

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

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Date and day	10 th April, 2018 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Prorogued at	6:45 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate Muhammad Sadiq Sanjrani
Attendance	84
Total working hours	03 hours and 45 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.
- Question Nos. 174, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, and 09 were asked and replied in the House. Replies to Question Nos. 01, 02, and 08 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Question No. 11 was deferred.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

PRIVILEGE MOTION

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati moved Privilege regarding the irresponsible and non-cooperative behavior of Head of PSQCA.

The Motion was not opposed by the Leader of the House so the Chairman referred the matter to the Privilege Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions will be determined:-

- (i) Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Ch. Mohammad Sarwar, Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani and Samina Saeed moved to discuss

the appointment of Mr. Ali Jehangir Siddiqui as Pakistan's Ambassador to USA despite the fact that he has no diplomatic experience and there are allegations against him which are under investigation. **Chairman held the motion inadmissible.**

- (ii) Senator Mohsin Aziz on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Fida Muhammad, and Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani to discuss the recent devaluation in Pak Rupee which has increased the inflation, debt payments and has brought the economy at the verge of collapse. **Chairman held the motion inadmissible.**
- (iii) Senators Sirajul Haq and Mushtaq Ahmed were to discuss the recent incidents of firing at LoC by the Indian forces at Bhimber Sector which resulted into Martyrdom of two Pakistani soldiers. **The Motion was dropped due to absence of the Members.**

MOTION

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 House Committee and Finance 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.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Samina Saeed was to draw attention of the Minister for Foreign Affairs towards the appointment of an inexperienced person as Ambassador to USA despite the fact that there are allegations against him which are under investigation. **The Calling Attention Notice was deferred on the request of Minister.**

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Sardar Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari, Minister for Power was to move that the Bill further to amend the Private Power and Infrastructure Board Act, 2012 [The Pakistan Power and Infrastructure Board (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once, and further on be passed. **The Business was deferred on the request of Minister.**

ORDINANCE TO BE LAID

Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk, Minister of Law and Justice on behalf of Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Interior, laid before the Senate the Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 (Ordinance No. II of 2018), as required by clause (2) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani raised objection on the laying of the Ordinance on the argument that such delay in laying of Ordinances is violation of the Constitution, Rules of Procedure and the Ruling of the Chairman

Chairman Senate reserved his ruling on the matter and allowed the Minister to lay the Ordinance. Since the Ordinance was first laid before the Senate, therefore, the same being treated as Bill introduced in the Senate was referred to Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

REPORT TO BE LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

Chaudhry Mahmood Bashir Virk, Minister of Law and Justice on behalf of Minister-In-Charge Cabinet Secretariat, laid before the Senate the Annual Report of the National Economic Council for the Financial Year 2016-17, as required under clause (5) of Article 156 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the decline in foreign reserves of the country at the rate of 200-250 million USD per week.

- **Mr. Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, Minister of State for Finance and Economic Affairs made statement on the Calling Attention Notice.**

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar raised the issue of discriminating behavior against the Pashtoons. He further stated that Government is violating their rights of expression and protest by declaring them anti-Pakistan moment.
2. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition, pointed that the Government is planning to announce the Budget on 27th of April, 2018, therefore a briefing on at least PSDP, be arranged by the Ministry for the Members. **Chairman directed Leader of the House to coordinate with Ministry of Finance and inform the House.**

CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATIONS

Following Members spoke on the occasion:

1. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq.
2. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.
3. Senator Gianchand.
4. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi.
5. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed.
6. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah.
7. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi.
8. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo.
9. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.
10. Senator Musadik Masood Malik.
11. Senator Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.

12. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad.
 13. Senator Muhammad Akram.
 14. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini.
 15. Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo.
 16. Senator Ch. Mohammad Sarwar.
 17. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.
 18. Senator Anwar ul Haq Kakar.
 19. Senator Behramand.
 20. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad.
 21. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
 22. **Chairman Senate in his concluding speech state that the tradition of celebrating constitution day was started by the Senate of Pakistan. He recommended that the Provincial Governments should also celebrate the Constitution day at district level to highlight the importance and awareness of the Constitution.**
- **At 06:45 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Wednesday, the 11th March, 2018 at 03:00 p.m.**

Islamabad,
The 10th April, 2018.