed out the reduction in the purchase of wheat by PASCO from the provinces due to the reasons that their disposal has become low.

The Chairman directed that the verbatim may be sent to the Ministry of Finance for ministerial response

4. Senator Nehal Hashmi raised that 12 Pakistanis detained in Indian jails and are not being released despite the fact they have completed their sentences. He condemned the Indian government and anti-Pakistan statements of Foreign Minister of India.
5. Senator Sassui Palijo raised the matter of extensive load shedding in Sindh and also pointed out the shortage of Sui Gas in the province.
6. Senator Professor Sajid Mir pointed out that the technicians hired in Federal Government Polyclinic Hospital Islamabad are not being paid their respective salaries since last 7 months.

The Chairman directed that the matter be sent to the Minister for CADD but not for ministerial response but only for his information.

7. Senator Sherry Rehman raised the matter of shortage of Sui gas and the extensively high pricing of Sui gas in Sindh province. She further pointed out the matter of load shedding in Sindh. Furthermore she raised multiple issues relating to Foreign Policy of Pakistan and criticized the weaknesses in the Foreign Policy of Pakistan. She also condemned the recent aggressive statements by the Indian Foreign Minister.
8. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar stated that transparency should be observed during collection of data for population census in Balochistan and FATA and the foreigners should not be counted in that. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini also spoke on the issue.

- The Chairman adjourned the Session to meet again on 13th April, 2017 at 03:00 p.m.

Islamabad, the

12th April, 2017