

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN  
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<b>Date and Day</b>	<b>12<sup>TH</sup> of July, 2018 (THURSDAY)</b>
<b>Commenced at</b>	<b>11:00 P.M.</b>
<b>Adjourned at</b>	<b>02:25 P.M.</b>
<b>Presided by</b>	<b>Chairman Senate</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total Working Hours</b>	<b>03 Hours and 25 Minutes</b>

**QUESTION HOUR**

- Question Nos 01 and 33 were asked and replied in the House. Question Nos 23 and 34 were deferred. Replies of Question Nos 03, 07, 08, 09, 11, 18, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 36 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the concerned Members.

**LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

- Leave applications were read by the Acting Chairman.

**POINT OF ORDER**

- Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition proposed that the Senate session should continue till the elections so that it can take notice of the situation. Furthermore she stated that hurdles are being created to stop certain politicians from electioneering. She also questioned the credibility of the elections when neither there is security nor the party is being provided a level playing field, moreover placing former President on ECL without any proof or any trial, awarding first class magistrate power to army personnel by ECP and incidents of blocking PPP rallies in Punjab.
- Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House endorsed the points raised by the Leader of the Opposition and emphasized that it is the high time that Senate play its role wisely as it is the only functional elected House representing people of Pakistan.

**Chairman Senate remarked that the decision of continuing the Session will be finalize after consulting both Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition in the Chamber.**

**CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions were determined:-

1. **Adj. Motion No. 1(1-279/2018-M)**, notice given of by Senators Sirajul Haq and Mushtaq Ahmed regarding the recent increase in the prices of petroleum products by the Caretaker Government which will further burden the poor masses.

**The motion was deferred on written request of the Members.**

2. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif moved Adj. Motion No. 2(2-279/2018-M), to discuss the continuous display of abusive and blasphemous material against the Holy Prophet (PBUH) on the Internet.

**Chairman held the motion in order.**

**REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF**

1. Senator Dr. Sikander Mandhro on behalf of Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to repeal the West Pakistan Juvenile Smoking Ordinance, 1959, to the extent of Islamabad Capital Territory [The West Pakistan Juvenile Smoking (Repeal) Bill, 2018].
2. Senator Behramand on behalf of Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman, Standing Committee on Petroleum, presented report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, regarding non-installation of RO Plants by the E&P Companies operating in District Sanghar.

**MOTIONS**

[Under Rule 194(1)]

Following motions were carried and requisite extensions were granted:

1. Senator Behramand on behalf of Senator Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the subject matter of supplementary question, asked by Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak to Starred Question No. 130, regarding Sukkur-Multan (M-5) Motorway, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.
2. Senator Behramand on behalf of Senator Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the

Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, regarding road accidents on Quetta-Karachi road and Quetta-Taftan road, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

3. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No. 1(276)/2018-M, moved by Senator Mohsin Aziz on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2018, may be extended for sixty working days with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.
4. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No. 4(276)/2018-M, moved by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, may be extended for forty five working days with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.
5. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No. 1(277)/2018-M, moved by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, may be extended for sixty working days with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.
6. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to prohibit the business and practices of private money-lending and advancing loans and transactions based on interest [The Islamabad Capital Territory Prohibition of Interest on Private Loans Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Sirajul Haq, on 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days, with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.
7. Senator Nighat Mirza on behalf of Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Chairman, Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2018, regarding

utilization of Zakat funds for education and health sectors, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

8. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on “The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018” referred by the House on 14th May, 2018, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.
9. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on “The Succession (Amendment) Bill, 2018” referred by the House on 24th May, 2018, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018.
10. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice to move under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on “The Federal Judicial Academy (Amendment) Bill, 2018” referred by the House on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.
11. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on “The Limitation Relating to Civil Revisions Bill, 2018” referred by the House on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.
12. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on “The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2018” referred by the House on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

13. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on “The Federal Ombudsman Institutional Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 2018” referred by the House on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.
14. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on “The Specific Relief (Amendment) Bill, 2018” referred by the House on 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2018, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

#### **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE**

Senators Sirajul Haq and Mushtaq Ahmed drew attention of the Minister for Energy towards the generation of electricity through costly sources inspite of having 775 billion tons coal reservoirs in the country and non-recovery of dues amounting to Rs.300 billion as reported in print media on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

