

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD ON 5TH MARCH, 2017

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 6th March, 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 13th February, 2017.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Business to be transacted during the 260th Session.
- iv. Consideration of draft "Senate Secretariat Services Bill, 2017 and Senate Secretariat (Service) Rules, 2017".
- v. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani	Chairman
2)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
3)	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
4)	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
5)	Senator Islamuddin Shaikh	Member
6)	Senator Taj Haider	Member
7)	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
8)	Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour	Member
9)	Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati	Member
10)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member
11)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
12)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
13)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
14)	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
15)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

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 13TH FEBRUARY, 2017.

5. As no objection was raised by any member, therefore, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting dated 13th February, 2017.

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

6. Secretary Senate submitted compliance report on the earlier decisions/directions of the Committee. The Committee showed satisfaction on the compliance report. Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition confirmed their participation in the Seminar scheduled to be held on 11th March, 2017 on the conclusion of Parliamentary Year 2016-17.

AGENDA ITEM NO.III: BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE 260TH SESSION.

7. The Committee decided to take up the routine Government, Private Members' and Senate Business during the session. The Chairman took the Committee into confidence on the issue of interpretation of rules 99, 100 and 166(3) of the Senate Rules and the Committee agreed that till interpretation of these rules, the agenda items under these rules will be deferred. However, keeping in view that there will be no other Private Member Day during the current session, the Committee agreed to fix these items on a Government Business Day.

Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, pointed out the acquittal of accused persons of case of ransacking of Christian colony in Jacobs Lines Lahore. The Chairman asked him to raise the issue in the House. The Committee also decided to offer Fateha for the personnel of armed forces who laid their lives in defence of the country.

AGENDA ITEM NO.IV: CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT "SENATE SECRETARIAT SERVICES BILL, 2017 AND SENATE SECRETARIAT (SERVICE) RULES, 2017".

8. After deliberations upon the Senate Secretariat Services Bill, 2017, the Committee approved the draft Bill and decided to pass the same during the current session.

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

9. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood suggested to limit the number of questions on a particular day so that all the printed questions may be exhausted.

The Chairman stated that the questions cannot be limited, however, this can be largely addressed if the Members and the Ministers do not make lengthy statement and speak to the point during the question hour.

10. The Chairman explained the Members about the mural being constructed in the Parliament House and stated that whenever a dignitary will visit the Parliament before meeting with the Speaker or the Chairman he will pay a visit to that mural in recognition of the sacrifices of various segments of the society for the restoration of democracy in the country. All the Members endorsed and appreciated this initiative.

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



(Amjed Pervez)
Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)
Chairman Senate of Pakistan