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PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS FOR 277th SESSION

1. Senator Moula Bux Chandio
2. Senator Sitara Ayaz
3. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

1. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, presented report of the Committee on the Money Bill to provide for declaration and repatriation of assets and income held outside Pakistan [The Foreign Assets (Declaration and Repatriation) Bill, 2018]. He further moved that the recommendations on the Bill as reported by the Committee, be adopted, which was carried and adopted by the House.
2. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, presented report of the Committee on the Money Bill to provide for voluntary declaration of domestic assets in Pakistan [The Voluntary Declaration of Domestic Assets Bill, 2018].
He further moved that the recommendations on the Bill as reported by the Committee, be adopted which was carried and adopted by the House with the dissent note of Senator Mohsin Aziz on behalf of his party and certain other Members of Opposition.
3. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, presented report of the Committee on the Money Bill further to amend the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 [The Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2018].
He further moved that the recommendations on the Bill as reported by the Committee, be adopted which was carried and adopted by the House.
4. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, presented report of the Committee on the Money Bill further to amend the Protection of Economic Reforms Act, 1992 [The Protection of Economic Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 2018]. He further moved

that the recommendations on the Bill as reported by the Committee, be adopted which was carried and adopted by the House.

5. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, presented report of the Committee on the proposals for making recommendations on the Finance Bill, 2018, containing the Annual Budget Statement. He further moved that the recommendations as reported by the Committee, be adopted. **The Motion was carried and the recommendations were adopted unanimously. Chairman appreciated and congratulates the Chairman and members of Standing Committee on Finance, on the preparation of recommendations.**
6. Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, Chairman, Functional Committee on Human Rights, to presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Women in Distress and Detention Fund Act, 1996 [The Women in Distress and Detention Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2017].
7. Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, Chairman, Functional Committee on Human Rights, to presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for criminal justice system for juveniles [The Juvenile Justice System Bill, 2018].
8. Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, Chairman, Functional Committee on Human Rights, to presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2018].
9. Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar, Chairman, Functional Committee on Human Rights, to presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the protection and care of children in the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Capital Territory Child Protection Bill, 2018].
10. Senator Fida Muhammad on behalf of Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman, Standing Committee on Petroleum, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess Act, 2015 [The Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (Amendment) Bill, 2018].

LAYING COPY OF FINANCE BILL 2018

Mr. Miftah Ismail, Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, laid before the Senate a copy of the Finance Bill, 2018, containing the Annual Budget Statement, under Article 73 of the Constitution. Thereafter He moved that the Senate may make recommendations, if any, to the National Assembly on the Finance Bill, 2018, containing the Annual Budget Statement, under Article 73 of the Constitution. **Chairman Senate read out the procedure for giving proposals for recommendations and the cut of date for submission of recommendations by the Members and the presentation of report by the Committees.**

DISCUSSION ON THE FINANCE BILL, 2018, CONTAINING THE ANNUAL BUDGET STATEMENT, UNDER ARTICLE 73 OF THE CONSTITUTION

The House started consideration of the following motion moved by Mr. Miftah Ismail, Federal Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, on 27th April, 2018:

“That the Senate may make recommendations to the National Assembly on the Finance Bill, 2018, containing the Annual Budget Statement, under Article 73 of the Constitution.”.

Following Members spoke:-

1. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition.
2. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro
3. Senator Haroon Khan
4. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati
5. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum.
6. Senator Sitara Ayaz
7. Senator Faisal Javed
8. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan
9. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi
10. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah
11. Senator Samina Saeed
12. Senator Imamuddin Shaouqeen
13. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan
14. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani
15. Senator [Brig. \(R\) John Kenneth Williams](#)
16. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak
17. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad
18. Senator Fida Muhammad
19. Senator Muhammad Ayub.
20. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
21. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq.

22. Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot.
23. Senator Moula Bux Chandio.
24. Senator Naseebullah Bazai.
25. Senator Khanzada Khan
26. Senator Kalsoom Perveen
27. Senator Mohsin Aziz
28. Senator Khushbakht Shujat
29. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
30. Senator Kauda Babar.
31. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz
32. Senator Behramand
33. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad
34. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
35. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani
36. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq
37. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
38. Senator Muhammad Akram
39. Senator Saadia Abbasi
40. Senator Tahir Bizenjo
41. Senator Rukhsana Zuberi
42. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood
43. Senator Sirajul Haq
44. Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi
45. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh
46. Senator Gul Bashra
47. Senator Gianchand
48. Senator Keshoo Bai
49. Senator Shaheen Khalid Butt
50. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel
51. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
52. Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo
53. Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar
54. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi

Rana Muhammad Afzal, Minister for State for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs wound up the Budget discussion