**The Calling Attention Notice was deferred on written request of Members.**

#### **ORDINANCE TO BE LAID**

Syed Ali Zafar, Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage, laid before the Senate the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 (Ordinance No. IX of 2018), as required by clause (2) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

**Since, the ordinance was first laid in the Senate, therefore, it was treated as Bill introduced in the Senate and referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.**

#### **REPORT TO BE LAID BEFORE THE SENATE**

Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, laid before the Senate the Annual Report along-with a copy of the auditors’ report and certified statement of accounts of the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) for the Financial Year 2013-2014, as required under sub-section (2) of Section 22 of the Competition Act, 2010.

**MINISTERIAL RESPONSE**

Statements were made by the Ministers concerned on the following points of public importance raised by the Members in the House:-

- i. Regarding the issuance of arrest warrants in the names of the poor farmers of draught hit areas due to default in payment of loans of Agriculture Development Bank despite the fact that Senate had passed a Resolution to waive off their debts, raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

**Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs made statement in this regard, thus disposed of.**

- ii. Regarding the non-implementation of the Resolution passed by the Senate about the slab rates of gas in Balochistan, raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

**Syed Ali Zafar, Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage, made statement in this regard, thus disposed of.**

- iii. Regarding the unfair distribution of water by IRSA to Balochistan, raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

- **Syed Ali Zafar, Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage, made statement in this regard, thus disposed of.**
- **Chairman directed the Minister to ensure proper supply of water to Balochistan.**

- iv. Regarding the minute to minute fluctuation in the prices of air tickets of PIA from the announced price which causes problems to the passengers at the last moment, raised by Senator Abdul Rehman Malik on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

**Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Naeem Khalid Lodhi, Minister for Defence, made statement in this regard, thus disposed of.**

- v. Regarding the non-completion of various developmental schemes announced by the Federal Government in District Thatha alongside the coastal belt, raised by Senator Sassui Palijo on 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.

**Syed Ali Zafar, Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage, made statement in this regard, thus disposed of.**

**POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

1. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani encouraged the proposed idea of continuation of Senate Session till elections. He claimed that the July 25 elections had been made controversial in the beginning due to meddling and the Elections Commission of Pakistan's (ECP) failure to perform its constitutional role. He said that secretary ECP secretary must explain his earlier statement about meddling in elections.

He went on to say that a military commander at Kasur garrison had summoned a returning officer and questioned why the ECP was acting as silent spectator instead taking the official to task as a military has nothing to do with the polls. He also claimed that PPP candidates were being pressured into either to switch over to other parties or to withdraw their candidatures.

He questioned that how ECP could take the decision to extend the voting time on the request of a single party.

He added that NAB did not see a single corrupt person in any other party except PPP and PML-N. If the anti-corruption watchdog wants an across the board accountability, why it does not launch a crackdown on the 'turncoats' who have joined a particular party,

He further stated that inadequate security to the candidates resulted in loss of Awami National Party (ANP) candidate Haroon Bilour, adding the convoys of PPP chairman Bilawal Bhutto had also been facing security issues, but the ECP was yet to provide security to him as well as to other politicians.

He further said that interior minister earlier said that there was a threat to politicians but he has not taken any measure in this regard. He said that the censorship on was also going unnoticed.

He questioned the Care Taker Government that:

- Why the Secretary Election Commission resiled from his statement?
- Why the Ministry of Interior is not providing security despite of warning issued by NACTA.
- What are the measures that ECP and CT Government have taken to ensure free, fair and secure General Elections?

- Why the military is being deployed inside the polling stations and had given the powers of a magistrate? and What will be the TORs and code of conduct for the military personal?
- What measures have been taken to ensure freedom of media?

The honorable Member demanded of Chairman Senate to constitute a Committee of the Whole and summon chief election commissioner along with secretary ECP to brief the house on all these controversies ahead of general elections as it is the prerogative of this house.

**Chairman Senate remarked that the Committee of Whole will be called after consulting both Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition on the said issue.**

2. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition, pointed out that media is protesting for last few days against the media gagging and censorship. She further stated that it is the responsibility of Care taker Government to ensure freedom of press and media. She endorsed the proposal of Committee of the Whole regarding General Elections. Minister of Information stated that the Media in Press Galleries have reservations regarding covert censorship of transmission and circulation of Newspapers in Cantonment areas.

