

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	9 th June, 2017 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:40 a.m.
Adjourned at	12:45 p.m.
Presided by	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi (Presiding Officer)
Attendance	65
Total working hours	2 hours and 5 minutes

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

MOTION

[Under Rule 196(1)]

Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, was to move under sub-rule (1) of rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the report of the Committee on the point of public importance raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini in the House on 10th January, 2017, regarding amnesty scheme for motor vehicles, presented to the House on 29th May, 2017, be considered and adopted.

The Minister for Law and Justice pointed out some typographical error in the report, therefore, the motion was deferred.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

The Following Calling Attention Notice was taken up:

1. Senator Sherry Rehman drew attention of the Minister for Climate Change towards the report of World Health Organization (WHO) according to which Pakistan is ranked as 4th worst country affected by air pollution.

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Climate Change made the statement and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of Minister-In-Charge Of Communications, moved that the Bill further to amend the Post Office Act, 1898 [The Post Office (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Bill stands referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

2. Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Training, moved that the Bill to provide for making compulsory teaching of the Holy Quran to Muslim students in all educational institutions [The Compulsory Teaching of the Holy Quran Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Bill stands referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

3. Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Minister of State for Interior and Narcotics Control on behalf of Chaudhry Nisar Ali Khan, Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control, moved that the Bill further to amend the Illegal Dispossession Act, 2005 [The Illegal Dispossession (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, 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, Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Minister of State for Interior and Narcotics Control moved that the Bill further to amend the Illegal Dispossession Act, 2005 [The Illegal Dispossession (Amendment) Bill, 2017], be passed.

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

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition pointed out an incident involving Mr. Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed that happened yesterday i.e. 8th June, 2017 in parliament precincts where a person got involved in physical violence with the Honorable Parliamentarian. Senator Aurangzeb Khan also spoke in this regard and condemned such behavior and the poor security system in Parliament House. Chaudhary Tanvir Khan also spoke in this regard.

Mr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman apprised the House about the notice taken by the Lower House and Interior Ministry in this regard.

The matter was referred to Standing Committee concerned for thorough investigation.

2. Senator Sehar Kamran pointed out the matter of hacking of Bilawal House Media Cell Website by Indian hackers. She further pointed out about the tracking of social media accounts by FIA which amounts to restricting the right of expression.

3. Senator Taj Haider pointed out the under transfer of funds to the Sindh by the Federal Government on account of NFC share.
4. Senator Sitara Ayaz pointed out the naming of the Universities under the ideologies instead of naming the same with the names of National Heroes which is promoting ethnicity and political discrimination.
5. Senator Sassui Palijo pointed out the matter of non-issuance of NFC awards to concerned provinces.
6. Senator Samina Abid pointed out the shortage of water supply in Islamabad.
7. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif pointed out the transfer of administrative control of National Commission for Human Rights to the Ministry of Human Rights which against the spirit of the Act whereby NCHR was established.
8. Senator Mir Kabir Ahmed Muhammad Shahi pointed out that the Finance Minister has not addressed the points raised by him during his Budget speech. He further pointed out the non-availability of NADRA office or mobile van in Bulaida area of Makran Division despite assurance by Chairman NADRA before the Committee. He also condemned the incident that happened with Sheikh Rasheed Ahmed.

The Presiding Officer referred the matter of non-provision of mobile van of NADRA in Bulada Makran Division to the Minister for Interior for report.

9. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar pointed out that Member NHA Balochistan is terminating the local engineers and hiring the engineers from other provinces. He further spoke about the non-implementation of recommendations of the Senate on Finance Bill. He further stated that there should be a criterion to title someone as National Hero.
10. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the non-implementation of recommendations made by Senate. He further raised the point of inequality in distribution of Budget for Balochistan province.
11. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah pointed out the missing of Mufti Ameer Zaman from Attock at the hands of the Agencies. He further spoke on the matter of naming universities after National Heroes. He also spoke about the lingering on of the case of one Khadija who was stabbed in Lahore.

The Presiding Officer referred the matter of missing of Mufti Ameer Zaman and some persons from Badin to the Functional Committee on Human Rights for report.

Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition, stated that he will use his influence in Bar for disposal of Khadija stabbing case.

12. Senator Farhatullah Babar also spoke on the matter of missing persons. He also stated that investigation should be made in the alleged nuclear proliferation from Pakistan.

13. Senator Pervaiz Rasheed pointed out some words used by the Presiding Officer which were disturbing for him.

The Presiding Officer expunged those remarks.

14. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja condemned the kidnapping and killing of Chinese Couple at the hands of ISIS.

LAPSE OF BUSINESS

The Notices of questions, resolutions, motion 218, calling attention and adjournment motions were lapsed.

- At 12:45 p.m., the Presiding Officer prorogued the Senate Session on conclusion of its business.

Islamabad, the

9th June, 2017