MOTIONS

1. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition moved that the Standing, Functional and Special Committees of the Senate comprising of Members as proposed in the list be elected. The Hon'ble Chairman Senate be authorized to make such changes in

the composition of these Committees as and when he may deem fit. **The Motion was put to the House and adopted.**

2. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition, moved under rule 204 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that this House may authorize the Chairman Senate to constitute a Special Committee on Law Reforms. The Committee shall make its Terms of Reference. The Chairman Senate may also be authorized to make changes in the composition of the Committee as and when deemed necessary. **The Motion was carried.**
3. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition on her behalf and on behalf of Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House moved that the following Bills may be withdrawn from the concerned Standing Committees, as the said Committees are not yet functional and the House may take them into consideration:
 - i. The Federal Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
 - ii. The Islamabad Healthcare Regulation Bill, 2018.
 - iii. The Health Services Academy (Restructuring) Bill, 2018.

The motion was carried and the bills stood withdrawn.

4. Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Interior, moved under rule 263 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the requirement of rule 120 of the said Rules, be dispensed with in order to take into consideration the Bill to prevent the smuggling of migrants [The Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly. **The Motion was carried.**
5. Muhammad Tallal Chaudry, Minister of State for Interior on behalf of Ahsan Iqbal moved under rule 263 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the requirements of rules 97, 98 and sub-rule (2) of rule 99 of the said Rules be dispensed with in order to take into consideration at once the Bill to prevent and combat trafficking in persons especially women and children [The Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Bill, 2018]. **The Motion was carried.**

PRIVILEGE MOTIONS

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz moved Privilege Motion against the security personnel deputed on the rote of the convoy of the Prime Minister at Sector F-6/3 Margalla Road. The Member stated that he has been unnecessarily stopped by the security official on the pretext of security despite the fact that he introduced himself. **After hearing the Mover, the Chairman referred the Motion to the Privileges Committee.**
2. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini raised question of his breach of privilege by C&W XEN Mr. GM Zehri, who made slanderous and defaming comment against him. **Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee concerned.**

CONDEMNATION OF POLICE BRUTALITY ON JOURNALISTS RALLY

Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition, pointed out and condemned the incident of baton charge by police on a rally of Journalists on the eve of World Press Freedom Day. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar Ul Haq, Leader of the House, also condemned the incident and stated that he will enquire the matter and apprise the House.

Following member also spoke on the issue and condemned the incident:-

1. Senator Pervaiz Rasheed
2. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan
3. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati
4. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
5. Senator Sassui Paliyo
6. Senator Faisal Javed
7. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad

The Chairman directed that the Minister of Information and the Minister for Interior shall appear in the House tomorrow and make statement in this regard on the floor of the House.

CONDEMNATION OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON INTERIOR MINISTER

Senators Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House and Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition condemned the assassination attack on Interior Minister and urged all political parties

to forge unity for exterminating the menace of extremism and terrorism. They feared that this incident could be a conspiracy to delay the upcoming general elections. Both Leaders also voiced serious concerns over the recent wave of terror, use of force and atrocities, unleashed by occupying forces in occupied Kashmir.

Following members also condemned the incident:

1. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati
2. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani
3. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
4. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro
5. Senator Anwar ul Haq Kakar
6. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
7. Senator Sitara Ayaz
8. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel
9. Senator Lt. General (R) Abdul Qayyum
10. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi
11. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
12. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
13. Senator Dilawar Khan
14. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad
15. **Chairman Senate condemned the assassination attempt on the Interior Minister. He also directed the Secretariat to ask Balochistan Government for report on the coalmine collapse incident.**

UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq, Leader of the House, moved motion under rule 263 for the suspension of relevant rules in order to enable the House to move and pass a unanimous resolution on Kashmir. **The Motion was put to the House and adopted.** Thereafter, Leader of the House moved a unanimous resolution condemning the atrocities being committed by Indian forces and recent wave of terror unleashed by the occupied force in Jammu and Kashmir. **The Resolution was put to the House and passed unanimously.**

REQUEST BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE

Rana Muhammad Afzal, Minister of State for Finance requested the Chairman that an urgent matter of GIDC is pending in the Senate Standing Committee on Petroleum, as the Committee has not started functioning, therefore the matter may be referred to Senate Standing Committee on Finance.

