

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

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(265th session)

Date and day	10 th August, 2017 (Thursday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	08:00 p.m.
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	69
Total working hours	5 hours

OFFERING OF FATEHA

- The house offered Fateha for four military men including a senior officer who were martyred during an intelligence-driven raid on a mountainous hideout of terrorists in Upper Dir district of Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa near the border with Afghanistan. The House also offered Fateha for the sad demise of an Air force Officer in a plane crash near Gujranwala.
- The House observed one minute silence to pay tribute to Dr. Ruth Katharina Martha Pfau, M.D., D.Sc., “Nishan-e-Quaid-e-Azam”, founder Member MALC and Member of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary (DHM) who passed away on Thursday, the 10th August, 2017.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by Chairman.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

Following Reports were presented in the House:-

1. **SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALA**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of point of public importance raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 10th January, 2017, regarding amnesty scheme for motor vehicles which was referred back by the House on 9th July, 2017, to the Committee for correction.
2. **SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALA**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance, 2001 [The Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) (Amendment) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati on 13th March, 2017.

3. **SENATOR NAWABZADA SAIFULLAH MAGSI on behalf of SENATOR MUHAMMAD DAUD KHAN ACHAKZAI, ADVOCATE,** Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of the point of public importance regarding the fate of local Engineers in Balochistan, raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 8th June, 2017.

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORMS- PRESENTATION OF:

SENATOR MOHAMMAD ISHAQ DAR, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs /Chairman, Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reforms, presented the report of the Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reforms.

The Minister for Finance also made detailed statement in the House.

At this stage, the Chairman objected on the non-mentioning of Senate of Pakistan on the cover of the Report.

The Minister for Law and Justice assured to rectify the error.

Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi also objected that no Member from the National Party was included in the composition of the Committee.

MOTION
[Under Rule 204]

SENATOR RAJA MUHAMMAD ZAFAR-UL-HAQ, Leader of the House, moved under rule 204 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that this House may authorize the Chairman Senate to appoint a Special Committee under the Chairmanship of Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition, comprising of Senators Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Mushahid Hussain Syed, Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, Hidayat Ullah, Taj Haider and Saleem Mandviwala, to examine the issue of non-implementation of the decisions of the House on which the concerned Ministries fail to report reasons of non-implementation, within the stipulated time period, in terms of rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012. The Committee shall in its report, inter-alia, suggest modus operandi to deal with the cases of non-implementation of the binding decisions of the House.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

MOTION
[Under Rule 218]

SENATORS FARHATULLAH BABAR, MIR ISRARULLAH KHAN ZEHRI, MOHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI, MUSHAHID HUSSAIN SYED, TAJ HAIDER, ILYAS AHMAD BILOUR, NAWABZADA SAIFULLAH MAGSI, KHALIDA PARVEEN, MALIK NAJMUL HASSAN, SAEEDUL HASSAN MANDOKHAIL, HIDAYAT ULLAH, GIANCHAND, MOHSIN AZIZ, SYED SHIBLI FARAZ, SHAHI SYED, SAJJAD HUSSAIN TURI, SHERRY REHMAN, SALEEM , KAMIL ALI AGHA, RUBINA KHALID, HAJI MOMIN KHAN AFRIDI, MUKHTIAR AHMED DHAMRAH @ AAJIZ, RUBINA IRFAN, NAUMAN WAZIR KHATTAK, SAMINA ABID, BRIG. (R) JOHN KENNETH WILLIAMS, MUHAMMAD DAUD KHAN ACHAKZAI, ADVOCATE, SEHAR KAMRAN, SARDAR FATEH MUHAMMAD MUHAMMAD HASSANI AND MIR MUHAMMAD YOUSAF BADINI moved that the House may discuss the present political situation post Panama Papers verdict and the way forward-role of the Parliament.

Before start of the debate, the Chairman sensitized the Member to speak to the point and give some rationale suggestions to strengthen the parliament. The Chairman narrated nine points in the House which are part of the verbatim.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Farhatullah Babar.
2. Senator Sehar Kamran.
3. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum.
4. Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
5. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.
[Some words were expunged]
6. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja.
7. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh.
8. Senator Khalida Parveen.
9. Senator Sirajul Haq.
10. Senator Saud Majeed.
11. Senator Taj Haider.
12. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah.
13. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
14. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz.

