

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
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**(270<sup>th</sup> Session)**

Date and day	20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017 (Monday)
Commenced at	03:05 p.m.
Adjourned at	06:32 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	59
Total working hours	3 hours and 27 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

**REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:**

1. **SENATOR ABDUL REHMAN MALIK**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Payment of Wages Act, 1936 [The Payment of Wages (Amendment) Bill, 2017] introduced by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017.
2. **SENATOR SAUD MAJEED**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Inter-Provincial Coordination, presented report of the Committee on the Calling Attention Notice moved by Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 regarding the granting of equivalence certificates to O and A level students by the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC) and referred to the Standing Committee on Inter-Provincial Coordination on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 on the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training.
3. **SENATOR Farhatullah Babar on behalf of Senator NUZHAT SADIQ**, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 175, pertaining to number of Pakistani chairs in foreign universities lying vacant for the last many years, the reasons thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to fill the same, asked by Senator Nuzhat Sadiq on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017.
4. **SENATOR ABDUL REHMAN MALIK**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2017] introduced by Senator Sirajul Haq, on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

5. **SENATOR NISAR MUHAMMAD**, Convener, Special Committee on Marginalized Segments of Society, presented 7<sup>th</sup> interim report of the Special Committee on Marginalized Segments of Society.

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

1. **SENATOR ABDUL REHMAN MALIK**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, 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 issue raised by Senator Rubina Irfan on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 regarding “the incident of dacoity took place at her residence in Balochistan and the mishandling of the case by the Balochistan Police despite knowing about the culprits”, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

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

2. **SENATOR ABDUL REHMAN MALIK**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, 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 a matter raised by Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 regarding “Gharang Check Post of FC in Balochistan due to which long queues of vehicles is a daily routine causing great problems to the people of the areas”, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

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

3. **SENATOR ABDUL REHMAN MALIK**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, 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 a matter of “Grievances of media persons regarding attack on Mr. Ahmed Norani, a Journalist in Islamabad” raised in the House on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

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

**The Chairman directed the Chairman Committee to take up the five main cases of attacks on Journalists and schedule meetings to consider the progress in those cases and submit individual progress reports in the Committee of each case on monthly basis.**

## **BILL TO BE INTRODUCED**

**SENATOR MOHAMMAD AZAM KHAN SWATI** was to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the West Pakistan Pure Food Ordinance, 1960 [The West Pakistan Pure Food (Amendment) Bill, 2017] but the same was dropped due to absence of the Member.

## **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

1. **SENATOR CHAUDHARY TANVIR KHAN** moved that the Bill to prohibit the practice of Witchcraft [The Prevention of Witchcraft Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

**The Motion as opposed by the Leader of the Opposition.**

**Following Members spoke on the Motion:-**

1. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan.
2. Senator Ch. Tanvir Khan.
3. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik.
4. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar Ul Haq.

Thereafter, with the consent of the Mover and the Leader of the House, the Chairman referred the Bill to the Select Committee for further consideration of the matter in view of the objections raised by the Leader of the Opposition.

2. **SENATOR CHAUDHARY TANVIR KHAN** moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted. Thereafter, after clause by clause reading of the Bill, the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2017] was passed.

**BILLS REPORTED BACK BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**(Notices for motion under Rule 100 awaited)**  
**[Under Rule 99]**

The Chairman announced that the notices under rule 100 on the following Private Members' Bills reported back by the Standing Committee are awaited from the concerned Members:-

1. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (**Amendment of Article 63A**), introduced by Senator Farhatullah Babar.
2. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (**Amendment of Article 63A**), introduced by Senator Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi.

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

1. **SENATOR SHERRY REHMAN** moved that the House may discuss the need to formulate a strategy for desalinating the sea water for industrial and domestic consumption in view of the likely water scarcity in the country and to establish resources, machinery and expertise required for this purpose.

**Following Members spoke on the Motion:-**

1. Senator Sherry Rehman.
2. Senator Taj Haider.
3. Senator Kalsoom Parveen.
4. Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
5. Senator Abdul Qayyum.
6. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi.
7. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik.
8. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
9. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar.
10. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan <Musakhel.
11. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood.
12. Senator Saud Majeed.
13. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini.
14. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja.

**Minister for Water Resources wound up the debate. The Motion was thus talked out.**

2. **SENATOR COL. (R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI** moved that this House may discuss the steps being taken by the Government to control the increasing smuggling of spurious medicines in the country.

**Following Members spoke on the Motion:-**

1. Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
2. Senator Sherry Rehman.
3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
4. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik.

**Minister concerned wound up the debate. The Motion was thus talked out.**

3. **SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ** was to move that this House may discuss the issue of Industrial sector's becoming unviable and uncompetitive in international market due to which the country is becoming a trading rather than a producing country.

**The Motion was deferred on written request of the Member.**

4. **SENATOR SIRAJUL HAQ** was to move that this House may discuss the economic policies of the Government.

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

5. **SENATOR COL. (R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI** moved that this House may discuss the narcotics control policy of the Government.

**Following Members spoke on the Motion:-**

1. Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.

**Minister for Narcotics Control wound up the debate. The Motion was thus talked out.**

6. **SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ** was to move that the House may discuss the matters relating to upcoming and recently established IPPs in the country with particular reference to wind and solar plants, their cost and the tariff determined for the electricity being produced by those plants and its negative effects on common people, exports and industrial production.

