

SENATE OF PAKISTAN**DAILY JOURNAL****(277th Session)**

Date and day	11 th May, 2018 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:30 a.m.
adjourned at	01:00 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani
Attendance	61
Total working hours	02 Hours and 30 Minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

POINT OF ORDER

1. 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.

2. 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.
3. Senator Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh commented that every possible action is being taken to make 12th of May, a controversial day.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE CHAIR

The House acknowledged the presence of a group of 41 students along with 2 faculty members of Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) Islamabad.

PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

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].

MOTION

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:

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- 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.

MOTION

[Under rule 263]

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.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Following Bills were passed by the Senate:-

1. The Bill to prevent the smuggling of migrants [The Prevention of Smuggling of Migrants Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.

6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The Bill to provide for establishment of the Islamabad Healthcare Regulatory Authority [The Islamabad Healthcare Regulation Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. The Bill to provide for criminal justice system for juveniles [The Juvenile Justice System Bill, 2018], as reported by the Committee.
12. 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.
13. 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)

POINT OF ORDER

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 TO BE 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.

PRIVILEGE MOTION

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.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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 Pakhtunkhwa 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.

8. 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.

9. 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 dire need of hanging those murderers rather than releasing them. As they were the ones behind the incident of APS and Liaquat Bagh.
- **At 01:00 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 14th of May, 2018 at 03:00 p.m.**

Islamabad,
The 11th May, 2018.