

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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279TH SESSION**

Date and Day	09TH July, 2018 (MONDAY)
Commenced at	03:00 P.M.
Adjourned at	08:20 P.M.
Presided by	Acting Chairman Senator Saleem Mandviwala
Attendance	41
Total Working Hours	05 Hours and 20 Minutes

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICER FOR 279TH SESSION

- 1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh**
- 2. Senator Hidayat Ullah.**
- 3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.**

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Acting Chairman.

FATEHA

The house offered fateha for the departed souls of law enforcement agencies' personnel and civilians who were martyred in different terrorist incidents in Awaran, North Waziristan and Dera Bugti. The House also offered fateha for the departed souls of renowned writer Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Yousufi and the veteran politician Mr. Rasool Bux Palijo.

- Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and Senator Moula Bux Chandio paid tribute to Mr. Rasool Bux Palijo.

POINT OF ORDER

Leader of the House, Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq stated that the House should take notice of the recent political unrest in the country whereby some political parties are not being provided level playing field. He criticised the political victimization of the political party leaders and workers during their political campaigns.

Following Members spoke on the matter:

1. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan spoke about registration of false FIRs against him and other leadership of Rawalpindi only because they were accompanying Captain Safdar when he was going to surrender before the NAB Authorities. He further pointed out that he was stopped by police personnel at check post near Serena Hotel for 45 minutes when he was coming to attend the Senate session which is breach of his privilege as Member of Senate.

Acting Chairman asked the Senator to inform the Secretariat in writing to process it for referring to privilege committee.

2. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak.
 3. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
 4. Senator Sadia Abbasi.
 5. Senator Musadik Masood Malik.
 6. Senator Pervaiz Rasheed.
 7. Senator Rehman Malik.
 8. Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani.
 9. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz.
 10. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
 11. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.
 12. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.
 13. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad.
 14. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition.
 15. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo.
- Senator Syed Shibli Faraz pointed out the Quorum. The House was found in Quorum.
 - At 5:25 p.m. the proceedings of the House were suspended for 30 Minutes.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE CHAIR

The House acknowledged the presence of a group of 36 students along with 3 faculty members from Government Degree College Harnai Balochistan.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 194(1)]

1. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, 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 Bill further to amend the Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Ordinance, 1979 [The Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) (Amendment) Bill, 2018], introduced by Senator Sehar Kamran, on 5th March, 2018, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days, with effect from 9th July, 2018.

Deferred on the request of the Member due to some technical issue in the Motion.

2. Senator Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, 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 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 10th July, 2018.

Deferred due to absence of the Member.

3. Senator Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, 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 a point of public importance raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 11th April, 2018, regarding road accidents on Quetta-Karachi road and Quetta-Taftan road due to lack of illuminations and back lights of vehicles, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 13th July, 2018.

Deferred due to absence of the Member

4. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on behalf of Senator Shammim Afridi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Water Resources, 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 Imamuddin Shouqeen, regarding distribution of water to the province of Sindh in accordance with the Water Accord, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 15th July, 2018.

The Motion was carried and the requisite extension was granted.

LAYING OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs on the President's Salary, Allowances and Privileges (Amendment) Bill, 2018, as transmitted to the National Assembly in terms of sub-rule (8A) of rule 130 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, were laid before the Senate.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh was to move that the Bill to amend the National Disaster Management Act, 2010 [The National Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was deferred on the request of the Member.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to abolish Riba at the earliest and at least 30% of all new Government debts should be replaced with shariah compliant mode.

The House also recommends that the funds of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony related to Hajj, Zakat and Usher should be replaced or invested under shariah compliant mode.”

The Resolution was not opposed by the Minister for Finance.

The Acting Chairman allowed the following Members to speak on the subject matter of the resolution:-

1. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz.
2. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar Ul Haq, Leader of the House.
3. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
4. Senator Atta Ur Rehman.
5. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani.
6. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad.
7. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.

The Members raised some specific queries upon which the Acting Chairman directed the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs to reply on Thursday. Thereafter, the Resolution was put to the House which was passed unanimously.

2. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh was to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to improve the performance of Pakistan’s embassies and missions abroad and to introduce and implement austerity measures in their expenses.”

Deferred on written request of the Member.

