

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2016  
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A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, at 02:00 p.m. in Committee Room No.4, Parliament House Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 29<sup>th</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.
- ii. Planned changes to be introduced in the new parliamentary year.
- iii. Constitutional scheme with regard to the Upper House of the Parliament and Constitutional aberration – continuity / numbering of Senate Sessions.
- iv. Proposed amendment in Rule 165 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- v. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| 1)  | Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate                             | Chairman          |
| 2)  | Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri                                   | Member            |
| 3)  | Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq                                     | Member            |
| 4)  | Senator Aitzaz Ahsan   | Member            |
| 5)  | Senator Islamuddin Shaikh, Chief Whip, PPPP                            | Member            |
| 6)  | Senator Saeed Ghani  | Member            |
| 7)  | Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour   | Member            |
| 8)  | Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood   | Member            |
| 9)  | Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed   | Member            |
| 10) | Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar                                      | Member            |
| 11) | Senator Mir Israr Ullah Khan Zehri                                     | Member            |
| 12) | Senator Siraj ul Haq   | Member            |
| 13) | Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini   | Member            |
| 14) | Senator Hidayat Ullah  | Member            |
| 15) | Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh,<br>Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs | Ex-officio Member |
| 16) | Mr. Amjed Pervez   | Secretary Senate  |

4. Meeting started at 02:00 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Committee started consideration of the following agenda items.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.I: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 29<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AND 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2016.**

5. As no objection was raised by any member, therefore, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meetings dated 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 and 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2016, however, Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, while pointing to some contents of para No. 6 of the minutes, stated that although it was decided in the previous of the HBAC dated 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 that keeping in view the time constraints the Opposition may not oppose the PMDC (Amendment), Bill, if the Government gives assurance that amendments will be allowed in future then the Opposition may support the Government in passage of this Bill as passed by the National Assembly. However, the Opposition benches are of that the Government will not abide by its commitments.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.II: PLANNED CHANGES TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NEW PARLIAMENTARY YEAR.**

6. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee regarding the documentation policy, which includes printing of Orders of the Day, Bills and Reports of the Committees on colored papers and informed that announcement in this regard will be made in the House.

7. Secretary Senate also informed the Committee that Electronic voting system has been operationalized and in future option of electronic voting will be available.

8. The Committee appreciated and approved the concept of ceremonial mace.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.III: CONSTITUTIONAL SCHEME WITH REGARD TO THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE PARLIAMENT AND CONSTITUTIONAL ABERRATION – CONTINUITY / NUMBERING OF SENATE SESSIONS.**

9. All Members unanimously endorsed that Senate Sessions shall be numbered in the true spirit of Constitutional scheme i.e. continuity of Senate and decided that a resolution will be brought in the House correcting the factual error and the existing Session will be numbered 247.

10. The Chairman Senate requested that Senate Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition to draft the said Resolution.

**AGENDA ITEM NO.IV: PROPOSED AMENDMENT IN RULE 165 (1) OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012.**

11. The Committee approved amendment in rule 165 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, with a variation that minimum number of Members of Committee shall be fixed at ten instead of eight.

12. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)  
Secretary Senate



(Honorable Mian Raza Rabbani)  
Chairman Senate of Pakistan