

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

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Date and day	18 th December, 2017 (Monday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	07:25 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	66
Total working hours	04 hours and 25 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.
- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.
- **The House observed one minute silence to mourn the incident of terrorist attack on Church in Quetta which claimed nine precious lives and injuries to many.**

Following Members Spoke on the incident as well:-

- (i) Senator Sehar Kamran
- (ii) Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

1. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Chairman, Standing Committee on Commerce and Textile Industry, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Tobacco Board Ordinance, 1968 [The Pakistan Tobacco Board (Amendment) Bill, 2017].
2. Senator Farhatullah Babar on behalf of Senator Rahila Magsi, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to make provisions for promoting, developing and regulating systematic apprenticeship programmes in the establishments for securing certain minimum standards of skill [The Apprenticeship Bill, 2017].
3. Senator Farhatullah Babar, on behalf of Senator Nasreen Jalil, Chairperson, Functional Committee on Human Rights, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to amend the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012 [The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2017].
4. Senator Nasreen Jalil, Chairperson, Functional Committee on Human Rights, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 88, regarding launching of helpline by the Human Rights Division for legal advice on Human Rights violations in the country, asked by Senator Ahmed Hassan on 27th October, 2017.

BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED

1. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Police Act, 1861 [The Police (Amendment) Bill, 2017].

The Bill was not opposed by the Minister of State for Interior. The Motion was put to the House and the leave to introduce the Bill was granted by the House.

Thereafter, Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati introduced the Bill further to amend the Police Act, 1861 [The Police (Amendment) Bill, 2017] which upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

2. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (Amendment of Article 51).

The Motion was put to the House and the leave to introduce the Bill was granted by the House.

Thereafter, Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi introduced the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] which upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

3. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah moved for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Area Study Centres Act, 1975 [The Area Study Centres (Amendment) Bill, 2017].

The Motion was put to the House and the leave to introduce the Bill was granted by the House.

Thereafter, Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah introduced the Bill further to amend the Area Study Centres Act, 1975 [The Area Study Centres (Amendment) Bill, 2017] which upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. Senator Sehar Kamran was to move that the Bill further to amend the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 [The Child Marriage Restraint (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

However, the Chairman with the consent of the Member, referred the Bill to the Council of Islamic Ideology with the request to expedite the matter and send the report back to the House.

2. Senator Sehar Kamran moved under proviso to paragraph (c) of sub-rule (1) of rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the Bill to prohibit the employment of children and to regulate the conditions of work of adolescents [The Islamabad Restriction on Employment of Children Bill, 2017], as introduced in the Senate but not recommended by the Standing Committee, be referred to the Select Committee.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was referred to the Select Committee.

3. Senator Sehar Kamran moved under proviso to paragraph (c) of sub-rule (1) of rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (Amendment of Article 228), as introduced in the Senate but not recommended by the Standing Committee, be referred to the Select Committee.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was referred to the Select Committee.

(CONSIDERATION OF BILLS WITHDRAWN FROM THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR WHICH NOTICES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED UNDER RULE 100)

At the very outset, the Chairman informed the Members about this new practice to deal with the Bills which have not been reported back by the Committees within the stipulated time.

[At this stage, the House converted itself into the Committee of the Whole to consider the above mentioned two Bills i.e. [The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2016] (Amendment of section 364A) and [The Islamabad Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2016]

After consideration of the Bills by the Committee of the Whole the House re-assembled.

With the leave of the House, Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati withdrew the above referred two Bills i.e. [The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2016] (Amendment of section 364A) and [The Islamabad Registration (Amendment) Bill, 2016]

BILL REPORTED BACK BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE
(Notice for motion under Rule 100 awaited)
[Under Rule 99]

The Chairman announced that the Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-smokers Health (Amendment) Bill, 2017” has been reported back by the Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination and awaiting notice of motion under proviso to paragraph (c) of sub-rule (1) of rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, by the concerned Member.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **SENATOR SEHAR KAMRAN** moved the following resolution:-

“The House recommends that the Government should lay all international conventions, treaties, covenants, commitments and agreements signed or ratified by the Government of Pakistan before both Houses of Parliament.”

