

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

DAILY JOURNAL

(277th Session)

Date and day	04 th May, 2018 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:30 a.m.
Prorogued at	12:50 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani
Attendance	57
Total working hours	02 Hours and 20 Minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chair acknowledged the presence of former Senators Mr. Mir Hussain Bakhsh Bungalzai and Dr. Safdar Ali Abbasi in the House:

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb, Federal Minister for Information Broadcasting, on her behalf and on behalf of Minister for Interior made statement regarding the incident of baton charge on a rally of the Journalists in Islamabad on the eve of World Press Freedom Day.

Following Senator also condemn the incident and demanded immediate arrest of responsible one:

1. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati.
2. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.
3. Senator Muhammad Ayub.
4. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
5. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.

Chairman directed the Minister to submit a detail report on Monday.

MOTION

Further consideration of the following motion moved by Mr. Miftah Ismail, Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, on 27th April, 2018:

“That the Senate may make recommendations to the National Assembly on the Finance Bill, 2018, containing the Annual Budget Statement, under Article 73 of the Constitution.”.

Following Members spoke:

1. Senator Muhammad Ayub.
2. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
3. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq.
4. Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot.
5. Senator Moula Bux Chandio.
6. Senator Naseebullah Bazai.
7. Senator Khanzada Khan.

Further discussion was commenced.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition pointed out the alarming situation of water scarcity and effects of climate change being faced by the Country. She also emphasized upon the equal representation of provinces in National Water Council. She further recommended that there is a dire need of Senate Caucus for Climate Change to discuss the issues related to Water.

Mr. Rana Muhammad Afzal, Minister of State for Finance endorsed the issued raised by the Honorable Leader of the Opposition and stated that although it is a devolved subject however the Government is taking concrete steps to overcome the issue of water scarcity.

Chairman remarked that he will consult Leader of the House, on the recommendation of Leader of the Opposition.

2. Senator Gul Bashra raised the issue of delimitation of PP-1 district Shirani and further on merging it with district Moosakhail.

3. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani questioned the decision to move Dr. Shakeel Afridi from Peshawar to Adiala jail and later on to an unknown place. He further pointed out the statement made by Foreign Office spokesperson about the CIA attempt to rescue Afridi.

Chairman directed the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Interior to respond to the matter in next sitting.

4. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati congratulated and appreciated the federal Government for its initiatives and steps being taken, in the process of merger of FATA.
- **At 12:50 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 07th of May, 2018 at 03:00 p.m.**

Islamabad,
The 4th May, 2018.