

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and day	8 th November, 2017 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	03:05 p.m.
Adjourned at	07:40 p.m.
Presided by	Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi during question hour. Chairman Senate during rest of the proceedings
Attendance	72
Total working hours	4 hours and 35 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos.23, 78, 53, 167, 104 and 111 were asked and replied in the House. Reply to Question No. 110 was treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Member concerned. Questions Nos. 55, 59, 63, 79, 174, 103, 105, 209, 165 and 210 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 Sehar Kamran moved Adj. Motion No. 17-269/2017-M, to discuss the statement of Indian Air Force Chief made on 5th October, 2017, that Indian Air Force has the capability to strike nuclear sites in Pakistan and they are ready for a full spectrum operation.

The Mover withdrew her motion to raise the issue through some other parliamentary tool.

2. Senators Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz and Sassui Palijo moved Adj. Motion No. 18-269/2017-M, to discuss the recent move of the Federal Government to delink petroleum and gas Authority from provincial oversight which is not only a direct violation of the Constitution but will also create trust deficit between the Centre and the Provinces.

Chairman held the motion in order for two hour discussion.

Since one 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.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

1. Senator Aisha Raza Farooq on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (**Amendment of Article 63A**), introduced by Senator Farhatullah Babar, on 21st August, 2017.
2. Senator Aisha Raza Farooq on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, to present report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (**Amendment of Article 63A**), introduced by Senator Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi, on 21st August, 2017.

MOTION

[Under Rule 196(1)]

1. Senator Taj Afridi on behalf of Senator Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri, Chairman, Standing Committee on Energy, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the Special Report of the Committee on the issue of problems being faced by the Oil Sector / Industry in Pakistan which was presented in the House on 9th January, 2017, be considered and adopted.

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

MOTION

(Under Rule 60)

Senator Farhatullah Babar moved for discussion on the following matter of public importance arising out of the answer to starred question No. 26, replied on 24th October, 2017:-

“Regarding violation of the Abbottabad University of Science and Technology Act as well as statutes made thereunder in order to secure NOC from HEC to operationalize that University.”.

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Farhatullah Babar.

Mr. Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training wound up the discussion. The Motion was thus talked out.

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 Mushahid Hussain Syed.

2. Senator Tanveer Ul Haq Thanvi.

3. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan.

Further discussion was commenced.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi drew attention of the Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division towards the covering of space of bourns by filing them with sand and narrowing small streams to acquire free land by the land mafia in Islamabad.

Dr. Darshan, Minister of State for IPC made statement and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE RULES
(Under Rule 278)

Senator Taj Haider on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House, 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 in rule 100, in sub-rule (1), in paragraph (c), of the said Rules for the full stop occurring at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter, the following new proviso shall be added, namely:-

“Provided that if the Committee has recommended that a particular Bill may not be passed by the Senate then the Member-in-Charge may only move the motion mentioned in paragraph (c).”

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

Thereafter, Senator Taj Haider on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House, moved that the proposed amendments in rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, be taken into consideration.

The Amendments were considered by the House. Thereafter, Senator Taj Haider on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House, moved that the proposed amendments in rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, be adopted.

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

AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS
[Under Standing Order No.4.3]

Placement and adoption of amendment in Standing Order No. 2.22 and insertion of new Standing Order Nos. 2.25A and 2.53A, after the existing Standing Order Nos. 2.25 and 2.53 titled the “Attendance of movers in the Committee meetings”, “Leave of absence from the Committee meetings” and “Withdrawal of a Bill from the Committee”. Amendments in the Standing Orders entered in a separate list to be adopted.

The amendments in the Standing Orders were adopted by the House.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Professor Sajid Mir drew attention of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination towards the recent recommendations of the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Board about the policy for admission into private medical colleges for 2017-18 which being tilted heavily in favor of private medical colleges causing great concern amongst the young students and their families aspiring for admission into medical colleges.

Dr. Darshan, Minister of State for IPC made statement and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The House started discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Taj Haider on 7th November, 2017, regarding the situation arising out of reservations expressed by various quarters on conducting of the recent census 2017.

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Taj Haider.
2. Senator Sehar Kamran.
3. Senator Sassui Palijo.
4. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
5. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
6. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi.
7. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
8. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz.
9. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
10. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja.
11. Senator Muhammad Saleh Shah.
12. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.
13. Senator Kamil Ali Agha.
14. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari.
15. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz.
16. Senator Barrister Murtaza Wahab.

The discussion was over, however, winding up speech by the Minister for Law and Justice wound up the debate.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

[Zero Hour]

1. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja pointed out a letter being circulated in social media regarding a threat of an earthquake in South Asia.
2. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi spoke about the protest lodged by the employees of Pakistan Steel Mills due to non-payment of their salaries for last four months.
3. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar pointed out the laying off of 88 low level employees of National TB Programme which was functioning under the global fund despite the assurance given by the Manager of the Programme that no employee will be laid off.

Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister concerned for ministerial response.

4. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz spoke about the closing down of Press Clubs in Balochistan due to law and order situation.

At 7:40 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 9th November, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.