

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(263rd Session)

Date and Day	8 th June, 2017 (Thursday)
Commenced at	11:00 a.m.
Adjourned at	02:45 p.m.
Presided by	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi (Presiding Officer)
Attendance	74
Total working hours	3 hours and 45 minutes

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF
ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions was determined:-

Adj. Motion No. 1 (28-263/2017-M) , notice given of by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, to discuss the need to review the existing foreign policy of Pakistan with particular reference to India, Afghanistan and Iran.	The adjournment motion was held out of order with the suggestion to move a motion under 218 to discuss the issue.
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REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES- PRESENTATION OF:

1. Senator Farooq Hameed Naik on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Defamation Ordinance, 2002 [The Defamation (Amendment) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 10th April, 2017.
2. Senator Mohsin Khan Leghari on behalf of Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research, presented 15th follow up report of the Committee regarding proposed conversion of 1400 acres land of National Agricultural Research

Centre (NARC) / Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) into residential/commercial plots.

3. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 55, asked by Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak on 10th January, 2017, regarding the number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Established / Notified in the country so far.
4. Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, presented report of the Committee on the proposals for making recommendations on the Finance Bill, 2017, containing the Annual Budget Statement.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER

The Presiding Officer made the following announcements:-

1. The Presiding Officer apprised the House that the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms has sent two booklets titled “Brief on PSDP 2017-18” and “PSDP 2017-18 important projects” for information of the Members which are being laid on the Tables.
2. With reference to a Calling Attention Notice regarding the killing of innocent Pakistanis in the recent outbreak of violent firing on Line of Control by the Indian Forces, the Presiding Officer announced that some classified information has been kept by the Defence Ministry in the Chamber of the Chairman which will be available for perusal of the Members on 18th June, 2017 after assumption of charge by the Chairman Senate of the Office of the Chairman.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Following Calling Attention Notices were taken up in the House:-

1. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi drew attention of the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division towards the activities of 41 banned outfits operating openly on the Facebook.

Mr. Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division made the statement and the Calling Attention Notice was thus disposed of.

2. Senator Sehar Kamran was to draw attention of the Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs towards the statement made by the U.S Intelligence Chief during meeting of U.S Senate Armed Services Committee that India may launch aggressive action inside Pakistan on the pretext of stopping cross border attacks and the exchange of artillery shells on the LoC by India and Pakistan may lead to direct conflict between two nuclear States. **However, due to absence of the concerned Minister, the Presiding Officer deferred the Calling Attention Notice.**

MOTION

Further consideration of the following motion moved by Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, on 26th May, 2017:-

“That the Senate may make recommendations to the National Assembly on the Finance Bill, 2017, containing the Annual Budget Statement, under Article 73 of the Constitution.”.

Following Members spoke:

1. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood
2. Senator Momin Khan Afridi
3. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhel

Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization wound up the debate.

Discussion was over on the Finance Bill, 2017

MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, moved for leave to withdraw recommendation Nos.110, 112 and 117 of the recommendations of the Committee presented before the House on the Finance Bill, 2017.

The Leave was granted and the recommendations were withdrawn.

Thereafter, Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, moved that the recommendations on the Finance Bill, 2017, containing the Annual Budget Statement as reported by the Committee, be adopted.

The Motion was put to the House and the Recommendations were adopted unanimously.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

The ministerial response on the following points was deferred due to absence of the Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs:

1. Regarding recent regional situation with particular reference to Qatar crisis.
2. Regarding recent hostile statement by the President of Afghanistan and the response of the Pakistan's Military Establishment on the same.
3. Regarding the steps taken by the Government so far in the case of disappearance of Col. (R) Habib from Nepal.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja condemned the recent incidents of terrorism in the Parliament of Iran and the mousseline of Imam Khomeini and urged that the House should pass a resolution to condemn the incidents and to show solidarity with the people of Iran.

The Presiding Officer advised the Member to draft a resolution in consultation with the leaders of other parties.

2. Senator Sassui Paliyo pointed out the taking into custody of four persons from Badin whose whereabouts are not known.
3. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini pointed out that the Member NHA Balochistan is terminating the local engineers and hiring the engineers from other provinces.

The presiding Officer referred the matter to the Standing Committee concerned.

4. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah pointed out the incident of committing of suicide by an official of Interior Ministry in order to secure the job for his son from the quota of the Government whereby job is awarded to the son/daughter of a Government employee dies during service. He further condemned the blasts in Iran and the prevailing situation due to ISIS in the whole world. He also spoke about the Afghanistan-Taliban Conference held in Moscow. He further pointed out the lack of security in the Parliament lodges.

The Presiding officer asked Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan, Parliamentary Leader of PML-N to take up the issue of committing of suicide by an employee with the concerned quarters so that his son may get job at-least now. As far as the matter of lack of security in the lodges is concerned, the Presiding Officer referred the matter to the House Committee on Parliament Lodges.

5. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed spoke about the appeal made by the father of Mishal Khan to relocate them to Islamabad due to increased security threats to their family and to help their daughters secure admission in a Medical College.

RESOLUTION

Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja moved unanimous resolution to condemn the terrorist incident on the Parliament of Iran the mousseline of Imam Khomeini and to show solidarity with the people of Iran.

The Resolution was put to the House and passed unanimously.

- The Chairman adjourned the Session to meet again on Friday, the 9th June, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

Islamabad, the
8th June, 2017