

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD ON 27th November, 2017

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 27th November, 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. Consultation regarding ongoing session of the Senate.
- ii. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1. Hon. Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate	Chairman
2. Senator Raja M. Zafar ul Haq, Leader of the House	Member
3. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition	Member
4. Senator Saleem Zia, Chief Whip, PML-N	Member
5. Senator Taj Haider, PPPP	Member
6. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi (MQM)	Member
7. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati (PTI)	Member
8. Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo (NP)	Member
9. Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar (PKMAP)	Member
10. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, BNP-M	Member
11. Senator Hidayat Ullah , FATA	Member

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

AGENDA ITEM NO. I: CONSULTATION REGARDING ONGOING SESSION OF THE SENATE.

5. At the very outset, the Chairman apprised the Members that as per previous practice, the decisions regarding the business that emerge during a session are taken by the Chairman with the consultation of the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition but during the current session some Members objected upon this practice as they were of the view that all the parties should be taken on board while deciding the business during a session. The Chairman particularly referred the agenda item regarding Constitutional Amendment Bill for

which some parties have shown their lack of knowledge that what decision is going to be made regarding the passage of the Constitution Amendment Bill.

In view of the above, the Chairman decided to convene a formal meeting of the Committee to discuss this issue and arrive at a conclusion as to when and how the Senate is to pass this Bill or otherwise.

Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, informed the Committee that the leadership of the PTI has decided that they will support the decision taken by Pakistan Peoples Party.

Senator Taj Haider informed that their leadership has some reservations which have been shared with the Government and once the same are settled they will support the passing of the Bill.

Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi informed that due to road block some of the Members belonging to MQM are unable to attend today's sitting, however, they will be present tomorrow.


Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo and Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar pressed to resolve the issue as early as possible as the image of the Senate which is the House of Federation, is being affected in the minds of the people.


Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, requested Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, to guide the party leaders in the matter in resolving the issue.

The Chairman Senate and Members were of the view that everybody is looking towards the Senate to pass the Bill without further delay so that the next General Elections may be held within time.

After detailed deliberations, the Committee arrived at the decision that the current session may be prorogued and once the consensus on the Constitution Amendment is developed between the parties then the next session may be summoned. However, the Members were of the opinion that the notice of the next session may be communicated to the Members well before time in order to enable them to attend the session positively.

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


(Amjed Pervez)
Secretary Senate


(Mian Raza Rabbani)
Chairman Senate of Pakistan