The Resolution was put to the House and passed unanimously.

2. **SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MAHMOOD** was to move the following resolution:-

“The House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to control the lowering of Water Table in the country.”

However, the Resolution was deferred on the request of the Member.

3. **SENATOR KARIM AHMED KHAWAJA** moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should facilitate all those persons who left Pakistan at the time of partition or after that, and settled in other countries, in case they want to visit their motherland for religious or tourism purposes or they want to make investment or engage in some trade and business in the country.”

The Resolution was put to the House and passed unanimously.

4. **SENATOR MIAN MUHAMMAD ATEEQ SHAIKH** moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take steps to increase the age limit for appointment of women in the Government sector up to 35 years.”

The Motion was dropped due to absence of Member.

5. **SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI** was to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that all the schools, colleges and universities under the administrative control of the Federal Government should be opened for, at least, half day on the eve of Kashmir Day (5th February), Pakistan Day (23rd March), Labour Day (1st May), Independence Day (14th August), Iqbal Day (9th November), Quaid-e-Azam Day (25th December), 12th Rabi ul Awal (Eid Milad Nabi) and 9th Moharram (Youm-e-Ashura) to make the students understand the importance of these days.”

However, The Resolution was deferred on the request of the Member.

6. **SENATOR MUHAMMAD JAVED ABBASI** moved the following resolution:-

“Whereas it is a fact that the Government of USA has been demanding compensation from countries accused of involvement in damages caused to the lives and properties of its citizens;

Whereas it is also a fact that damages have been caused to the lives and properties of many innocent citizens of Pakistan by the US drone attacks inside Pakistan since 2000;

Therefore, this House recommends to the Government to demand payment of compensation from the US Government on account of lives lost and damages done to the lives and properties of innocent citizens of Pakistan as a result of drone attacks inside Pakistan since 2000;

The House also urges upon the Government to send copies of this Resolution to the UN General Assembly, NATO, EU, Commonwealth and APA member States in order to highlight impact of drone attacks on the social, economic and psychological conditions of the victims.”

The Resolution was put to the House and passed unanimously.

7. **SENATOR COL. (R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI** moved the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to introduce unified pay scales for all Federal Government employees including those working in corporations, institutions and entities being paid from the Federal Government Funds.”

The Resolution was put to the House and rejected.

8. **SENATOR CHAUDHARY TANVIR KHAN** moved the following resolution:-

“The House recommends that the Government should impose ban on the sale of **soft** [carbonated] and energy drinks in all educational institutions established in Islamabad and cantonment areas in the country.”

The Resolution as amended was put to the House and passed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman announced in the House that tomorrow the Chief of Army Staff along with the D.G (MO) will attend the meeting of the Committee of the Whole so the Member are requested to ensure to remain present in the House to become part of the discussion.

MOTIONS
[Under Rule 218]

1. **SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ** moved that this House may discuss the issue of Industrial sector's becoming unviable and uncompetitive in international market due to which the country is becoming a trading rather than a producing country.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz
2. Senator Farhatullah Babar
3. Senator Saud Majeed
4. Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour
5. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
6. Senator Taj Haider
7. Senator Kamil Ali Agha
8. Senator Sirajul Haq

After discussion, Minister of State for Industries and Production wound up the debate thus the Motion was talked out.

2. **SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ** moved that the House may discuss the matters relating to upcoming and recently established IPPs in the country with particular reference to wind and solar plants, their cost and the tariff determined for the electricity being produced by those plants and its negative effects on common people, exports and industrial production.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz
2. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz
3. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati
4. Senator Kamil Ali Agha
5. Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour
6. Senator Saud Majeed
7. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi
8. Senator Farhatullah Babar
9. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
10. Senator Sirajul Haq

After discussion, Mr. Awais Ahmad Khan Leghari, Minister for Power wound up the debate thus the Motion was talked out.

3. **SENATOR MUHAMMAD TALHA MAHMOOD** was to move that the House may discuss the overall performance of National Highway Authority with particular reference to its ongoing projects of Motorways and National Highways in the country. **However, The Motion was deferred on the request of the Member.**

4. **SENATOR SIRAJUL HAQ** was to move that this House may discuss the issue of continuous violation of Line of Control and killing of innocent citizens by India.

