

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
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**(267<sup>th</sup> session)**

Date and day	11 <sup>th</sup> September,2017 (Monday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	6:05 p.m.
Presided by	Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Acting Chairman
Attendance	61
Total working hours	3 hours and 05 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS**

1. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah
2. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi
3. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari

**LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

- The leave applications were read by Chairman.

**OFFERING OF FATEHA FOR QUAID-E-AZAM MUHAMMAD ALI JINNAH**

The House offered Fateha for Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah on his 69<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary.

Following Members paid tribute to the great leader on behalf of the House:-

1. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House.
2. Senator Taj Haider.

## **RESOLUTION CONDEMNING GENOCIDE OF ROHINGYA MUSLIMS**

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House moved motion under rule 263 for suspension of rules in order to enable the House to pass resolution condemning the genocide of Rohingya Muslims at the hands of Buddhist extremists and Burmese forces.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted, thereafter, Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House moved the resolution which was put to the House and passed unanimously.

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House further added that the Government of Pakistan should raise this issue in the United Nations with reference to the report of a Commission formed by the then Secretary General of UNO Kofi Annan to probe into the issue of Rohingya Muslims in Burma.

### **MOTION** **[Under Rule 194(1)]**

**SENATOR MUHAMMAD JAVED ABBASI**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, 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 amend, consolidate and unify laws relating to the conduct of elections [The Elections Bill, 2017], may be extended for a period of seven working days with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

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

### **BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED**

- 1. SENATOR MUHAMMAD MOHSIN KHAN LEGHARI** moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (**Insertion of new Article 95A**).

**The Minister for Law and Justice did not oppose the Motion. The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted and** the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

- 2. SENATOR SYED SHIBLI FARAZ** moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (**Amendment of Article 91**).

**The Minister for Law and Justice opposed the Motion. The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was rejected.**

3. **SENATOR SYED SHIBLI FARAZ** moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the ratification of foreign agreements by Parliament [The Ratification of Foreign Agreements by Parliament Bill, 2017].

**The Minister for Law and Justice opposed the Motion. The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was rejected.**

4. **SENATOR MUHAMMAD MOHSIN KHAN LEGHARI** moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (**Insertion of new Article 136A**).

**The Minister for Law and Justice did not oppose the Motion. The Motion was put to the House and leave to introduce the Bill was granted and** the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

**MOTION**  
**[Under Rule 126(7)]**

**SENATOR AYESHA RAZA FAROOQ**, moved 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 put to the House and carried.**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

12. **SENATOR MOHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI** was to move that the Bill further to amend the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 [The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (**Amendment of sections 80 and 82**), as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

**The Motion was deferred due to absence of the Member.**

**BILLS TO BE WITHDRAWN**  
**[Under Rule 115]**

**14. SENATOR MOHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI** was to seek leave of the House to withdraw the following Bills:-

- (i) The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (**Amendment of sections 154 and 156 and insertion of new section 154A**);
- (ii) The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (**Amendment of sections 46 and 57**);
- (iii) The Islamabad Consumers Protection (Amendment) Bill, 2017;
- (iv) The Anti-Money Laundering (Amendment) Bill, 2017;
- (v) The Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Bill, 2017;
- (vi) The National Health Care Bill, 2017;
- (vii) The Defamation (Amendment) Bill, 2017; and
- (viii) The Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (**Amendment of section 2**).

**The Motion was deferred due to absence of the Member.**

**DEFERRED RESOLUTION**

**SENATOR SEHAR KAMRAN** moved the following resolution:-

“**Realizing** that the future of Pakistan and its 200 million people depends on continuity of democratic governance embedded in supremacy of the Constitution and that democratic civic education is an important instrument to provide people with intellectual context and develop necessary skills in them to actively and effectively participate in this national pursuit;

**Mindful** of the fact that about half of Pakistan’s population is under twenty-five and not all young people are fortunate to get formal school, college and university education and that core concepts like Constitutionalism, federalism and representative parliamentary

institutions are missing in the textbooks taught in the nation's classrooms;

**Acknowledging** this deficit the Education Policy 2009 urged that, "Curriculum shall emphasize the fundamental rights guaranteed to the citizens of Pakistan, so that each individual shall develop within himself / herself and the society at large, a civic culture strong enough to withstand any extra constitutional interference which threatens those rights";

**Endorsing** the Joint Communiqué of 17<sup>th</sup> Speakers' Conference (April 15, 2014, Islamabad) that suggested changes in educational curriculum to inculcate in the minds of new generation the importance of democracy and to make it aware of the democratic struggle for parliamentary democracy in the country;

**Recalling** Article 25 to the Charter of Democracy which provides for establishment of a Commission for the promotion and development of a democratic culture in the country;

**This House calls upon the Government that:**

1. Democratic Civic Education shall be made a compulsory part of curriculum and educational activities in the country;
2. The Fundamental Rights enshrined in the Constitution of 1973 along with an unbiased account of constitutional and democratic developments in Pakistan shall be included in the textbooks;
3. Extra and co-curricular activities at the national campuses shall include themes related to parliamentary democracy, fundamental rights and Constitutionalism in Pakistan;
4. For general public, the Public Service Broadcasters and independent private media under their public service obligations shall devote a fair amount of time to expand their understanding about the Constitution and its relevance as a vibrant contract between citizens and the State; and

5. A National Democracy Commission as envisaged in the Charter of Democracy shall be established to promote and develop a democratic culture in the country.”.

**The Resolution was not opposed by the Minister of Federal Education. The Resolution was put to the House and unanimously passed.**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

**SENATOR KARIM AHMED KHAWAJA** moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should present all International conventions, treaties, covenants and commitments before the Senate for ratification.”.

The Resolution was opposed by the Minister for Law and Justice.