On the objection of Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition and Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, **Chairman remarked that the concern Committee shall elect its chairman in two days and will take up the aforesaid matter on priority bases.**

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. Senator Sitara Ayaz on her behalf and on behalf of Senator Sassui Palijo moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration. **The Bill upon consideration stood referred to the Functional Committee on Human Rights.**
2. The Bill to prevent the smuggling of migrants [The Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly
3. The Bill to provide for the establishment of Institute for Art and Culture [The Institute for Art and Culture Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly.
4. The Bill to provide for the establishment of Institute of Science and Technology, Bahawalpur as the degree awarding institute [The Institute of Science and Technology Bahawalpur Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly.
5. The Bill to provide for the establishment of Sir Syed-CASE (Center for Advanced Studies in Engineering) Institute of Technology, Islamabad, and for matters connected therewith or ancillary thereto [The Sir Syed (Center for Advanced Studies in Engineering) Institute of Technology, Islamabad Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly.
6. The Bill to repeal the Establishment of the Federal Bank for Cooperatives and Regulation of Cooperative Banking Act, 1977 [The Establishment of the Federal Bank for Cooperatives and Regulation of Cooperative Banking (Repeal) Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly.
7. The Bill to repeal the House Building Finance Corporation Act, 1952 [The House Building Finance Corporation (Repeal) Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly.
8. The Bill further to amend the Federal Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance Act, 1969 [The Federal Employees Benevolent Fund and Group Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly.
9. The Bill to provide for establishment of the Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority [The Islamabad Healthcare Regulation Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly.

10. The Bill to provide for restructuring of health services academy as a degree awarding institute [The Health Services Academy (Restructuring) Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly.
11. The Bill further to amend the Women in Distress and Detention Fund Act, 1996 [The Women in Distress and Detention Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Committee.
12. The Bill to provide for criminal justice system for juveniles [The Juvenile Justice System Bill, 2018], as reported by the Committee.
13. The Bill to provide for the protection and care of children in the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Islamabad Capital Territory Child Protection Bill, 2018], as reported by the Committee.
14. The Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2018], as reported by the Committee. (Private Member Bill)
15. Muhammad Tallal Chaudry, Minister of State for Interior on behalf of Ahsan Iqbal moved that the Bill to prevent and combat trafficking in persons especially women and children [The Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Bill, 2018], be taken into consideration, at once. **The leave was granted and not opposed. The House then started Second Reading of the Bill i.e. Clause by Clause consideration. An amendment was proposed by Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khakhor in clause 14 of the Bill which was put to the House and rejected by the majority of the members by 10 to 19. The Minister further moved for the Bill to be passed, which was adopted and Bill was passed.**
16. Rana Muhammad Afzal, Minister of State for Finance on behalf of Minister In-Charge of The Petroleum Division, moved that the Bill further to amend the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess Act, 2015 [The Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (Amendment) Bill, 2018], as reported by the Committee, be taken into consideration at once. **The leave was granted but the motion was opposed. After discussion, the acting Chairman then put the Bill before the House and Bill was passed.**

17. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati moved that the Bill to provide compulsory blood test for relatives of thalassemia patients [The Compulsory Blood Test of the Relatives of Thalassemia Patient Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The motion was not opposed and the Bill upon consideration stood referred to Standing Committee concerned.

18. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2018] (Substitution of section 489 F of PPC and schedule II of Cr. PC), as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The motion was not opposed and the Bill upon consideration stood referred to Standing Committee concerned.

19. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati moved that the Bill to provide for establishment of Pakistan Courier and Logistic Authority [The Pakistan Courier and Logistics Regulatory Authority Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration. **The motion was not opposed and the Bill upon consideration stood referred to Standing Committee concerned.**

20. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati moved that the Bill further to amend the Industrial Relations Act, 2012 [The Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Committee, be taken into consideration, at once. **The motion was not opposed and put to the House which was adopted. The House then started the Second Reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration. Further on the Member moved for the Bill to be passed, the Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed unanimously.**

21. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018].

The Motion was carried and leave was granted. Bill upon introduction referred to Standing Committee concerned.

22. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati moved for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the safety and standards of food and for establishment of the Islamabad Pure Food Authority [The Islamabad Pure Food Authority Bill, 2018]. **The Motion was carried and leave was granted. The Bill upon introduction referred to Standing Committee concerned.**
23. The Chairman announced that the National Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2017, introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, has been reported back by the Standing Committee on Climate Change and awaiting notice of any of the motions under rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, by the concerned Member.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

1. Senator Aurangzeb Khan on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Hillal Ur Rehman, Sajjad Hussain Turi, Haji Momin Khan Afridi and Hidayat Ullah drew the attention of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination towards the non-compliance of the indigenous scholarship program for students of Balochistan and FATA by various Medical Colleges and non-action of Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (PMDC) in this regard, resulting into wastage of academic year of needy and deserving students. Ms. Saira Afzal Tarar, Federal Minister for National Health Services Regulation and Coordination, made statement in the regard. Thus, the CAN was disposed of.
2. Senator Sherry Rehman on her behalf and on behalf of Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, Hidayat Ullah, Rukhsana Zuberi and Syed Shibli Faraz drew attention of the Minister for Energy towards the suffering of the people from 12 to 18 hours load shedding of electricity as the power operators are struggling to meet the demands due to 7000 MW to 8000 MW power cuts. Ch. Abid Sher Ali, Minister of State (Power Division) made statement in this regard. Thus the CAN was disposed of.
3. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the transfer of funds of the Employees' Old-Age Benefits Institution (EOBI) to the Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal, Climate Change and other Ministries and Departments of the Federal Government. Rana Muhammad Afzal, Minister of State for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs made statement in this regard. Thus, the CAN was disposed of.

4. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati was to draw attention of the Minister for Interior towards the recent increase in thumb impressions verification fee by NADRA which will affect the election candidates applying for such verifications over the suspicion of rigging in their respective constituencies. **The Calling Attention Notice was deferred on the request of the member.**
5. Senators Agha Shahzaib Durrani and Dr. Asad Ashraf were to draw attention of the Minister In-Charge of the Aviation Division towards the discontinuation of senior citizens' and disabled persons' discount by PIA causing disrespect and discomfort to them. **The Calling Attention Notice was deferred on the request of the member.**
6. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati drew attention of the Minister for Interior towards the recent increase in thumb impressions verification fee by NADRA which will affect the election candidates applying for such verifications over the suspicion of rigging in their respective constituencies. **Muhammad Tallal Chaudry, Minister of State for Interior made statement in this regard. Thus, the CAN was disposed of.**
7. Senators Agha Shahzaib Durrani and Dr. Asad Ashraf were to draw attention of the Minister In-Charge of the Aviation Division towards the discontinuation of senior citizens' and disabled persons' discount by PIA causing disrespect and discomfort to them. **Deferred on request of Minister.**

MINISTERIAL RESPONSES

1. Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Federal Minister for Parliamentary Affairs made statement regarding the question raised by the Leader of the Opposition about the size of the Cabinet.
2. Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb, Federal Minister for Information Broadcasting, on her behalf and on behalf of Minister for Interior made statement regarding the incident of baton charge on a rally of the Journalists in Islamabad on the eve of World Press Freedom Day. Following Senator also condemn the incident and demanded immediate arrest of responsible one:
 1. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati.
 2. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.
 3. Senator Muhammad Ayub.

4. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
5. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.

Chairman directed the Minister to submit a detail report on Monday.

3. Mr. Khurram Datagir Khan Minister for Foreign Affairs made statement on the point of order raised by Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition regarding the failure of the United Nations Sanction Committee to list terrorist organization Jamat-ul-Ahrar (JuA) leader Omar Khalid Khorasani, deeming it a complete disregard of its sacrifices in the fight against terrorism.

POINTS OF ORDER

- Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition reminded the Government about a joint Resolution (No. 294), unanimously passed the Senate on 19th of December, 2016 and many other on the same issue. She also stated that despite the efforts and participation, Senate puts in the legislation, it does not have the powers as compare to National Assembly. She urged that the current Government must take initiatives to empower the Senate so that it could play its effective role in passing, rejecting or proposing its recommendations on Money Bill including the Finance Bill.

Following members also spoke on the issue:

1. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
2. Senator Anwar ul Haq Kakar
3. Senator Farooq Hamid Naek
4. Senator Lt. General (R) Abdul Qayyum
5. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro
6. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
7. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
8. Senator Sassui Palijo
9. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
10. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
11. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood
12. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
13. Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen

14. Senator Mohsin Aziz

15. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel

16. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini

Chairman Senate remarked that the Government should implement the Resolutions unanimously passed by the Senate in letter and spirit. He further remarked that the issue raised by the Honorable Leader of The Opposition will be deliberated in coming Business Advisory Committee meeting.

- Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition pointed out the recent tensions aroused by weak Foreign Policy of the Country. She raised the issue of the failure of the United Nations Sanction Committee to list terrorist organization Jamat-ul-Ahrar (JuA) leader Omar Khalid Khorasani, deeming it a complete disregard of its sacrifices in the fight against terrorism. She also pointed out the new code of conduct prepared by the US administration, according to which the movement of Pakistani diplomatic staff would be limited to a 25-mile radius. She further stated that the Pentagon has blocked the Coalition Support Fund (CSF), she clarifies that it is not an aid by the US Government, it is the compensation and reimbursement of the losses that the country has suffered in the War against Terror. Leader of the Opposition stressed on the need for deployment of Pakistan ambassador in US at the eve of deep transition of both Government and in the relation with USA. She concluded on the remark that the Senate must hold a detailed discussion on the current situation of country's foreign relations. The House has the right to be informed with every details and explanation, it demands. She also requested Chairman Senate to give its ruling on the matter and also enquire the Government in light of previous ruling of the Chair. **Chairman directed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to respond on Monday, 11th of May, 2018.**
- Senator Muhammad Usman Kakar pointed out the issue of arrest and missing of PTM workers by the law enforcement agencies in Karachi before their Public meeting to be held on 12th May, 2018.
- Senator Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh commented that every possible action is being taken to make 12th of May, a controversial day.

- Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition, congratulated and appreciated the efforts of the House, committees and the Senate Secretariat for their assistance and support in passing these bills. She also stated that the Senate also expect same gesture from National Assembly, and hoped that it will also passed the Bills referred by the Senate. **Chairman Senate remarked that he will consult and hold a meeting with the Speaker of the National Assembly on the issue, he further directed the Secretariat to list the Bill referred by Senate and pending in National Assembly. Later on Chairman stated that the entire legislation taken place in current sitting was for the betterment of people of Pakistan and in accordance with article 76 of Constitution i.e. a Bill which having been passed by the National Assembly is pending in the Senate, shall lapse on the dissolution of the National Assembly. Chairman also congratulated the House Business Advisory Committee and Secretariat Staff on their hard work for making it possible.**

REPORT LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

- Mr. Mumtaz Ahmad Tarar, Minister for Human Rights on behalf of Shaikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, laid before the Senate the Federal Public Service Commission's Annual Report for the year, 2016, as required under section 9 (1) of the Federal Public Service Commission Ordinance, 1977 (Ordinance No.XLV of 1977). Senator Syed Shibli Faraz pointed out the low printing quality of Federal Public Service Commission's Annual Report for the year, 2016 laid in the house.

MOTIONS

[Under rule 218]

1. Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum was to move that the House may discuss the issue of energy crisis in the country and the steps taken by the present Government to address the same.
2. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz was to move that the House may discuss the reasons for the falling standards of higher education in the country. **The Motion was dropped on the request of the Member.**

3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel moved that this House may discuss the current political situation of the country.

Following members spoke on the Motion:

1. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
2. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel
3. Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum
4. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
5. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood
6. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi
7. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
8. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
9. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro
10. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati
11. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq
12. Senator Behramand
13. Senator Mohsin Aziz
14. Senator Samina Saeed
15. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani
16. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz
17. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
18. Senator Sitara Ayaz
19. Senator Ch. Mohammad Sarwar
20. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri
21. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak
22. Senator Faisal Javed
23. Senator Khushbakht Shujat
24. Senator Muhammad Akram

The Motion was talked out.

4. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood moved that the House may discuss the situation arising out of low gas pressure in winter season in various areas of Pakistan.

Following members spoke on the Motion:

1. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood
2. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
3. Acting Chairman Senate recommended to raise the matter again in house with reference to the unanimously passed Resolution regarding Gas Slabs for Balochistan, so it could be referred it to Implementation Committee.

The Motion was talked out.

5. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati was to move that this House may discuss the steps being taken by the Government to eradicate nepotism, favoritism and discrimination in making appointments in Government departments.

The Motion was dropped due to absence of the Member.

6. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan moved that this House may discuss the performance of Capital Administration and Development Division (CA&DD) and the need and importance of improvement in the same.

The Motion was dropped due to absence of the Member.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Hillal Ur Rehman, Haji Momin Khan Afridi, Aurangzeb Khan And Hidayat Ullah moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Federal Government may allocate separate budget for payment of salaries to the employees working in different projects under FDA, FDMA and FATA Secretariat for reducing the financial burden on FATA ADP.”

The Resolution was dropped due to absence of the Member.

2. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the newly constructed Islamabad International Airport should continue to be named as "Benazir Bhutto International Airport."

The Resolution was deferred on the request of Member.

3. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends to the Government that training in self defence should be made compulsory part of the syllabus for students up to Matric level in all educational institutions in the Islamabad Capital Territory and those in Cantonment areas of the country.”

The Resolution was dropped due to absence of the Member.

4. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood moved the following resolution:-

“This House expresses its dissatisfaction on the rehabilitation work done by ERRA in 2005 earthquake affected areas and urges upon the Government to take effective steps to complete all the rehabilitation work and projects announced for those areas at the earliest.

The Resolution was not opposed and passed by the House unanimously.

5. Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should ban the use of plastic material in Islamabad Capital Territory. The House also urges upon the Government to recommend to the Provincial Governments to ban excessive use of the said material which is damaging the ecosystem in the country.”

The Resolution was dropped due to absence of the Member.

Senator Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House moved a joint Resolution condemning the recent atrocities committed by the Israel Force on defenseless people of Palestine. The House also condemned the opening of US embassy in Jerusalem as it is a clear violation of UN custom and norms. **The Resolution was passed unanimously.**

ORDINANCE LAID

Muhammad Tallal Chaudry, Minister of State for Interior on behalf of Ahsan Iqbal laid before the Senate the Prevention of Trafficking in Persons Ordinance, 2018 (Ordinance No. VII of 2018) as required by clause (2) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Following Members spoke on the laying of the Ordinance:

1. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati.
2. Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar
3. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed.
4. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
5. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz.
6. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House.
7. Senator Robina Khalid.
8. Muhammad Tallal Chaudry, Minister of State for Interior.