However, The Motion was deferred on the request of the Member.

5. **SENATOR SEHAR KAMRAN** moved that the House may discuss the role of CCI in promoting harmony and building confidence between federation and federating units in the country.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Sehar Kamran
2. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi
3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar

After discussion, Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada, Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination wound up the debate thus the Motion was talked out.

6. **SENATOR SHERRY REHMAN** was to move that this House may discuss the need to revoke the Protection of Economic Reforms Act, 1992 in order to initiate the necessary exchange reforms in the economic sector and to block all the illegitimate sources of flight of capital from the country.

However, The Motion was deferred on the request of the Member.

7. **SENATOR CHAUDHARY TANVIR KHAN** was to move that the House may discuss the policy of the Government to ensure food security in the country.

The Motion was dropped due to absence of Member.

8. **SENATOR DR. JEHAZEB JAMALDINI** was to move that this House may discuss the issues arising out of establishment of coal based power plants in the country with particular reference to its effects on environment and human population.

However, The Motion was deferred on the request of the Member.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

SENATORS SYED MUZAFAR HUSSAIN SHAH AND MUHAMMAD MOHSIN KHAN LEGHARI, drew attention of the Minister for National Food Security and Research towards the shifting of responsibility by the Provincial Governments and the Federal Government upon each other regarding the subsidy to the sugarcane growers due to which the growers are not getting the price of their crop as notified by the Government.

Mr. Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan, Minister for National Food Security and Research made statement wherein he stated that the issue of subsidy primarily pertains to the Ministry of Commerce.

The Chairman directed the Secretariat to forward the Calling Attention Notice to the Ministry of Commerce and re-fix the same.

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) regarding the measures taken by the Government in the present situation of environmental and industrial pollution and smog in the country (raised by Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood on 6th November, 2017).

Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan, Minister for Climate Change made statement on the issue and the matter was disposed of.

- ii) regarding the nomination of Member IRSA from Sindh which is not being made by the Federal Government despite writing of letter by the Chief Minister of Sindh to the Federal Government (raised by Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja on 20th November, 2017).

Deferred on request of the Minister.

- iii) regarding taking into custody of his party worker by the FC Personnel on 20th April, 2017 from Street No. 11, Pashtoon Abad Quetta whose whereabouts are still not known to his family Members. (raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 27th November, 2017).

Minister of State for Interior stated that he is getting information from the concern quarters and will apprise the House when the same will be received.

The Chairman directed the Minister to get the information and inform the House during the course of the current session.

- iv) regarding the direction issued by the Government to 21 INGOs to close their offices in Pakistan due to which almost 60,000 people will be deprived of their jobs. (raised by Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja on 12th December, 2017).

Minister of State for Interior made statement on the issue and the matter was disposed of.

- v) regarding the low pressure of gas in Kalat, Mastung, Khaliq Abad districts of Balochistan as well as in the outskirts of Rawalpindi and Islamabad and the extensive load shedding of gas in various parts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (raised by Senators Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini and Mohammad Azam Khan Swati on 12th and 14th December, 2017).

The matter was deferred for tomorrow on request of the Minister.

- vi) 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 matter was deferred due to the reason that the Minister for Foreign Affairs was abroad on Official visit.

- vii. Regarding the increase in tendency of missing persons in the country with particular reference to missing of a women rights activist from Model Colony, Street No. 3, Lahore, on 2nd December, 2017. (raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 13th December, 2017).

Deferred by the Chairman on request of the Minister.

WINDING UP OF DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Minister for Interior to wind up the discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senators Farhatullah Babar, Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail and Sehar Kamran on 12th December, 2017 and discussed in the House on 14th December, 2017, regarding the situation arising out of the manner in which the recent sit-in at Faizabad was called off culminating into abject surrender of the rule of law and constitutionally established Government before a stick and gun wielding mob.

However, the winding up speech was deferred for Wednesday as the Prime Minister has desired to wind up the same personally.

At 07:25 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Tuesday, the 19th December, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.