

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and day	30 th August,2017 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	10:30 a.m.
Adjourned at	12: 50 p.m.
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	46
Total working hours	2 hours and 20 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

- Questions entered in a separate list were asked and the replies were given.
- * With reference to question no. 155, the Chairman directed the Minister for Industries and Production to inform the House in the next Session that what measures government is taking to discourage the cartelization otherwise the matter will be referred to the Committee concerned.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - PRESENTATION OF:
[Under Rule 172B (5)]

SENATOR RAJA MUHAMMAD ZAFAR-UL-HAQ, Leader of the House, presented report of the Committee of the Whole to prepare policy guidelines in the light of emerging regional realities and the role of United States, containing initial response to the US President's Afghan-South Asia Policy statement.

The Chairman explained the background of the issue, debate in the House and taking of cognizance of the same by the Committee of the whole.

MOTION

SENATOR RAJA MUHAMMAD ZAFAR-UL-HAQ, Leader of the House, moved 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 of the Whole to prepare policy guidelines in the light of emerging regional realities and the role of United States, containing initial response to the US President's Afghan-South Asia Policy statement, be adopted.

Following Members spoke:

1. Senator Sehar Kamran
2. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati
3. Senator Taj Haider
4. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed
5. Senator Farhatullah Babar
6. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh
7. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq
8. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah
9. Senator Kalsoom Perveen
10. Senator Khalida Perveen

The Motion was put to the House and report was adopted unanimously.

The Chairman directed that the Foreign Office shall send copies of the report to all the Embassies and High Commissions of Pakistan abroad and shall also provide copies of the reports to all the Ambassadors and High Commissioners of other countries in Pakistan. The Chairman further directed that the Minister for Foreign Affairs shall submit a progress report in the next Session with reference to implementation on the recommendations of the Senate.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

SENATOR OSMAN SAIFULLAH KHAN drew attention of the Minister for Science and Technology towards the recently published scientific study in the scientific journal "Science Advances" according to which 50 Million Pakistanis are at risk of arsenic poisoning due to contaminated ground water.

Mr. Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister for Defence Production made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice.

The Calling Attention Notice was disposed off.

MOTION
[Under Rule 126(7)]

1. **SENATOR AYESHA RAZA FAROOQ**, was to move that the Bill to give power to make the vaccination for universal immunization of children compulsory and to protect the health workers designated for immunization programs [The Islamabad Compulsory Vaccination and Protection of Health Workers Bill, 2015], as passed by the Senate and transmitted to the National Assembly but not passed by the National Assembly within ninety days of its laying in the National Assembly, be considered in a joint sitting.

The Motion was deferred due to absence of the Member.

2. **SENATOR OSMAN SAIFULLAH KHAN** moved that the Bill to protect and regulate the rights of domestic workers [The Domestic Workers (Employment Rights) Bill, 2016], as passed by the Senate and transmitted to the National Assembly but not passed by the National Assembly within ninety days of its laying in the National Assembly, be considered in a joint sitting.

The Motion was put to the House and carried.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE RULES
(Under Rule 278)

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

- (i) in rule 98 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, in the existing proviso for the “full stop” occurring at the end, a colon “:” shall be substituted and thereafter, the following new provisos shall be added, namely:-

“Provided further that the Member-in-Charge or any other Member may move that the Standing Committee concerned may circulate the Bill for eliciting public opinion:

Provided further that if the Motion that the Bill be circulated for eliciting public opinion is carried, the Standing Committee concerned shall adopt the procedure as provided in sub-rule (3) of rule 187.”;

- (ii) in rule 100, in sub-rule (1), in paragraph (c), of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, for the “semicolon” and word “or” occurring at the end, a “full stop” shall be substituted and thereafter, paragraph (d) shall be omitted; and
- (iii) in rule 203, for sub-rules (1), (2) and (3), of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Minister-in-Charge of the Ministry to which a Bill relates (ex-officio non-voting member), the Chairman of the Standing Committee concerned with the Bill (ex-officio non-voting member), the Member-in-Charge (ex-officio non-voting member), the Minister for Law and Justice (ex-officio non-voting member) and the Members of the Standing Committee which examined the Bill shall be the Members of every Select Committee and it shall not be necessary to include their names in any motion for election of such a Committee.

(2) When a Motion that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee is adopted, the Senate shall elect the Members equal in number as that of Members of the Standing Committee concerned.

(3) Ten Members shall constitute the quorum of the Select Committee wherein five Members shall be from Treasury Benches and five Members from Opposition Benches.”

