

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and day	15 th September,2017 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:00 a.m.
Adjourned at	1:25 p.m.
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	44
Total working hours	3 hours and 25 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 86, 97, 106 and 112 were replied. Written replies to question Nos. 88, 89, 90, 91, 93, 99, 101, 102, 105, 107 and 111 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the concerned Members. Question No. 108 was deferred on written request of the Minister concerned. Question No. 113 was referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report. The Chairman directed that any Member who wanted to join the proceedings of the Committee may join the same.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

SUSPENSION OF PROCEEDINGS

At 10:40 a.m. the proceedings were suspended due to absence of the concerned Minister and resumed at 10:48 a.m.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi drew attention of the Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division towards the unlawful increase in monthly tuition fee by private schools in the Islamabad Capital Territory.

Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice. The Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi drew attention of the Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division towards the alleged deliberate negligence and non-implementation of the building Code and civic regulations by the CDA in Islamabad particularly unauthorized construction in Sector H-13 and high rise buildings in and around Sector E-11.

Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice. The Calling Attention Notice was disposed of. However, the Chairman with the permission of the House ruled that he in consultation with the Leaders of the House and the Opposition will constitute an 8 Members committee to look into the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice and the nomination of the Committee will be announced in the House on Tuesday the 19th September, 2017.

DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman directed the Minister for Interior to make sure his presence in the House on Tuesday, the 19th September, 2017 to respond the matters of public importance pertaining to his Ministry.

The Minister gave assurance.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE ON THE POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar UL Haq, Leader of the House responded the issue of proposed import of onions whereas the onion crop in Balochistan is about to be harvested and sufficient onion will be available to meet the requirements of the country, raised by Senators Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi and Kalsoom Perveen on 11th September, 2017.

Leader of the House stated that the Ministry has categorically assured that no such proposal is under consideration.

The Chairman appreciated the intervention of the Senate due to which the Ministry has assured that no such proposal of importing the onions is under consideration as conveyed by the Leader of the House.

MOTION OF THANKS

Further discussion on the following motion moved by Shaikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, on 12th September, 2017:-

“This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both the Houses assembled together on 1st June, 2017.”.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum.
2. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh.
3. Senator Nighat Mirza.
4. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini.
5. Senator Osman Saifullah Khan.
6. Senator Barrister Murtaza Wahab.
7. Senator Khalida Parveen.
8. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi.
9. Senator Hidayat Ullah.
10. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik.

Chairman directed that further discussion will be commenced on Monday the 18th September, 2017 and the discussion will be wound up on Tuesday the 19th September, 2017 so that the adjournment motions of the Members can be taken up from Wednesday, the 20th September, 2017.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY SENATE

Secretary Senate made the announcement regarding receipt and disposal of Public Petition during the intervening period between 266th and 267th sessions.

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi stated that Khuzdar Engineering University was established thirty years ago but till today only four departments are working in the University which should be enhanced as per the need of the modern day.
2. Senator Farhatullah Babar spoke about the International Day of Democracy i.e. 15th September, 2017 and highlighted the attacks on democracy made during various

regimes. He urged that the Parliament should enhance its oversight to look into such threats to the democracy and the back seat driving of the vehicle of democracy should not be allowed. He also paid tribute to the heroes of the struggle for restoration and strengthening of democracy.

He further pointed out the evacuation of doctors belonging to an organization named “Doctors beyond Borders” who were voluntarily working in FATA.

The Chairman observed that the Members should have brought a unanimous resolution on the International Day of Democracy. Chairman further observed that everyone should respect the doctrine of Tracheotomy of powers as given in the Constitution and every institute should exercise its powers within the parameters given by the Constitution and every attempt to exercise of powers beyond those parameters will be considered as an attempt to damage the democracy in the country. He urged that the Parliament should more effectively exercise its role of oversight and Government should also play role to strengthen the Parliament.

Following Members also spoke about the International Day of Democracy:-

1. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari. He also spoke about the need to empower the local bodies for effective management of the administration. He particularly referred the need to empower the local bodies in ICT for proper administration of the capital.
 2. Senator Rubina Irfan.
 3. Senator Sherry Rehman
 4. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
 5. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi. He also spoke about the need to empower the local bodies to enjoy the fruits of democracy.
3. Senator Rubina Irfan urged the Government to impose a ban on import of onions and potatoes from Iran and India when the crop is ready to be harvested in Balochistan.

The Chairman informed the Member about the assurance already given by the Ministry as conveyed by the Leader of the House.

4. Senator Barrister Murtaza Wahab pointed out that gas is not being provided to Khairpur Industrial Estate and the Government has suggested to provide LNG to the Industrial Estate whereas Khairpur is a gas producing District.

The Chairman directed that the verbatim be sent to the Minister concerned for ministerial response.

5. Senator Sherry Rehman pointed out the incident of honor killing with particular reference to a recent incident of killing of a couple in Ibrahim Haideri Karachi due to their love marriage. She urged the Chair to make some mechanism so that the House of Federation can seek report on such incidents from the provincial Governments. She further spoke about the lack of mechanism in the rules due to which the points of the Members remain unaddressed. She also pointed out the need of the capacity building of locals in Gwadar so that the fruits of the CPEC can reach to them. She criticized the Government for not doing anything for the locals in Gwadar even for the provision of basic necessities of life like clean drinking water.

The Chairman suggested the Member to go through the Rules as already proper mechanisms are available and many issues have been resolved through those mechanisms.

6. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini drew attention towards the bad road condition in Kashnig Pass Naushki which links Pakistan with Iran.

Chairman advised the Member to move a Calling Attention Notice.

At 1:25 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 18th September, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.