

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER, 2017**

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A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 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 11<sup>th</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Business to be transacted during the 269<sup>th</sup> Session.
- iv. Amendments in the Standing Orders.
- v. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1	<b>Hon. Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
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, PPP	Member
7	Senator Col. (R) Tahir Hussain Mashhadi (MQM)	Member
8	Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour (ANP)	Member
9	Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati (PTI)	Member
10	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood (JUI-F)	Member
11	Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar (PKMAP)	Member
12	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah , PML-F	Member
13	Senator Hidayat ullah , FATA	Member
14	Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice	Member

4. Meeting started with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Chairman welcomed the Members.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. I: CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS DATED 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AND 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2017.**

5. The Committee unanimously confirmed the minutes of the meetings of the Business Advisory Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> September and 10<sup>th</sup> October, 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.

On the compliance submitted by the Secretary on sub-item 5 regarding utilization of travel vouchers in other airlines having code sharing with PIA for travel abroad, Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar stated that the PIA should also be asked to start regular flights from Quetta to Islamabad. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah stated that this issue will be raised in the meeting of the Special Committee on performance of PIA to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

On the compliance submitted by the Secretary on sub-item 6 regarding low quality of identity cards of the Members, Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati and Hidayat Ullah suggested to re-design the cards and proposed that some specimens of cards may be obtained to improvise the existing identity cards of the Members.

The Committee showed satisfaction on the compliance report on earlier decisions.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. III: BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE 269<sup>TH</sup> SESSION.**

7. The Committee decided to take up the routine Private Members', Senate and Government Business during the session.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. IV: AMENDMENTS IN THE STANDING ORDERS.**

8. The Committee unanimously approved the proposed amendments in the Standing Orders. The Committee also approved the proposed amendment in rule 100 of the

Rule, 2012 concerning the addition of proviso to limit the scope of rule 100 in cases where the Committee has recommended not to pass a Bill.

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

9. Following issues were also raised in the meeting:-

- i. Two of the Parliamentary Parties Leaders expressed their views about some of the odd exchange of words in the House and it was decided that in future no such incident will be tolerated.
- ii. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar requested the Chair to regulate the question hour in a manner to ensure that all the questions should be replied in the House. He further urged that the Members and the Ministers should avoid lengthy debates in order to save time.

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar Ul Haq Leader of the House stated that in order to get to the point reply from the Ministers, the Members should ask to the point questions.

- iii. Senator Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Deputy Chairman Senate with reference to suicide attack made on his convoy stated that the Governments of Punjab and Sindh are providing him fool proof security during his visits to the provinces but the Government of Balochistan despite repeated directions is not properly responding on this issue.

Chairman also showed his concerns over the irresponsive behavior of the Government of Balochistan on the provision of security to dignitaries. He referred the case of Senator Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri who was also not provided with proper security on the eve of his party elections.

**The Chairman and the Leader of the House assured the Deputy Chairman that they will take up the matter with the Chief Minister of Balochistan.**


- iv. Senator Taj Haider spoke about the upward tendency of migrations by the Hazara community due to lack of security in the country.
- v. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar raised the issue of arrest of students of Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad.


The Chairman said that matter will be taken up in the House and directions will be passed to the Minister.

- vi. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah requested the Chairman to also the Secretary/ Secretariat to coordinate with the Leader of the Opposition to amend Rules in the light of recommendations of the Committee headed by Leader of the Opposition report of which was being laid in the House.

**The Chairman directed the Secretariat to coordinate and assured of deliberations on legislative, rules amendment and other measures.**

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

  
(Amjed Pervez)  
Secretary Senate

  
(Mian Raza Rabbani)  
Chairman Senate of Pakistan