

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and day	7 th November, 2017 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	03:10 p.m.
Adjourned at	07:30 p.m.
Presided by	Deputy Chairman during the question hour and the Chairman Senate during the rest of proceedings
Attendance	72
Total working hours	4 hours and 20 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 95, 96, 97, 99, 179, 182 and 183 were asked and replied in the House. Replies to Question Nos. 90, 101, 102 and 178 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Questions Nos. 94, 100, 181, 185, 186, 187, 194, 196 and 180 were deferred. Remaining printed questions and their replies were treated as laid on the Table of the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by Chairman.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions will be determined:-

1. Senator Taj Haider moved Adj. Motion No. 46-269/2017-M, to discuss the situation arising out of reservations expressed by various quarters on conducting of the recent census 2017.

The Chairman held the Motion in order for two hour discussion.

Since first adjournment motion on the orders of the Day was held in order, therefore, under the rules the remaining adjournment motions on the orders of the day were carried forward for next day.

OFFERING OF FATEHA

The House offered Fateha for the departed soul of a Pakistani Diplomat posted in Embassy of Pakistan in Afghanistan who has been murdered by unknown assailants.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF: **(Under Rule 193)**

Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Narcotics Control, presented special report of the Committee on the matter of non-payment of three percent regulatory duty by the regulatory agencies i.e. SECP, NEPRA, OGRA, PTA and PEMRA of their annual fees to the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) under the CCP Act.

MOTIONS **[Under Rule 194(1)]**

1. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Narcotics Control, 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 further to amend the Protection of Economic Reforms Act, 1992 [The Protection of Economic Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 2016], introduced by Senator Saleem Mandviwala, on 3rd October, 2016, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 28th November, 2017.

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

2. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Narcotics Control, 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 subject matter of Calling Attention Notice moved by Senator Hidayat Ullah regarding pending approval of 7500 sanctioned new posts (SNEs) for FATA which have already been approved by the FATA Secretariat and the Ministry of SAFRON, referred to the Committee on 21st September, 2017, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 20th November, 2017.

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

3. Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, Advocate, Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, 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 subject matter of starred question No. 113, asked by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 15th September, 2017, regarding the case of non-approval for deputing the Motorway Police personnel at Kuchlak-Zhob and Saranan-Chaman Highway, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 15th November, 2017.

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

DISCUSSION ON THE STATE INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR ROLE IN THE SCHEME OF TRICHOTOMY OF POWER

Further debate on the State institutions and their role in the scheme of trichotomy of power.

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Nasreen Jalil.
2. Senator Nehal Hashmi.
3. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja.
4. Senator Professor Sajid Mir.
5. Senator Gianchand.
6. Senator Ata Ur Rehman.

Further discussion was commenced.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ drew attention of the Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division towards the recent increase in power tariff which will have negative and detrimental effect on already crippled industry.

Shaikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister In-charge of the Cabinet Division made statement and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

ASSISTANCE/ARGUMENTS BY THE MINISTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice advanced his arguments to assist the Chairman Senate on the interpretation and application of Article 160 of the Constitution regarding NFC.

The Chairman thanked the Minister and reserved his ruling on the issue.

REPORT TO BE LAID

MR. MUMTAZ AHMED TARAR, Minister for Human Rights, laid before the Senate the Annual Report of the National Commission on the Status of Women for the year 2015-16, as required under sub-section (2) of section 16 of the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012.

WINDING UP OF DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Minister for Foreign Affairs wound up the discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 22nd September, 2017, regarding significance of the BRICS declaration with particular reference to China's view point about Pakistan and the diplomatic strategy of the Government in this regard.

The Motion was thus talked out.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senators Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel and Gul Bashra, to draw attention of the Minister for Power towards the current status of long standing under construction Chashma-Zhob power transmission line.

Mr. Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari, Minister for Power made statement and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE ON THE POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Mr. Talal Chaudhary, Minister of State for Interior made statement on the missing of 70 years old religious scholar, Ameer of JUI (F) from district Vehari since 14th October, 2017, raised by Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah on 6th November, 2017.

In view of the statement by the Minister the matter was disposed of till surfacing of further information in this regard.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The House started discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Sherry Rehman on 25th October, 2017, regarding the reports that water scarcity and water borne diseases are causing serious economic and health crisis in the country.

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Sherry Rehman.
2. Senator Saud Majeed.
3. Senator Ata Ur Rehman.

4. Senator Gianchand.
5. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak.

Syed Javed Ali Shah, Minister for Water Resources wound up the debate.

The Chairman referred the subject matter of the adjournment motion to the Committee of the Whole on water issue. The Motion was talked out.

During the statement by the Minister, the Chairman ordained the Minister not to accuse anyone. Some controversial portion of the debate of the Minister was expunged.

Opposition staged walkout as protest against remarks of the Minister.

At 7:20 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Wednesday, the 8th November, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.