DISCUSSION ON ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The House started discussion on the admitted adjournment motion regarding the reports that Pakistan will run out of forests within next fifty years if deforestation continues at the current rate, moved by Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition, Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot, Gianchand, Rukhsana Zuberi, Anwar Lal Dean and Imamuddin Shouqeen on 13th April, 2018.

Following members spoke on the Motion:

1. **Senator Imamuddin Shoqeen**
2. **Senator Gianchand**
3. **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh**
4. **Senator Faisal Javed**

5. **Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.**
6. **Senator Lt. General (R) Abdul Qayyum**
7. **Senator Mohsin Aziz.**

Acting Chairman Senate Saleem Mandviwalla suggested that as the matter is of great importance and every member is suggesting very important measures to curb the issue, therefore a Special Committee be constituted or the matter should be referred to Standing Committee concerned. After the consent of Members the matter was referred to Standing Committee concerned.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani on a Point of Order raised the issue of approval of PSDP funds by NEC as the Chief Ministers of Sindh, Balochistan and KPK walkout of Meeting. He strongly protested over the elevation of an Advisor as a federal minister hours before the presentation of the budget in the National Assembly. He questioned that if an unelected person can present the budget, then why the Senate could not be given financial powers.
2. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of The Opposition, said that the Government had no justification to present the 6th Budget, all the opposition parties are united and the Senate will completely reject it. She questioned that why Government is not interested in presenting NFC award which is their constitutional obligation.
3. Opposition parties staged token walkout.
4. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition pointed out the alarming situation of water scarcity and effects of climate change being faced by the Country. She also emphasized upon the equal representation of provinces in National Water Council. She further recommended that there is a dire need of Senate Caucus for Climate Change to discuss the issues related to Water.

Mr. Rana Muhammad Afzal, Minister of State for Finance endorsed the issued raised by the Honorable Leader of the Opposition and stated that although it is a devolved subject however the Government is taking concrete steps to overcome the issue of water scarcity.

Chairman remarked that he will consult Leader of the House, on the recommendation of Leader of the Opposition.

5. Senator Gul Bashra raised the issue of delimitation of PP-1 district Shirani and further on merging it with district Moosakhail.
6. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani questioned the decision to move Dr. Shakeel Afridi from Peshawar to Adiala jail and later on to an unknown place. He further pointed out the statement made by Foreign Office spokesperson about the CIA attempt to rescue Afridi.

Chairman directed the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Interior to respond to the matter in next sitting.

7. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati congratulated and appreciated the federal Government for its initiatives and steps being taken, in the process of merger of FATA.
8. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the issue of delimitation of District Sherani and District Musakhel and further on the decision of its merger by the ECP.
9. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar endorsed the point raised by the Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel and expressed his reservations on the decision of ECP regarding the decision of delimitation of Quetta, Hernai, Sibbi, Musakhel and Sherani. He also pointed out that criminals like Rao Anwar were given VIP protocol, on the other hand the Supreme Court had ordered to withdraw police security personals from parliamentarians, he appealed Chief Justice to reconsider the decision.

The members of PKMAP staged a Token walkout.

10. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani on a point of order stated that the Minister of State for Interior was supposed to be in the House to respond to the issue raised by himself in the last sitting.

Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition, remarked that the Federal Cabinet has 60 members, and there is no one to respond in the name of collective responsibility.

Chairman directed the Secretariat to inform Minister of State for Interior and Minister for Foreign Affairs to be present in the House to respond.

11. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition raised concerns over the size of the Cabinet which is in violation of Article 92 of the Constitution of 1973.

Chairman directed that the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs may be asked to respond in this regard in next sitting.

12. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati raised the matter of increase in Gas Tariff.

Chairman guided him to use other parliamentary tool to raise the matter.

13. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani drew attention of the House towards the decision of the Supreme Court, suspending the membership of Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar. The Members expressed their concerns over such an order by the Supreme Court and stated that they are looking forward for the detailed judgment to see the reasoning of the Supreme Court about suspension of the Membership of a Member Parliament. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq, Leader of the House endorsed the point raised by Senator Raza Rabbani.

Chairman remarked to wait for detail judgment to make any further opinion.

14. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani recommended that as the current National Assembly will dissolve on 31st of May, 2018 and the next session of the Senate as per provisional parliamentary calendar is on 10th July, 2018, therefore, he was of the opinion that in order to keep any eye on the functioning of the caretaker setup and electoral process the Senate should remain in session during the interim period.

