

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD ON 21ST August, 2017

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 21st August, 2017, in Committee Room No. 3, Parliament House Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

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

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meetings dated 26th May, 2017, 17th July, 2017 and 9th August, 2017.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Business to be transacted during the 266th Session.
- iv. Consideration of proposals for amendments in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- v. Consideration of matter relating to live telecasting of proceedings of the House.
- vi. Consideration of draft Motion for Constitution of Committee of the Whole.
- vii. Briefing on "Integrated Library and Research Services".
- viii. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1. Hon. Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate	Chairman
2. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Dy. Chairman Senate	Member
3. Senator Raja M. Zafar ul Haq, Leader of the House	Member
4. Senator Saleem Zia, Chief Whip, PML-N	Member
5. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan, PML-N	Member
6. Senator Taj Haider, PPPP	Member
7. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati (PTI)	Member
8. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed (PML)	Member
9. Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
10. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Musakhel, PKMAP (in place of Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar)	Member
11. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, BNP-M	Member
12. Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs	Member
13. 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 MEETINGS DATED 26TH MAY, 2017, 17TH JULY, 2017 AND 9TH AUGUST, 2017.

5. The Committee unanimously confirmed the minutes of the meetings dated 26th May, 2017, 17th July, 2017 and 9th 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 266TH SESSION.

7. The Committee agreed to transact routine Private Members' and Government Business during the Session.

The Committee took notice that 90 days time of the Compulsory Teaching of the Holy Quran Bill, 2017 which was pending with the Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training was to be completed on 7th September, 2017 whereas the next regular Session of the Senate was scheduled to be held from 11th September, 2017, therefore, the Committee directed that the Standing Committee may be asked to present its report during the current Session so that the Bill be taken up within the time period provided in the Constitution.

AGENDA ITEM NO. IV: CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENTS IN THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012

8. The Committee unanimously approved the draft amendment in Rules 98, 100 and 203 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

AGENDA ITEM NO. V: CONSIDERATION OF MATTER RELATING TO LIVE TELECASTING OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE.

9. The Committee discussed the agenda item at length and advised that a policy may be formulated that either the proceedings are to be telecasted through any existing channel of PTV or a special TV channel may be launched and dedicated for live proceedings of the Parliament.

After discussion the Committee directed that the administration committee of the Secretariat constituted for this purpose may hold meeting in this regard and may also invite some professionals like Mr. Akhtar Waqar Azeem and Engineer Kamil to assist the Committee on technicalities.

Further consideration of the agenda item was deferred till next meeting of the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. VI: CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT MOTION FOR CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

10. This agenda item was deferred till next meeting of the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. VII: BRIEFING ON "INTEGRATED LIBRARY AND RESEARCH SERVICES".

11. The Joint Secretary (Legislation) made presentation to the Committee about the concept and the progress in this regard. Senator Taj Haider suggested that the linkages with the international libraries may also be created. Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice suggested that it would be appropriate that the Parliament should have a combined library. The Secretary Senate stated that the Senate Secretariat took up this idea with the National Assembly Secretariat but no positive response was received from them.


The Committee was apprised that in the current week the new library will become functional. The Committee appreciated the idea and the steps taken by the Chairman Senate and the Senate Secretariat.

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

12. The Chairman informed the Committee that a meeting of the Committee of the whole on the revival of Student Unions will be held during the current Session.

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


(Amjed Pervez)
Secretary Senate


(Mian Raza Rabbani)
Chairman Senate of Pakistan