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REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS IN RULES 64 AND 93 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012, MOVED BY SENATOR KARIM AHMED KHAWAJA ON HIS BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF OTHER MEMBERS, ON 21ST AUGUST, 2017.

PRESTENDED BY

**SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI
CHAIRMAN**

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I, Chairman of the committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, have the honour to present report of the committee on amendments moved by Senator Karim Ahmad Khawaja on his behalf and on behalf of other members in rules 64 and 93 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

1.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Chairman
2.	Senator Zahida Khan	Member
3.	Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman	Member
4.	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
5.	Senator Nighat Mirza	Member
6.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
7.	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
8.	Senator Murtaza Wahab	Member
9.	Senator Dr. Syed Asif Saeed Kirmani	Member
10.	Senator Osman Saifullah Khan	Member
11.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Member
12.	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs	Ex-Officio Member

3. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja moved amendments in rules 64 and 93 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, on his behalf and on behalf of other members, which were referred to the committee for examination and report. The purpose for these amendments was to make provision in the said rules for providing time to the mover to speak for five minutes after the statement of the Minister on calling attention notice and after winding up speech of the Minister on admitted adjournment motion. The committee considered the amendments in its meeting held on 12th September, 2017.

4. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah stated that the Business Advisory Committee was informed about the amendments proposed in rules 64 and 93 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, but were not supported by most of the members of that committee. He was of the view that the statement on Calling Attention

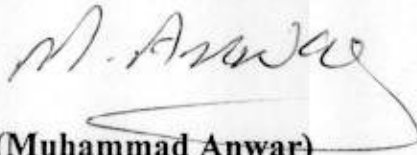
Notice should not be converted into a debate. Similarly, when discussion on admitted adjournment motion is wound up by the Minister it should not be re-opened.

5. Senator Murtaza Wahab said that when the Minister makes the statement on the calling attention notice or winds up discussion on admitted adjournment motion, the mover or other members do not have the right to point out any discrepancy or misstatement made by the Minister. He was of the view that if the proposed amendments are adopted, these tools will become more effective.

6. Senator Khalida Perveen, one of the movers, while pleading the proposed amendments, was also of the view that the mover of calling attention notice and adjournment motion should be given a right to point out any inaccuracy in the response given by the Minister in connection with those tools. She said that it has been noticed that sometime the Ministers provide incorrect information in response thereto but the mover can not say anything.

7. The Chairman committee was of the view that the proposed amendments will not be useful as it may start a discussion having no end. If these amendments are adopted, it will be merely the wastage of time. The members have many tools to highlight such discrepancies and inaccuracy. He said that present scheme of the rules is more appropriate and need not to be amended. Senator Nighat Mirza also opposed the amendments and said that the present position of those rules is alright and there is no need to make the proposed amendments. Senator Murtaza Wahab proposed that the House Business Advisory Committee may look into these amendments and if there is an agreement the same should be adopted.

8. The members present in the meeting opposed the amendments. The committee recommended that the amendments may not be passed.



(Muhammad Anwar)
A.S./Secretary committee



(Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini)
Senator