He further pointed out the absence of Minister in the House to respond the issue of Dr. Shakil Afridi.

Chairman remarked that the Minister had submitted report on the matter related to Dr. Shakeel Afridi which is very sensitive and confidential so the same can be perused in his Chamber.

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani stated that it is prerogative of the Parliament to have every information but if there is some sensitivity the Government can request for in-camera proceedings but no information can be withheld from the Parliament.

The Member was of further opinion that in case of any untoward incident relating to Dr. Shakil Afridi the Secretary Interior and Secretary Foreign Affairs will be treated as collaborators.

15. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed endorsed the views of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani and stated that the House must be taken into confidence on the matters related to Rao Anwar and Dr. Shakeel Afridi.

16. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik demanded that report on the attack on Federal Minister for Interior Ahsan Iqbal should be presented in the House. He further stated that Chief Election Commissioner should be requested to brief the House about the plans to curtail rigging in the upcoming general election.

17. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi pointed out the need of separate offices of PWD for each district of Balochistan rather than shifting it among different districts. He also raised the issue of discriminatory behavior in the distribution of electricity to Balochistan.
18. Senator Behramand stated that the government should clarify the assassination attempt on Federal Interior Minister and the whereabouts of Shakeel Afridi be made known to the House.
19. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini endorsed the views of Senator Raza Rabbani. He further raised the issue of shortage of Water in Balochistan and defects in the water distribution mechanism of IRSA.

Chairman directed to send the relevant part of the verbatim to the concerned Ministry for reply.

20. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition condemned the low attendance of the treasury benches particularly of Ministers.

Chairman remarked that Leader of the House will ensure attendance of the Ministers in the next sitting.

Rana Muhammad Afzal, Minister of State for Finance commented that the Government is more than willing to respond, if provided equal opportunity and in a dignified way.

21. Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri pointed out an issue raised by the electronic media about children being brutally punished by the teachers of Cadet College Mastung. Furthermore he condemns the incident.

The Acting Chairman directed Secretary Senate to coordinate with Chief Secretary and Home Secretary of the respective Provincial Government and ask them to respond on the Matter.

22. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed pointed out the ignorant behavior of the Government towards the issues raised by the Members of the Upper House. He gave the example of the direction of Chairman Senate regarding the issue related to Rao Anwar and Dr. Shakeel Afridi. He also pointed out that Col. Joseph has left Pakistan despite of IHC orders.

The Acting Chairman directed the Secretariat to get response from the Ministry.

23. Senator Mohsin Aziz drew the attention of the Chair towards an inappropriate and shameful content of an advertisement of contraceptive product which is being on aired on National Television. He also questioned the duties of PEMRA in this regard.

The Acting Chairman directed the matter to be referred to Standing Committee concerned.

24. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar pointed out the increase in incidents of Kidnapping for ransom. He added that a political worker named Abdul Khaliq belonging to Khuzdar and brothers of Haji Abdullah, a businessman from Peshawar Hayatabad were kidnapped and tortured for ransom by the kidnappers. Despite giving the ransom amount the families were still getting threats from the kidnappers. He further stated that the law enforcement agencies and high officials were not paying due attention to the matter.

The Acting Chairman directed the Senator to share the details with the Secretariat and the matter will be referred to Standing Committee concerned afterwards.

25. Senator Samina Saeed raised the issue of high increase in kitchen item i.e. vegetables, fruits, meat etc. just before the starting of Holy Month of Ramadan. She further added that the district administration has completely failed to control the prices. The honorable Senator also pointed out the unjustifiable Toll Plaza at New Islamabad International Airport causing intense traffic jam and accidents. Furthermore she questioned reasons of charging entry and exit fee charges at New Islamabad International Airport.

The Acting Chairman assured the Senator that he will personally write Commissioner Islamabad to control prices of household items in Ramadan.

The matter related to the New Islamabad International Airport was referred to Standing Committee concerned.

26. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh also pointed out the problems being faced by the citizens of twin cities after the inaugural of New Islamabad International Airport in detail. He demanded that the officials of both NHA and CAA should be called in Committees to respond the matter.

The Acting Chairman directed to refer the matters to Standing Committees of Communication and Civil Aviation according to their jurisdiction.

27. Senator Faisal Javed questioned the discontinuation of a thirty years old tradition of Mehfil-e-Shabina being held in Faisal Mosque annually in Ramadan. He also pointed out the issue of cleanliness in Faisal Mosque, especially in the Holy month of Ramadan.

The Acting Chairman directed to demand a report on the issues raised by the Honorable Senator.

28. Senator Behramand raised the issue of non-release of subsidy claims of 24 Billion rupees to Utility Store Corporation Pakistan effecting the services of the largest state-run retail-chain. He further pointed out the absence of Ministers during the Senate Session.

