

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

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Date and day	15 th May, 2018 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Prorogued at	06:20 p.m.
Presided by	Acting Chairman Senate Saleem Mandviwalla
Attendance	58
Total working hours	03 Hours and 20 Minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

RESOLUTION

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.**

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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.

Following Members Spoke on the Bill.

1. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati

2. Senator Mohsin Aziz
3. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
4. Senator Haji Momin Khan Afridi
5. Senator Behramand
6. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar
7. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
8. Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokhar
9. Senator Nauman wazir Khattak.

The acting Chairman then put the Bill before the House. Count was made and was carried with 25 to 16. The House then started Second reading i.e. clause by clause consideration of the Bill. The Minister further moved for the Bill to be passed, which was adopted and Bill was passed.

TOKEN WALKOUT

Members belonging to Pakistan Tehreek Insaf, MQM Pakistan and Jamat-e-Islami staged token walkout.

ORDINANCE TO BE 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.
- **The proceeding of the House was suspended for 15 minutes at 4:00 p.m. for discussion on Ordinance. The House re-assembled again on 4:15p.m.**

MOTION

(Under Rule 263)

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.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

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.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

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.

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.**
8. **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.**

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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 water 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.

12. 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.

- **At 06:20 p.m. the Chairman read out the prorogation order signed by the President.**

Islamabad,
The 15th May, 2018.