

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2017**

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A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, in Committee Room No. 3, Parliament House Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haider, Acting Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

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

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meetings dated 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Business to be transacted during the 267<sup>th</sup> Session.
- iv. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri.	Acting Chairman Senate
2. Senator Raja M. Zafar ul Haq, Leader of the House.	Member
3. Senator Saleem Zia, Chief Whip.	Member
4. Senator Taj Haider.	Member
5. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.	Member
6. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini.	Member
7. Senator Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri.	Member
8. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
9. Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
10. Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs	Member
11. Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice	Member

4. Meeting started at 1:00 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Chairman welcomed the Members.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. I: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2017.**

5. The Committee unanimously confirmed the minutes of the meeting dated 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. II: COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

6. The Secretary Senate submitted the Compliance report on the earlier decisions of the Committee. The Committee showed satisfaction on the same.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. III: BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE 267TH SESSION.**

7. The Committee agreed to transact routine Private Members' and Government Business during the Session. The Committee decided to club the adjournment motions and Calling Attention Notices received on the issue of crimes against Rohingya Muslims and discuss the same in the House on 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 preceded by a unanimous resolution to be passed by the House in first sitting on 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

The Committee also decided to hold the meeting of the Committee of the Whole on FATA reforms during the session.

The Committee decided to take up the President's Address during the session. The Committee also decided to pay tributes to Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah on his death Anniversary by offering of Fateha and speeches by the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. IV: ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.**

8. Following issues came under discussion of the Committee:-

- I. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah pointed out the need to establish a joint Library of the Parliament. Mr. Zahid Hamid, the Minister for Law and Justice stated that he had a meeting with the Speaker National Assembly in this regard and the Speaker has also shown his agreement on the idea.

**The Committee proposed that a meeting of the Chairman Senate and the Speaker National Assembly may be arranged to finalize the modalities in this respect and past record of efforts in this regard may be compiled.**

- II. Senator Taj Haider pointed out the trend of absence of the Members on the day when their questions are listed. He suggested that in such cases, the Members may be allowed to ask supplementary questions on behalf of the original mover of the question.

The Acting Chairman observed that Members should show interest in their questions which they submit in the Secretariat otherwise a negative perception may be created that the Members just sign the notices without knowing the same.

Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi stated that previously the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges had an exhaustive


discussion on this proposal but after deliberations and examining all its aspects, the proposal was turned down. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah also opposed the proposal.

**The Committee decided to continue following the current rules and procedure.**

**III.** Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaladini pointed out the less number of flights from Quetta to Islamabad due to which the Members from Balochistan remain unable to attend the meetings and some time the sessions. He suggested that other airlines may be allowed for within country travel and vouchers may be allowed to be used on airlines with which PIA has code sharing.

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

  
(Amjed Pervez)  
Secretary Senate

  
(Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri)  
Acting Chairman Senate of Pakistan