The Acting Chairman referred the matter for Ministerial response and directed the Secretariat to demand a report on the issue.

The Senator pointed out the need of prayer area at New Islamabad International Airport. He further stated the Airport should be named after Shaheed Benazir Bhutto.

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.

The honorable Senator also raised the increase in electricity load shedding in Kyber Pakhtunkhawa especially Charsada and Tangi where 80% of the customers do pay their utility bills.

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.

29. Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams pointed out the unavailability of subsidized items at Utility Stores.

The Acting Chairman clubbed the matter and referred it to Standing Committee concerned.

30. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati endorsed and appreciated Senators Behramand and Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams for highlighting such an important issue. He further added that the middleman and mismanagement were the main causes of the issue, and these should be dealt at priority bases.

He also pointed out the appointment of Mr. Mujtaba Memon Additional Secretary Finance in Board of Directors of National Security Printing Company. He further stated that Mr. Memon is a Canadian National and ECP already had rejected his Summary for appointment. But Mr. Arif Khan Secretary Finance has again sent summary for his appointment at this crucial time of elections.

The Acting Chairman directed Secretary Finance to personally come and explain the matter in Chairman Office in presence of Honorable Senator. He also demanded a report on the issue. He also assured the Senator, ruling of the Chair, if needed.

- 31.** Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen raised the issue of load shedding in Industrial Zones in context of the statements made by the Ministers in their Budget Speeches, where they claimed that the Industrial zones has been exempted from load shedding.

The Senator also pointed out the watsr getting polluted due to exploration process of Oil and Gas in District Sanghar and dire need of RO plants.

The honorable Senator also demanded the providence of Sindh's Water share according to the agreement.

The Acting Chairman referred all the three issues to the Standing Committee concerned.

- 32.** Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi raised the question about the amount being spent in Health and Education sector from the Zakat collected by the Government in Ramadan every year; and how much of that amount is allocated for FATA.

The Acting Chairman suggested to put a question for a detailed reply. Later on he referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.

- 33.** Senator Mushtaq Ahmed raised the issue of rapidly decreasing number of Pakistani labor in Saudi Arabia from 500,000 men to 23,000 during the period of 2015-2018. He also emphasized on the policy making for protecting and assisting Overseas Pakistanis.

Chairman recommended the Senator to use other Parliamentary tool to raise the issue effectively.

- 34.** Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood pointed out the poor condition of Khanpur road.

Chairman directed the secretariat to send relevant part of verbatim to the Ministry for response.

- 35.** Senator Sassui Palijo raised the issue of delay in implementing the Gas and Electricity scheme for Thatta, Badin, Sajawal etc. passed by the previous Provincial Government in Sindh.

Chairman directed the secretariat to demand a report from the concerned Ministry and inform the Senator.

36. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati stressed on the need of specified punishment law for the Breach of Privilege of the Parliament or its Members. As the both constitution and the Senate Rules does not provide any specific punishment for such actions.

Chairman directed the Secretariat to ensure all the assistance demanded by the Senator in this regard.

The Honorable Senator also pointed out the need of legislation with respect to Motor Vehicle Act and Vehicle fitness laws considering the rapidly growing number of accidents on National Highways.

Chairman recommended him to bring the matter in Committee on Law Reforms.

37. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar endorsed the issue raised by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati. He also pointed out the 10-12 hour load shedding of electricity on Agricultural Feeder in Balochistan.

Chairman directed the secretariat to take response from the Ministry.

38. Senator Kalsoom Perveen requested specific and appropriate arrangements for the Members to reach on time at New Islamabad Airport for their flights. She further pointed out the need of a separate ambulance for medical assistance of the Members.

Chairman directed the Secretariat to compile a report in this regard and submit it to the Office of Chairman.

39. Senator Behramand demanded increase in number of domestic flights of National Flag carrier, to and from Peshawar Airport. He also pointed out the contradiction in statements of different Ministers of the Government regarding electricity generation, and despite all those claims the Khyber Pakhtunkhawa is still suffering up to 18 hours of load shedding.

Chairman remarked that the matter was taken and responded by the Minister for Power in last sitting.

40. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik also endorsed Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati. He called the need of attention of House on the matter of sanction being imposed by the US

on Iran and its repercussions to Pakistan. He demanded that the Foreign Ministry must respond to the House on the issue. He further raised the need of a fixed price policy for domestic flights of National Flag carrier.

Chairman directed to take a report from Aviation Division in this regard.

- 41.** Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition condemned the release of five self-confessed terrorists and murderers belonging to TTP. She further stated that there was a dire need of hanging those murderers rather than releasing them. As they were the ones behind the incident of APS and Liaquat Bagh.