Following Members spoke on the resolution:-

1. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja.
2. Senator Taj Haider.
3. Senator Farhatullah Babar.
4. Senator Usman Khan Kakar.
5. Senator Sehar Kamran.
6. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.
7. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek.
8. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini.
9. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah.
10. Senator Syed Shibli Fraz.

**Thereafter, the resolution was put to the House which was passed unanimously.**

**SENATOR MUHAMMAD USMAN KHAN KAKAR** moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the PIA flights from/ to Quetta may be operated according to the following schedule:-

- (i) one flight from Quetta to Islamabad in the morning on daily basis;

- (ii) one flight from Islamabad to Quetta in the evening on daily basis;
- (iii) three flights during a week on Karachi-Quetta-Zhob-Islamabad route; and
- (iv) three flights during a week on Islamabad-Zhob-Quetta-Karachi route.”.

**The Resolution was not opposed by the Minister of Parliamentary Affairs. The Resolution was put to the House and passed unanimously.**

**SENATOR MOHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI** was to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should direct the office of the AGPR to ensure autonomy of the Election Commission of Pakistan in financial matters to enable it to perform without any hindrance.”.

**The Resolution was deferred due to absence of the Member.**

**SENATOR RUBINA KHALID** was to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the National Cadet Corps (NCC) should be re-introduced in all public and private Higher Secondary educational institutions in the country.”.

**The Resolution was deferred due to absence of the Member.**

**SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MAHMOOD** was to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take appropriate steps to reduce the expenditures for Hajj under the Government scheme.”.

**The Resolution was deferred due to absence of the Member.**

**DEFERRED MOTIONS**  
**[Under Rule 218]**

1. **SENATOR SYED SHIBLI FARAZ** moved that the House may discuss the structural issues of power sector in the country resulting into perpetual crisis affecting the daily lives of general public.

Following Members spoke:-

1. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz.
2. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.

**Further discussion was commenced.**

2. **SENATOR FARHATULLAH BABAR** moved that this House may discuss the progress made in the development of alternate narrative to curb militancy as envisaged in the National Action Plan.

**Further discussion was commenced.**

3. **SENATOR COL. (R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI** moved that the House may discuss the present police system in the country and suggest ways and means for its improvement for better protection of the fundamental / human rights of the people of Pakistan.

**Further discussion was commenced.**

**MOTIONS**  
**[Under Rule 218]**

1. **SENATOR SITARA AYAZ** was to move that this House may discuss the situation arising out of rapid increase in population of the country.

**The Motion was deferred due to absence of the Member.**

2. **SENATOR MOHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI** was to move that the House may discuss the progress made so far in revitalizing the Asian Parliamentary Assembly after active involvement of Pakistan.

**The Motion was deferred due to absence of the Member.**



3. **SENATOR MIAN MUHAMMAD ATEEQ SHAIKH** moved that this House may discuss the reasons for imposition of various taxes through electricity bills.

**Further discussion was commenced.**

4. **SENATOR MUKHTIAR AHMED DHAMRAH @ AAJIZ** was to move that the House may discuss the situation arising out of non-announcement of NFC Award and announcing the Budget 2017-18 without announcing that Award.

**The Motion was deferred due to absence of the Member.**

5. **SENATOR CHAUDHARY TANVIR KHAN** was to move that this House may discuss the need and importance of effective management of borders with Iran and Afghanistan.

**The Motion was deferred due to absence of the Member.**

#### **POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

1. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah spoke about the incident of 9/11 which happened 16 years ago and after which the World scenario was totally changed. He criticized the counter terrorism policies of USA. He further stated that we are paying tribute to Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah but his teaching and guidance are being totally ignored in the affairs of the Government.
2. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak spoke about the useless debate in the House on very important issues because the same is not being responded by any Government functionary.
3. Senator Farhatullah Babar drew attention of the House towards the media news that Government is going to establish a Print Media Control Authority with the purpose to control the Print Media which is against the Constitution.
4. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh spoke about the murderous assault at Khawaja Izhar-ul-Hasan at Karachi and lack of security provision to his party leaders. He further spoke about the incident of fire at Awami Markaz Islamabad which has raised many questions. He urged that the House may depute a Committee to probe the incident.
5. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi spoke about the statement made by the Chief Minister of Punjab that the Federal Government may permit the provincial Government to import the onions despite the fact that sufficient produce of onion is lying in Balochistan. He spoke about the overall miseries of the farmers in Balochistan.

**The Presiding Officer directed that the verbatim be sent to the Ministry of National Food Security and Research with the direction that the Minister shall report to the House on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.**

6. Senator Kalsoom Parveen also spoke about the problems of farmers in Balochistan. She further showed her concerns over the involvement of University students with the proscribed organizations.
7. Senator Ashok Kumar drew attention of the House towards the incident of abduction of a female Hindu school teacher from District Gumbatt Sindh for forced conversion and urged the Government to safeguard the minorities.
8. Senator Hidayat Ullah spoke about the overall miseries and deprivations of people of FATA with particular reference that the Finance Ministry is not releasing funds for appointments to 7500 sanctioned posts of FATA for schools and hospitals.
9. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel also spoke about the problems of agriculturists in Balochistan due to drought, low water level and heavy load shedding. He further stated that in the previous Government the debts of agriculturists were written off but the same was not implemented fully.

The Presiding Officer suggested the Member to give a Calling Attention Notice to address this issue.

10. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar spoke about the overall deprivations of people of Balochistan and the lack of internet and mobile phone facilities in the areas of Qilla Abdullah.
11. Senator Farhatullah Babar spoke about the highhandedness of Cantonment Boards Loralai with the residents of the cantonment Board.

**At 6:05 p.m. the Presiding Officer adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.**