**The Motion was deferred on written request of the Member.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

1. **SENATOR SEHAR KAMRAN** was to move the following resolution:-

“**Cognizant** of the fact that maritime industry is a dynamic component in the socio-economic configuration of a maritime nation;

**Realizing** that Pakistan has a great strategic location and is blessed with a long coastline and abundant maritime resources which have not yet been utilized to its full potential;

**Mindful** of the fact that with the onset of CPEC, maritime activities in Pakistan will increase manifold and the cooperation between ports and shipping industry would become more important for systematic development of maritime sector of the country;

**Recognizing** the importance of maritime sector in the country's economy, this House recommends that an over-arching coordinating body namely,-

**"The Pakistan Maritime Authority"** should be established to help resolve governance and communication issues amongst various departments, sectors and Ministries, to ensure adherence to policy guidelines, timely planning for anticipated events and prevention of miscommunication and information gaps which will ultimately serve to bolster the country's economy."

**The Resolution was deferred on written request of the Member.**

**2. SENATOR BAZ MUHAMMAD KHAN** was to move the following resolution:-

"The House recommends that the Government should make arrangements to set up a branch of National Bank of Pakistan at Mangal Mela of Tehsil Domail in District Bannu."

**The Resolution was deferred on written request of the Member.**

**3. SENATOR COL. (R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI** moved the following resolution:-

"This House recommends that the Government should take immediate steps to ensure safety and security of all educational, religious and other public places in ICT."

**The Resolution was not opposed by the Minister concerned which was passed.**

**4. SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI** moved the following resolution:-

"This House recommends that the Government should encourage manufacturing of Solar Cells within the country by reducing Taxes and GST on the same."

**The Chairman deferred the Resolution with the direction to the Member to amend the same in terms of the statement made by the Minister.**

5. **SENATOR COL. (R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI** moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take effective steps to strengthen Police and other security institutions in the Federal Capital on modern footings.”

**The Resolution was not opposed by the Minister concerned which was passed.**

6. **SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ** was to move the following resolution:-

“The House recommends that the Government should make fool-proof security arrangements for the pilgrims going to Iran by road via Taftan border crossing.”

**The Resolution was deferred on written request of the Member.**

7. **SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI** moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should establish a Research Institute (Think Tank) to give its input to the Government on different national and international issues.”

**The Resolution was not opposed by the Minister concerned which was passed.**

### **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.

Senator Gul Bashra spoke on the topic.

**Further discussion was commenced.**

## **REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE SENATE**

**MR. AHSAN IQBAL**, Minister for Interior, was to submit to the Senate the half yearly report of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) in respect of its activities as required under section 53 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 (XL of 2016). But since, it is the first report of the Agency to be submitted before the Parliament, therefore, the Chairman Senate kept it pending and desired to hear the arguments of learned Senators Aitzaz Ahsan, Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Muhammad Ali Khan Saif and Farhatullah Babar on the modus operandi of the submission of the report before the Parliament and its subsequent in-camera consideration by the relevant Committee. The Notices were issued to the Members for advancing their arguments on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017.

## **MINISTERIAL RESPONSE ON THE POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

Statements by the Ministers concerned on the following points of public importance raised by the members and referred by the Chairman to the concerned Ministries:-

1. Regarding the problems being faced by the people of Qallat Division, Balochistan due to shortage of gas in winter season (raised by Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2017).

**Mr. Jam Kamal, Minister for Petroleum made statement and the matter was thus disposed of.**

2. regarding the hike in prices of vegetables particularly tomatoes, onions, and peas in the Islamabad Capital Territory and the actions taken by the Government in this respect (raised by Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi on 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017).

**Minister of State for Interior made statement and the matter was thus disposed of.**

## **POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

### **[Zero Hour]**

1. Senator Hafiz Hamadullah apprised the House that with the intervention of the Chairman and the House, Molana Attaullah of his party has been retrieved and he has joined his family. However, he raised questions about the elements who abduct the people and then release them. He further expressed his views about the sit-in in Islamabad.



2. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini pointed out the shortage of gas in Balochistan in winter season. He further pointed out the non-availability of wifi signals in six districts of Balochistan causing problems to students.
3. Senator Professor Sajid Mir pointed out the kidnapping of Maulana Abu Turab, the Balochistan Ameer of Markazi Jamat Ahle Hadees along with his son and his guard by unidentified assailants from Quetta's airport road who is still missing.

**After hearing the Member, the Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister for Interior for Ministerial response on Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017.**

4. Senator Farhatullah Babar also raised questions about the elements who abduct the people and then release them. He further spoke about the Commission constituted to trace out the missing persons.
5. Senator Saud Majeed spoke about the problems being faced of remote areas of Punjab in connection with NADRA.
6. Senator Ghaus Khan Niazi stated that when the Parliament has rectified its mistake then the issue should not be further highlighted.
7. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi pointed out the low salary of cable guards in Balochistan.
8. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja pointed out that the Federal Government despite writing of letter by the Chief Minister of Sindh is not nominating the Member IRSA from Sindh which is violation of the law.

**After hearing the Member, the Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister for Water Resources for Ministerial response on Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017.**

#### **DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman announced that on Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017, the House will dedicate one hour to pay tribute to legendary poet Faiz Ahmed Faiz on his 35<sup>th</sup> death Anniversary.

**At 6:30 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House meet again on Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.**