

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(271st Session)

Date and day	13 th December, 2017 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	03:15 p.m.
Adjourned at	07:10 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	70
Total working hours	03 hours and 55 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

At the very outset of the question hour, the Chairman took serious notice of transferring of a number of questions from one ministry to the other as well as the absence of the Ministers concerned in the House. The Chairman suspended the proceedings of the House and the House reassembled at 4:00 p.m.

- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

OFFERING OF FATEHA

The House offered Fateha for second Lt. Abdul Moeed and Sepoy Basharat of Pak Army who were martyred in the terrorist attack on a vehicle of Pakistan Army in South Waziristan Agency

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz to move **Adj. Motion No. 3-271/2017-M**), to discuss the planning of the Government of Pakistan to repay the interest and principal amount of the huge loans in the Financial Year 2018-2019 with the present balance of trade and account deficit.

The Motion was dropped due to absence of the Member.

2. Senator Sherry Rehman moved **Adj. Motion No. 6-271/2017-M**), to discuss the key commitments made by the Federal Government to the Islamic Military Counter Terrorism Coalition without taking the Parliament into confidence.

The Motion was held in order for two hour discussion.

3. Adj. Motion Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13-271/2017-M, notices given of by Senators Farhatullah Babar, Sirajul Haq, Mushahid Hussain Syed, Mohsin Aziz and Mohammad Azam Khan Swati to discuss the unilateral announcement by the US President to shift US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in violation of International Law and the resolutions of United Nations Security Council were disposed of by the Chairman as the same had already been discussed in the House on 11th December, 2017 by clubbing with the discussion.

REPORT OF THE FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Nasreen Jalil, Chairperson, Functional Committee on Human Rights, presented report of the Committee on the issue of payment of any compensation to the affectees released from Bagram Prison, Afghanistan under Civilian Victims Act or any other law, referred to the Functional Committee on 12th September, 2017.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi to draw attention of the Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms towards the vacant post of CEO, National Endowment Scholarships for Talent (NEST) despite the fact that the process for the recruitment of suitable candidate was finalized six months ago due to which the working and objective of the department is suffering badly.

The Minister concerned was not present in the House, therefore, the Chairman took serious notice of the issue and announced his ruling in the House that no Government Business will be taken up in the Senate on 14th and 15th July, 2017 as the Government is not serious regarding the parliamentary business.

MOTION
(Under Rule 60)

Senator Sherry Rehman moved for discussion on the following matter of public importance arising out of the answer to starred question No. 92, replied on 24th October, 2017:-

“Regarding non-construction of new Basic Education Community Schools by the Government and non-allocation of funds in the Budget for construction of the same.”

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Sherry Rehman.
2. Senator Sehar Kamran.
3. Senator Sitara Ayaz.
4. Senator Aisha Raza Farooq.
5. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
6. Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms.

The discussion was wound up by Mr. Baligh Ur Rehman, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Sehar Kamran drew attention of the Minister for Interior towards the media reports that twelve million eligible female voters may not be able to cast their votes in the next elections as NADRA do not have the capacity to prepare their CNICs within the limited time.

Mr. Talal Chaudhary, Minister of State for Interior made statement on the subject matter of the CAN which was disposed of accordingly.

DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman directed the Secretariat to expedite the process of installation of table top computers on the Tables of the House. The Minister for Planning assured that the Government will provide full support to this project.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The House started discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senators Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz and Sassui Palijo on 8th November, 2017, regarding the recent move of the Federal Government to delink petroleum and gas Authority from provincial oversight which is not only a direct violation of the Constitution but will also create trust deficit between the Centre and the Provinces.

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Farhatullah Babar.
2. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
4. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini.
5. Senator Taj Haider.
6. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.
7. Senator Shahi Syed.
8. Senator John Kenneth Williams.

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan Minister for Petroleum wound up the debate.

During the winding up speech of the Minister, the Chairman took notice of the draft legislation placed by the Ministry in the CCI and directed that the Ministry of Petroleum shall place in writing in the office of the Chairman till **Friday the 15th December, 2017** the following:-

1. The involvement of World Bank in the entire process,
2. Any other additional information or material in this respect,
3. The Draft Bill placed by the Ministry before the CCI.

The Chairman further stated that a reference has also been sent by the Committee on Devolution to him for interpretation of Article 172(3) of the Constitution, 1973, therefore, he will examine the above referred documents to be provided by the Ministry as well as the debate of the Members made in the House and will announce his Ruling on this issue during the course of the current session.

Chairman also directed to issue notice to Mr. Rashid Sultan of the Ministry of Petroleum.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

[Zero Hour]

1. Senator Farhatullah Babar spoke about some hidden powers who are playing their role to destabilize the current setup. He urged the Parliament to be aware of its role.
2. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out that 8500 Pakistanis are working in South Korea out of which only 13 belong to Balochistan. He criticized the ignoring of Balochistan in every sector.
3. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi urged the Government to appoint a Project Director for Mirani Dam.
4. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar pointed out the increase in tendency of missing persons in the country. He particularly referred the missing of a women rights activist namely Mr. Raza Mehmood Khan from Model Colony Street No. 3 Lahore on 2nd December, 2017.

After hearing the Members, the Chairman directed to refer the matter to the Minister concerned for Ministerial response.

5. Senator Nighat Mirza raised some issues pertaining to performance of PIA.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman referred the matter to the Special Committee on performance of PIA for consideration and report.

6. Senator Shahi Syed urged the Government to draft the rules under the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 at the earliest.

The Chairman referred his ruling wherein he had already given specific direction to the Government to draft rules under the Act.

7. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi expressed his concerns over the pendency of important legislations in the Parliament.
8. Senator Daud Khan Achakzai spoke about the need to have a uniform accountability law in the country.
9. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif pointed out that as per media reports 200 Pakistanis have been detained in Bagram prison Afghanistan and most of them have undergone their sentences but still detained in the jail for which the Foreign Office should take some action.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman directed to refer the matter to the Minister concerned for Ministerial response.

10. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini pointed out the illegal hunting in Balochistan by the Arab Princes and the local MPAs and elders of the area assist them in this hunting for very meager gains.

Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail also spoke on this issue and stated that this activity of hunting has also some positive aspects like job opportunities for the locals.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee of the Senate for consideration and report.

At 7:10 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 14th December, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.