3. Senators Hillal Ur Rehman, Sajjad Hussain Turi, Haji Momin Khan Afridi, Hidayat Ullah And Aurangzeb Khan were to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the recruitment process against the recently advertised posts in different projects under the FATA Secretariat, FATA Development Authority and FATA Disaster Management Authority, should be stopped.”

Dropped due to absence of the Members.

4. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani was to move the following resolution:-

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

Deferred on written request of the Member.

POINT OF ORDER

Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition informed the House that Multan district management had obstructed PPP rally despite prior permission.

Minister of Interior inquired the matter and responded that according to Election Commission, all political parties must take permission from the administration three days prior to the rally.

DEFERRED MOTION

[Under Rule 218]

Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum moved that the House may discuss the issue of energy crisis in the country and the steps taken by the last Government to address the same.

Following member spoke on the Motion:

1. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
2. Senator Musadik Masood Malik.
3. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro.
4. Senator Rukhsana Zuberi.
5. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.
6. Minister for Law and Justice wound up the discussion, hence Motion was talked out.

Acting Chairman asked the Minister to brief the House about the updated situation of energy in the Country.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 218]

1. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan was to move that this House may discuss the performance of Pakistan Post and the need and importance of improvement in the same.

Deferred on the request of the Minister concerned.

2. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz was to move that the House may discuss the performance of Higher Education Commission with particular reference to the impacts of its policies towards the improvement of standards of higher education in the country.

Deferred on the request of the Minister concerned.

3. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh was to move that this House may discuss the need to expedite work on the projects for construction of small dams and water reservoirs in the country.

Deferred on written request of Member.

4. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood was to move that the House may discuss the Foreign policy of Pakistan.

Deferred on written request of Member.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

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

- i. Regarding the low salaries of teachers employed in National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) schools in less developed areas, raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 11th April, 2018.

Deferred on the request of the Minister concerned.

- ii. Regarding the spending of a major portion of funds of Public Sector Universities on payment of pensions due to which the Universities lack funds for Research and other developmental projects, raised by Senator Syed Shibli Faraz on 11th April, 2018.

Deferred on the request of the Minister concerned.

- iii. Regarding the problems being faced by parents in getting their children admitted in schools in Islamabad due to increase in population of Islamabad and non-regularization of teachers working on daily wages, raised by Senator Kalsoom Parveen on 11th April, 2018.

Federal Minister for Interior responded on the issue which was disposed of accordingly.

- iv. Regarding the practice of HESCO to shut down the electricity of whole village due to non-payment of Bills by few defaulters, raised by Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo on 11th April, 2018.

Minister for Law and Justice made statement in this regard.

Following Members also spoke on the matter:

1. Senator Dr. Sikander Mandhro
2. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.

3. Senator Rukhsana Zuberi
4. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani

The issue was disposed of accordingly.

- v. Regarding the imposition of taxes on tobacco growers in Districts Swabi, Mardan, Charsadda, Buner and Mansehra whereas the Government is giving exemptions to the Tobacco companies, raised by Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani on 11th April, 2018.

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs made statement in this regard.

Following Members also spoke on the matter:

1. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani
2. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
4. Senator Musadik Masood Malik.

The issue was disposed of accordingly.

- **At 7:35 p.m. the proceedings of the House were suspended for 10 minutes for Maghrib prayers.**

PRIVILEGE MOTION

Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar moved Privilege motion against FC Subedar who not only misbehaved but breached his privilege in a nasty manner at District Qilla Saifullah, Sharan Jogazai.

Acting Chairman referred the matter to the Committee concerned.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed pointed out the blasphemy campaign started by a Netherland's politician on Social Media. He demanded that the Government should take measures to stop the campaign as it will hurt the religious sentiments of millions of Muslim resulting in disturbance to world peace and tolerance.

Following members also spoke on the issue:

1. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.
2. Senator Dr. Sikander Mandhro.

3. Senator Rana Maqbool.
4. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
2. Senator Dr. Sikander Mandhro pointed out that high officials being hired by the previous government just before completing their tenure, were holding campaign in support of certain political parties, using their public offices.

Acting Chairman asked the Senator to share the details with the Secretariat and assured that necessary action will be taken after consulting the Government.

3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar raised the issue of crack down on PTM and Pushtoonkhwa Student Organization's members during their protest at Islamabad Press club.

- **At 8:20 p.m. the acting Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Wednesday, the 11th of July, 2018 at 03:00 p.m.**

Islamabad,

09TH of July, 2018.