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DURING DEBATE ON NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUE ARISING OUT  
OF US PRESIDENT'S NEW STRATEGY FOR SOUTH ASIA AND  
AFGHANISTAN AND REMARKS ABOUT PAKISTAN.**

**PRESTENDED BY**

**SENATOR DR. JEHAZEB JAMALDINI**  
**CHAIRMAN**

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## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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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 contempt of the House committed by the Additional Secretary (America), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, by not complying with the directives of the Chair to be present in the House during debate on national security issue arising out of US President's new strategy for South Asia and Afghanistan and remarks about Pakistan.

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

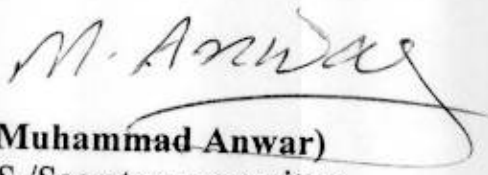
1.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Chairman
2.	Senator Zahida Khan	Member
3.	Senator Hilal-ur-Rehman	Member
4.	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
5.	Senator Nighat Mirza	Member
6.	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
7.	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
8.	Senator Murtaza Wahab	Member
9.	Senator Dr. Syed Asif 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. The details of the matter before the Committee were the Senate held discussion on national security issue arising out of US President's new strategy for South Asia and Afghanistan and remarks about Pakistan on 23rd August, 2017. During discussion, the Honourable Chairman observed that no concerned officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was present in the gallery to take notes and assist the Minister. He directed that the Additional Secretary (America) should reach and remain present in the gallery. The Additional Secretary failed to comply with the direction of the Chair due to which the matter was referred to the Committee on

Rules of Procedure and Privileges for consideration and report. The committee discussed this matter in its meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. The Additional Secretary (America) was called in the meeting.

4. The Additional Secretary (America), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, informed that there was a meeting of the National Security Council on next day and he was preparing brief on Trump's statement for that meeting. He also informed that they were in a meeting and there was no phone facility. He informed further that a grade 20 officer was present in the gallery to assist the Minister on the developments in connection with the matter. He informed further that he did not receive any message or direction of the Chair due to which he could not reach in the Senate session. He apologized for the inconvenience caused to the House.

5. The committee was satisfied over the statement made and justification given by the officer for his absence and not complying with the directions of the Chair. The apology tendered by him was accepted. The committee accepted the apology and recommended that no action be taken in the matter.



(Muhammad Anwar)  
A.S./Secretary committee



(Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini)  
Senator