

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

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Date and day	22 nd February, 2018 (Thursday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Prorogued at	5:45 p.m.
Presided by	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi for question hour and Chairman Senate for rest of the sitting
Attendance	58
Total working hours	02 hours and 45 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

- Question Nos. 184, 185, 186, 187, 188 and 189 were asked and replied in the House. Replies to Question Nos. 143, 168, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178 and 179 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Question Nos. 36, 37, 44, 169 and 180 were deferred.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

Following reports of the Committees were presented:-

1. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Chairman Standing Committee on Commerce and Textile Industry, presented report of the Committee on recommendations and guidelines of the Committee on completion of its tenure (2015-18).

He also made detailed statement on the contents of the report.

2. Senator Agha Shahzaib Durrani, Chairman, Functional Committee on Government Assurances, presented report of the Committee on the assurance given by the Minister-in-Charge, Prime Minister's Office in response to a question asked by Senator Samina Saeed on 17th May, 2016, regarding handing over of newly constructed building of Government High School, Hangrai in Union Council Hangrai, Tehsil Balakot, District Mansehra to the Education Department.
3. Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Narcotics Control, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of Calling Attention Notice moved by Senator Hidayat Ullah regarding pending approval of 7500 sanctioned new posts (SNEs) for FATA which have already been approved by the FATA Secretariat and the Ministry of States and Frontier Regions.
4. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel on behalf of Senator Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri, Chairman, Standing Committee on Energy, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 [The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Bill, 2017].

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

The Chairman acknowledged the presence of a group of 46 students along with 4 faculty members from University and Colleges of Jamia-tul-Mohsinat Balochistan.

MOTIONS [Under Rule 194(1)]

1. 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 Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (Amendment of Article 255), introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 20th March, 2017, may be extended till 6th March, 2018, with effect from 23rd February, 2018.

The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted.

2. Senator Kalsoom Perveen on behalf of Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, 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 provide for the prevention and management of conflicts of interest and to establish clear conflict of interest principles for Public servants in the Federal Government and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto [The Prevention and Management of Conflict of Interest Bill, 2017], introduced by Senators Barrister Murtaza Wahab and Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz, on 23rd October, 2017, may be extended till 6th March, 2018, with effect from 1st March, 2018.

The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz on his behalf and on behalf on Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja drew attention of the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony towards the difficulties being faced by the Kalash Community, who are the only pagan minority residing in Chitral.

Sardar Muhammad Yousaf, Federal Minister for Religious Affairs & Inter-Faith Harmony made statement on the matter and the CAN was disposed of accordingly.

**PERIODICAL REPORTS BY THE MINISTERS ON THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEES**

[Under Rule 265A]

1. Rana Muhammad Afzal, Minister for Finance and Revenue reported under rule 265A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Committee on twenty four demands made by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Demand Nos. 16, 17 and 21). (Adopted by the House on 16-03-2017)

Matter was disposed of in view of the statement by the Minister.

2. Rana Muhammad Afzal, Minister of State for Finance and Economic Affairs reported under rule 265A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Committee on twenty four demands made by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Demand No. 18). (Adopted by the House on 16-03-2017)

The Matter was disposed of in view of the statement by the Minister.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz drew attention of the Minister of State for Finance and Economic Affairs towards the delay in NFC Award.

Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, Minister of State for Finance and Economic Affairs made statement on the matter and the CAN was disposed of accordingly.

The opposition staged token walkout as protest against delay in announcement of NFC.

The Chairman Senate also observed that delay in announcement of NFC is in violation of Article 160 of the Constitution and the Ruling of the Chairman.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

Statements by the Ministers concerned on the following points of public importance raised by the members and referred by the Chairman to the concerned Ministries:-

- i) **Rana M. Afzal Khan, Minister of State for Finance and Economic Affairs on behalf of Minister for Foreign Affairs made statement** regarding the media reports that 200 Pakistanis have been detained in Bagram prison Afghanistan and most of them have undergone their sentences but still detained in the jail. (raised by Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif on 13th December, 2017).

The Minister categorically stated that due to some bottlenecks between the Government of Pakistan and Afghanistan, the Foreign Office could not get the full particulars of the detainees and the Afghan Government is reluctant to share the details of the detainees.

At this stage, Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif stated that as per his discussion with the Afghan Ambassador, the only concern of the Afghan Government is that the Government of Pakistan must give assurance that the detainees if released will not rejoin the Taliban Group and will not re-enter Afghan territory to participate in criminal activities.

After hearing the Minister and the Member, the Chairman Senate directed to convey the statement made by Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif to the Foreign Office for necessary action in view of the statement made by the Senator.

- ii) Mr. Mushahid Ullah Khan, Minister for Climate Change on behalf of Minister In-charge of Aviation Division made statement regarding the closing down of PIA flights from Quetta to Dubai and Quetta to Turbat and Gawadar. (raised by Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi on 22nd January, 2018).

In view of the statement by the Minister, the matter was disposed of accordingly.

WINDING UP OF DISCUSSION

Minister for Climate Change wound up the discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Sherry Rehman on 15th February, 2018 and discussed in the House on 20th February, 2018, regarding Pakistan's greenhouse emissions and its effects on the environment.

Mr. Mushahid Ullah Khan, Minister for Climate Change made the winding up speech. The Motion was thus talked out.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Farhatullah Babar pointed out the current political situation of the country after the decision of the Supreme Court, which might pave ways for derailing of the system.

Following Members also spoke on the same issue:-

1. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.

2. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.
 3. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.
 4. Senator Ghaus Muhammad Khan Niazi.
2. Senator Sehar Kamran raised the issue of high mortality rate of children in Pakistan according to UNICEF report.

Chairman directed the Secretariat to ask Council of Islamic Ideology about the status of Bill regarding which hasreport referred to them.

3. Senator Sassui Paliyo informed the house about the verdict of the Peshawar High Court whereby the court has declared the appointments made by Pakistan Bureau of Statistics in their functional board of census team as illegal.
4. Senator Taj Haider requested the Chairman to direct Provincial Leaders to nominate their members for census commission for the meeting of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics.

Chairman directed Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo and Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan and Leader of the House to resolve the matter.

5. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel made a detail statement on the importance of regional languages.

Following Members also spoke on this issue:-

1. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
 2. Senator Gul Bushra.
6. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail pointed out that the statement made by the Planning Minister regarding the CPEC Western route which was not based on reality. He further stated that the Senate has failed to resolve the issues of NFC, CPEC (especially the Western route) and constitution of Federal Constitution Court.

- **At 05:45 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 23rd February, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Islamabad,
The 21st February, 2018.**