The Motion was put to the House and leave was granted.

(If leave is granted)

1. SENATOR RAJA MUHAMMAD ZAFAR-UL-HAQ, Leader of the House, on his behalf and on behalf of SENATOR AITZAZ AHSAN, Leader of the Opposition AND SENATOR TAJ HAIDER moved that the proposed amendments in rules 98, 100 and 203 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, be taken into consideration.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

2. SENATOR RAJA MUHAMMAD ZAFAR-UL-HAQ, Leader of the House, on his behalf and on behalf of SENATOR AITZAZ AHSAN, Leader of the Opposition AND

SENATOR TAJ HAIDER moved that the proposed amendments in rules 98, 100 and 203 of 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.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE ON THE POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Minister for Interior was to make statement on the point of public importance raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 28th August, 2017, regarding the shutting down of three hundred coal mines in district Harnai by FC Balochistan on the pretext of security clearance after the incident of bomb blast on 13th August, 2017, which resulted into killing of six FC personnel.

The Ministerial response was deferred due to engagement of the Minister in the National Security Committee meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

In terms of rule 131B of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, the Secretary Senate made announcement that the National Assembly Secretariat has sent Messages to the Senate Secretariat whereby it is informed that the National Assembly has not passed the following Private Members' Bills passed by the Senate within 90 days of their laying in the National Assembly:-

- 1.** The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Amendment of Section 323). (introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati)
- 2.** The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Amendment of Sections 273, 274 and 275). (introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati)

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- 1.** Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh drew attention of the House towards the trend of dance by the models in the cattle markets to promote the animals.
- 2.** Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz spoke about the concerns of the people of Sindh over the figures of population census. He further drew attention of the House towards the load shedding and low pressure of gas in the area of Shah Pur Chakar, District Sanghar.

The Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Secretary Petroleum for report.

- 3.** Senator Farhatullah Babar spoke about the International Day of Enforced Disappearances and urged the Government to look into the issue seriously otherwise the differences

between the citizens and the State will increase. He also spoke about the strict implementation of Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 on the ordinary citizens whereas the banned organizations are operating freely.

The Chairman observed that enforced disappearances are in violation of the Constitution and the fundamental rights. He admitted the failure of the Parliament to curb this issue because the State within State is not in its control. The Chairman further observed that the Judiciary has also been failed to implement the writ of habeas corpus which is an unfortunate state of affair.

4. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan referred the decision of the Supreme Court of March, 2016 whereby it was ordered to hold a referendum in PIA.

The Chairman observed that NIRC is lingering this issue. The Chairman asked the Leader of the House to look into the issue.

5. Senator Sehar Kamran thanked the Chairman, the Leaders of the House and Opposition, the Members of the House and the Secretariat who extended their full support to her on the occasion of grief of death of her mother.

The Chairman observed that Senate is like a family and it is our responsibility to help each other on such occasions.

6. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati spoke about release of funds to Pak PWD for development work in his Constituency (NA-21) and demanded that the Planning Division may provide him the details of the releases and utilization thereof.

7. Senator Taj Haider drew attention of the House towards the report of the Auditor General of Pakistan for the year 2016-17 whereby it is revealed that there are irregularities amounting to 3 trillion rupees. The Member requested the chair to refer the matter to the concerned Committee for probe.

Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati also added that these irregularities have been traced out while examining only 5% of total exchequer so one can imagine the volume of irregularities that might come on record if the whole record is examined.

The Chairman observed that he cannot refer a matter to the Committee without hearing the other party however he directed the Member to move a Calling Attention Notice in next Session.

8. Senators Saleem Zia, Farhatullah Babar and Abdul Rehman Malik condemned the revelation made by Pervaiz Musharraf in a TV interview about the kneeling down of Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan before him to beg pardon for proliferation of nuclear. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik wanted to share some information known to him in this regard being the then Minister for Interior.

The Chairman also condemned such statement by Pervaiz Musharraf and observed that if such statement was made by a civilian President or Prime Minister then he must have been taken to task. The Chairman further stated that if the House agrees then he has no objection to take up this issue in the in-camera meeting of the Committee of the whole. The Chairman also showed concern over the timing of such statement by a former Head of State especially when the US President has announced an aggressive policy against Pakistan.

CARRYING FORWARD OF BUSINESS

The Questions, Resolutions and Motions under Rule 218, notices of which were given for the current Session but could not be taken up were carried forward by the Chairman.

PROROGATION

At 12:50 p.m., the Chairman read out the order of the President and prorogued the Session on conclusion of its business.