

## SENATE OF PAKISTAN

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(271<sup>st</sup> Session)

Date and day	19 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	3:55 p.m.
Adjourned at	6:10 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	91
Total working hours	2 hours and 15 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

#### **SUSPENSION OF QUESTION HOUR**

Senator Taj Haider moved that the requirements of rule 41 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate 2012 regarding the question hour may be suspended with for today's sitting and the written questions and their replies may be treated as laid on the Table of the House.

**The Motion was put to the House and adopted.**

- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

1. **Senator Mohsin Aziz** moved **Adj. Motion No. 1(4-271/2017-M)** to discuss the South Asia Economic Focus (SAEF) report of the World Bank according to which Pakistan's gross external financing needs including foreign portfolio investments are equal to 9 % of GDP which reflects the failure of the Government to initiate immediate and radical policy reforms.

**After hearing the Member, the Chairman suggested the Member to withdraw the same and raise the issue through a motion under rule 218.**

**The Motion was thus withdrawn by the Member.**

2. **Senator Sherry Rehman moved Adj. Motion No. 2(8-271/2017-M)**, to discuss the non-implementation of Climate Change Policy of 2012 due to which Pakistan is incurring losses of up to 4 billion USD annually.

**After hearing the Member, the Chairman suggested the Member to withdraw the same and raise the issue through a motion under rule 218.**

**The Motion was thus withdrawn by the Member.**

3. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz moved **Adj. Motion No. 3(15-271/2017-M)**, to discuss the suspension of the activities of the 9th NFC commission due to absence of the Finance Minister in the country which may result into announcement of budget for the Financial Year 2018-19 without NFC Award.

**After hearing the Member, the Chairman suggested the Member to withdraw the same and raise the issue through a Calling Attention Notice.**

**The Motion was thus withdrawn by the Member.**

## **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 Bill further to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 [The Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senators Barrister Murtaza Wahab and Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz, on 23rd October, 2017, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 22nd December, 2017.

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

2. **SENATOR DR. ASHOK KUMAR**, Convener, Special Committee to examine overall working of Sports Federations in Pakistan, to move 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 Special Committee, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 1st January, 2018.

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

## CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

**SENATORS SYED MUZAFAR HUSSAIN SHAH AND MUHAMMAD MOHSIN KHAN LEGHARI**, drew attention of the Minister for Commerce towards the shifting of responsibility by the Provincial Governments and the Federal Government upon each other regarding the subsidy to the sugarcane growers due to which the growers are not getting the price of their crop as notified by the Government.

Minister for Commerce stated that his Ministry does not deal with the issue of subsidy.

**The Chairman directed the Secretariat to take up the matter with the Ministries and ascertain that which Ministry is dealing with the issue of subsidy and re-fix the CAN accordingly.**

## LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. Shaikh Aftab Ahmed, on behalf of the Minister-in-Charge of Law and Justice, moved that the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Motion was put to the House which was adopted by 82 votes in favor and nil against it.

Thereafter, the House started clause by clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 was made part of the Bill by 82 votes in favor and nil against it.

Clause one, the Preamble and the Title of the Bill was made part of the Bill by 83 votes in favor and nil against it.

After second reading i.e. clause by clause consideration, Shaikh Aftab Ahmed, on behalf of the Minister-in-Charge of Law and Justice, moved that the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] be passed.

**Voting on the Motion was made by division and the Bill was passed by 84 votes in its favor and 1 against.**

2. Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister for Science and Technology, moved that the Bill to provide for up-gradation of the status of COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad as COMSATS University [The COMSATS University Islamabad Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

After second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration, RANA TANVEER HUSSAIN, Minister for Science and Technology, moved that the Bill to provide for up-gradation of the status of COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad as COMSATS University [The COMSATS University Islamabad Bill, 2017] be passed.

**The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed unanimously.**

### **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE**

**SENATOR SEHAR KAMRAN** drew attention of the Minister-In-Charge of Aviation Division towards the proposal to sell out key assets of PIA such as hotels in New York and Paris.

**Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs made statement and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.**

### **MINISTERIAL RESPONSE**

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs made statement on behalf of Minister for Energy on the point of public importance regarding the low pressure of gas in Kalat, Mastung, Khaliq Abad districts of Balochistan as well as in the outskirts of Rawalpindi and Islamabad and the extensive load shedding of gas in various parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa raised by Senators Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini and Mohammad Azam Khan Swati on 12th and 14th December, 2017 and referred by the Chairman to the Ministry.

**The matter was disposed of.**

### **Point of Public Importance**

#### **[Zero Hour]**

1. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati pointed out the poor quality of food being served in PIA flights. He further spoke against the practice of issuance of development funds for MNAs and Senators which was started in Zia regime. He was of the view that the development funds should only be released through PSDP.

2. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel spoke about the survey work being carried out by OGDCL in Zhob. He was of the view that the exploration companies do not perform their role under the Corporate Social Responsibility.
3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar pointed out the problems being faced by Pakistani families in Libya.

**The Chairman directed to refer the matter to the Foreign Office for reply in writing.**

4. Senator Sehar Kamran pointed out the load shedding of gas in Islamabad.
5. Senator Nisar Muhammad Khan urged the Government to improve their governance standards.

**At 06:10 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.**