**Chairman Senate referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned with the direction to report back to house in seven days.**

3. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif raised an issue related to an ordinance laid in the House earlier.
4. Senator Moula Bux Chandio pointed out the inadequate facilities at New Islamabad Airport. He stated that the new airport lack all the basic necessitates moreover rain exposed the previous government “state of the art” airport.

**Chairman Senate referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.**

He also endorsed the points raised by Senator Raza Rabbani and stated that nobody will be allowed to play with the future of Pakistan.

5. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar supported the points raised by Senator Raza Rabbani. He emphasized that ECP must perform its duties according to Constitution and law. He adjudged the references filed by NAB and other institutions against the



politicians as interference in elections. He further stated that All Parties Conference is the need of the hour.

6. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz stated that Election Commission is providing level playing field to all parties and there is no interference from any State organ in General Elections. Furthermore he stated that all those complaining about level playing field has already accepted their defeat.
7. Senator Sitara Ayaz thanked the House and all of its Members for the Condolence Session for Barrister Haroon Bilour.
8. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik appreciated the efforts of Senate to create an atmosphere and hope of conducting free, fair and safe elections. He demanded that Government must apologize for placing former President's Name on ECL without any reason. He put stress on need of Code of Conduct for politicians.
9. Senator Musadik Masood Malik condemned the suspension of Local Bodies by ECP. He stated that ECP is not beyond the Constitution they should be called and answer the Parliament. In addition to that he stated that only and only Parliament has the right to decide what Laws it may make, no body, what so ever has the right to dictate the Parliament. He also questioned the jurisdiction of army personnel awarded 1<sup>st</sup> Class magisterial powers during the election.
10. Senator Kauda Babar pointed out the non-availability of electricity in Makran Division, Balochistan for last twelve days. He also pointed out the problems faced by people of Gwadar due to water scarcity  
**Chairman directed the Minister for Energy to respond to the electricity issue on 13<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018.**
11. Senator Kalsoom Perveen endorsed Senator Raza Rabbani and the proposal of calling ECP in Committee of Whole. She was of the view that the ECP has been violating their powers and have not been working accordingly.
12. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar also pointed out the non-availability of electricity in Makran Division, Balochistan for last twelve days. He claimed that the Government hasn't paid Iran the electricity dues. He further stated that FIR were being launched against people protesting against non-availability of electricity.
13. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak raised the question that why Makran Division is not being supplied electricity through national grid. He condemned the media blackout for

some parties. He urged that elections should be free and fair and the process of accountability should be across the board. While mentioning security agencies interference in the elections he stated that their role must be in accordance to the Constitution. He further stated that allegations by Ex-Senator Farhat Ullah Babar must be inquired. He was also of the view that daily discussion on the election will affect the political atmosphere of the country and ultimately impact possibility of free and fair or timely conduct of elections.

14. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo raised the issue of negligent behavior of every Government towards the people of Balochistan. He also stated that security of political leaders and workers is the prime responsibility of care taker Government, only issuing warnings does not fulfill their duties.
  15. Senator Prof. Sajid Mir condemns the assassination of Haroon Bilour and condoled with the grief family. He also endorsed the proposal of Committee of the Whole but showed his reservations regard the behind the scenes actors. He emphasized on the need of unity between political parties against the so called accountability process. He further stated that parliament must come with a Joint Resolution against the Blasphemy contest conducting by a Netherlands politician.
  16. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the security issues being faced by the political parties during their election campaigns and express reservations on the Supreme Court's order regarding withdrawal of security personnel from the political leaders. He claimed that allegations regarding fake NICs were baseless and defaming. He also questioned the intention and loyalties of those proposing prorogation of Senate Session.
  17. Senator Behramand pointed out that no progress has been made on the Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro in yesterday's sitting, he further stated that PPP has a history of struggle for democracy, we are against the establishment since Zia's regime. He demanded that the Interior Minister must apologies on the statement regarding place former President Name on ECL in light of order of Supreme Court. He also endorsed the proposal of calling ECP in Committee of The Whole.
- **At 02:25 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Islamabad**

**12<sup>TH</sup> of July, 2018**