[At this stage, the Leader of the Opposition pointed the absence of Ministers in the House when a serious debate regarding role of Parliament is going on]

15. Senator Kamil Ali Agha.
16. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari.

17. Senator Kalsoom Parveen.

18. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi.

[At 7:20 p.m. the proceedings were suspended and resumed at 7:30 p.m.]

19. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan. Leader of the Opposition.

20. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq, Leader of the House.

The Motion was talked out. However, the Chairman ruled that on the first sitting of the next session, a motion may be moved in the House by the Leaders of the House and the Opposition for the constitution of Committee of the Whole House to discuss the weaknesses of Parliament and the way forward.

The Chairman also took the Members into confidence to initiate the process of Intra-Institutional Dialogue to provide a forum for interaction between the Institutions. The House agreed the suggestion and the Chairman stated that he will write to the Prime Minister of Pakistan to invite the Executive as well as the Military Bureaucracy and to the Chief Justice of Pakistan to invite the Judiciary in the dialogue process.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE RULES

(Under Rule 278)

SENATOR RAJA MUHAMMAD ZAFAR-UL-HAQ, Leader of the House and SENATOR AITZAZ AHSAN, Leader of the Opposition, sought leave under sub-rule (4) of rule 278 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, to move,-

- (i) That in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, in rule 166, after the existing sub-rule (6), the following new sub-rule (7) shall be inserted, namely:-

“(7) Each Standing Committee shall scrutinize the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) proposed by the Ministry concerned for the next financial year and suggest amendments, if necessary, and make recommendations thereon before the same is sent to the Ministry of Finance for inclusion in the Federal Budget for the next financial year. Each Ministry shall submit its budgetary proposals relating to the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) for the next financial year to the relevant Standing Committee not later than the 31st January of preceding financial year and the Standing Committee shall make its recommendations thereon, if any, not later than the 1st March of preceding financial year, failing which the proposals of the Ministry shall be deemed to have been endorsed by the Standing Committee.”

- (ii) That in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, after rule 268, the following new rule 268A shall be inserted, namely:-

“268A. Dress code for the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Presiding Officer, Table Officers and other officers/ officials performing duties in the House.- The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Presiding Officer, Table Officers and other officers/ officials performing duties in the House shall follow a dress code, as may be prescribed in the Standing Orders from time to time.”

The leave was granted by the House and thereafter, SENATOR RAJA MUHAMMAD ZAFAR-UL-HAQ, Leader of the House and SENATOR AITZAZ AHSAN, Leader of the Opposition, moved that the proposed amendments in rule 166 and insertion of new rule 268A in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, be taken into consideration.

Motion was put to the House and adopted and thereafter, the House considered the proposed amendments.

Thereafter, SENATOR RAJA MUHAMMAD ZAFAR-UL-HAQ, Leader of the House and SENATOR AITZAZ AHSAN, Leader of the Opposition, moved that the proposed amendments in rule 166 and insertion of new rule 268A in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, be adopted.

The Motion was put to the House and the proposed amendments were adopted by the House.

MEDIA WALKOUT

The Media representatives in the Media Gallery staged walkout of the proceedings of the House due to the manhandling of media persons during coverage of PML-N rally. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed along with Senators Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Taj Haider and Saleem Zia negotiated with the media persons who demanded that the House may show solidarity with the media by way of passing a resolution and also observe silence in the House.

At this stage, the Chairman stated that he has given a detailed ruling regarding transaction of business during requisition session according to which no resolution can be moved during requisition session, however, he allowed the resolution as an exception but he clarified that it cannot be used as precedent.

The House observed a moment of silence to show solidarity with the media in discharge of their functions.

Thereafter, Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed moved motion under rule 263 to suspend the relevant rules in order to enable the House to pass a resolution showing solidarity with the Media.

The Motion was carried. Thereafter, Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed moved resolution which was put to the House and passed unanimously.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

Leader of the House apprised the House that he contacted the IGP Islamabad and directed him to depute some senior officer to investigate in the case of Senator Shibli Faraz.

At 8:00 p.m. the Chairman read out the prorogation order and adjourned the proceedings *sine die*.