

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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279TH SESSION**

Date and Day	13TH of July, 2018 (FRIDAY)
Commenced at	10:30 A.M.
Adjourned at	12:55 P.M.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	27
Total Working Hours	02 Hours and 25 Minutes

POINT OF ORDER

- Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the absence of Ministers during the Question Hour and non-serious attitude of care taker Government towards the Senate.

Chairman suspended the Question Hour for the current sitting and directed that letter may be written to the Caretaker Prime Minister to ensure presence of all Ministers in next sitting.

- Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel staged token walkout on the issue.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Capital Administration and Development Division, presented report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Samina Saeed on 15th May, 2018, regarding price hike on kitchen items in weekly bazars of Islamabad.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 194(1)]

Following motions were carried and requisite extensions were granted:

1. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Capital Administration and Development Division, 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 Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2016, introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, on 19th December, 2016, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days, with effect from 13th July, 2018.

2. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Capital Administration and Development Division, 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 Right to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018, introduced by Senator Samina Saeed, on 9th April, 2018, may be extended for a period of thirty working days, with effect from 13th July, 2018.
3. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro on behalf of Senator Sitara Ayaz, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Climate Change, 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 point of public importance raised by Senator Sana Jamali on 11th April, 2018, regarding Juniper forests at District Ziarat of Balochistan, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 13th July, 2018.
4. 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 to provide for the safety and standards of food and for establishment of the Islamabad Pure Food Authority [The Islamabad Pure Food Authority Bill, 2018], introduced by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, on 14th May, 2018, may be extended for a period of sixty working days, with effect from 13th July, 2018.
5. Senator Fida Muhammad, Chairman, Standing Committee on Power, 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 point of public importance raised by Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen on 15th May, 2018, regarding load-shedding in the area of Sanghar (Sindh), may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 15th July, 2018.
6. Senator Dr. Jehanzab Jamaldini of behalf of Senator Hidayat Ullah, 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 a point of public importance raised by Senators Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh and Samina Saeed on 15th May, 2018, regarding collection of

toll tax at new International Airport, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 15th July, 2018.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 204]

Following motion were put before the House and carried:

1. Senator Sherry Rehman Leader of the Opposition, on her behalf and on behalf of Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of The House moved under rule 204 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that this House may authorize the Chairman Senate to constitute a Special Committee to examine the special audit report on causes of decline in Tax collection of tobacco sector and investigate the facts and figures contained in the report. The Chairman Senate may also be authorized to make changes in the composition of the Committee as and when deemed necessary.
2. Senator Sherry Rehman Leader of the Opposition, on her behalf and on behalf of Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of The House moved under rule 204 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that this House may authorize the Chairman Senate to constitute a Special Committee on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The Chairman Senate may also be authorized to make changes in the composition of the Committee as and when deemed necessary.

RESPONSE OF THE GOVERNMENT ON THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED
REGARDING FREE, FAIR AND PEACEFUL CONDUCT
OF GENERAL ELECTIONS, 2018

1. The Minister for Interior made statement on the following issues:
 - i. the suicide attack on a corner meeting of ANP in Yakka Toot, Peshawar, which resulted into the martyrdom of Barrister Haroon Ahmed Bilour and others, on 10th July, 2018; and
 - ii. steps being taken by the Government to ensure peaceful conduct of General Elections, 2018.

Minister of Interior informed the House that detailed report is submitted to Secretariat he further made statement on the issue.

2. The Minister for Law and Justice and Parliamentary Affairs made statement regarding the concerns expressed by Members on the free, fair and transparent conduct of General Elections, 2018.

**DISCUSSION ON CONDUCT OF FREE AND FAIR ELECTION AND SO FAR
PERFORMANCE OF CARE TAKER GOVERNMENT**

Honorable Members of the House expressed their reservations on the statement made by the Interior Minister and questioned the credibility of the government as a care taker setup. The members from both opposition and treasury benches questioned performance of the caretaker government with regard to provision of security to the political leaders and candidates and to ensure transparent elections. They also questioned the process of scrutiny of candidates by ECP where they have straightaway given clean chit to more than two hundred candidates of proscribed organizations. In addition Members also identified the lack of coordination between the Federal and Provincial care taker governments with regard to security measures.

Following Members shared their views and reservations on the issue:

1. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.
2. Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo.
3. Senator Mushtaq Ahmad
4. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
5. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
6. Senator Syed Shibili Faraz
7. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif
8. Senator Saadia Abbasi
9. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak
10. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
11. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition
12. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel

Chairman Senate directed Interior Minister to satisfy points raised by honorable Member of the House on Monday. He reminded that direction had been given to Federal and Provincial Governments to make arrangements for the security of the Political workers and their leaders.

POINT OF ORDER

1. Senator Raza Rabbani discouraged the point of view of proroguing of Senate Session. He further stated that the accountability process for PPP is a routine process. He questioned the Ministry of Interior regarding the meeting of four Intelligence Chiefs of different countries on the soil of Pakistan and Foreign Office being unaware of it.
2. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition on a point of order, stated that the electronic media was facing blackout which would raise question over transparency of the election process. She said the caretaker government was responsible for media blackout on television channels. She demanded that the information minister should resign if he could not control the situation.

Minister for Law stated that the issues related to media Blackout totally falls in the jurisdiction of PEMRA and the Ministry does not have the mandate to interfere in its working.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition, drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the inclusion of Pakistan in FATF's Grey List despite the previous Government's promise of robust diplomatic efforts to avoid the same.

Dr. Shamshad Akhtar Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs made statement in this regard, hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of accordingly.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

Minister for Energy made statement on the non-availability of electricity in Makran Division, Balochistan for last twelve days raised by Senators Kauda Babar and Dr. Ashok Kumar, on 12th July, 2018. **Thus, disposed of.**

- **At 12:55 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 16th of July, 2018 at 03:00 p.m.**