

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and day	12 th December, 2017 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	03:05 p.m.
Adjourned at	05:15 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	76
Total working hours	02 hours and 10 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

MOTION
[Under Rule 263]

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs moved under rule 263 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, for dispensing with the requirement of rule 41 of the said Rules, regarding question hour, for today's sitting of the Senate.

The Chairman inquired from the Minister the latest position of the strike being observed by the employees of Printing Corporation of Pakistan.

The Minister apprised the House that there are some financial issues being faced by the PCP for which a summary has been moved to the Prime Minister and hopefully the issue will be resolved in a couple of days.

The Chairman asked the Minister to convey the sense of the House to the Prime Minister in order to make sure the resolving of the issue at the earliest as the most important business of the Parliament i.e. question hour is at halt due to strike by the PCP.

Thereafter, the Motion was put to the House which was adopted and the question hour for today's sitting was dispensed with.

- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

CONDEMNATION OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK

The Chairman strongly condemned the terrorist attack on a vehicle of Pakistan Army in South Waziristan Agency which resulted into martyrdom of one second Lt. and one Sepoy of Pak Army. The Chairman shared the grief of the bereaved families on behalf of the Senate of Pakistan. The Chairman further expressed his serious concern over the recent wave of attacks on the men in uniform and reaffirmed full support of the Parliament and the people of Pakistan to the Law Enforcement Agencies and stated that such coward attacks cannot demoralize the LEAs as well as the people of Pakistan.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

1. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah moved Adj. Motion No.1-271/2017-M to discuss various mental and Physical issues being faced by the children under fourteen years of age in Pakistan which are 35.5 % of total population as per recent census. Moreover, as per the National Management Information System, which is a subsidiary of the Ministry of Education, 22.6 % children are out of schools.

After hearing the Mover, the Chairman held that although the issue is of great importance but an adjournment motion is not an appropriate tool to raise this issue. The Chairman suggested the Member to raise the same through a Motion under rule 218.

The Mover while agreeing with the suggestion of the Chairman did not press the motion which was disposed of accordingly.

2. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Farhatullah Babar and Sehar Kamran moved Adj. Motion No. 2 and 5-271/2017-M, to discuss 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.

After hearing the Mover, the Chairman held the Motion in order for two hour discussion with the observation that although this issue was discussed in the House during the last session but the response from the Minister concerned did not come on the record.

Since one adjournment motion is held in order, therefore, the remaining adjournment motions on the orders of the day will be carried forward for next day.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah was to draw attention of the Minister for Foreign Affairs towards the recently held Universal Periodic Review in Geneva wherein the representatives of United Kingdom and United States of America stated that the minorities are not independent in Pakistan and the blasphemy laws in Pakistan should be repealed as the punishments under these laws are in violation of human rights.

The Chairman deferred the Calling Attention Notice due to the reason that the Minister for Foreign Affairs was abroad in connection with his participation in OIC Summit being held in Turkey. The Chairman decided to take up the Calling Attention Notice on return of the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

1. **SENATOR NUZHAT SADIQ**, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, presented report of the Committee on Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Saud Majeed, regarding the display of anti-Pakistan “Free Balochistan” banners and slogans on the Taxis and Buses in London.
2. **SENATOR SAJJAD HUSSAIN TURI**, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-smokers Health Ordinance, 2002 [The Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-smokers Health (Amendment) Bill, 2017] introduced by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan on 21st August, 2017.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. **DR. TARIQ FAZAL CHAUDHARY**, Minister of State for Capital Administration and Development Division, moved that the Bill to amend the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad, Act, 2013 [The Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

2. **RANA TANVEER HUSSAIN**, Minister for Science and Technology, moved that the Bill to set up National University of Technology at Islamabad [The National University of Technology Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

SENATOR COL. (R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI drew attention of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination towards the artificial shortage of essential medicines across the country for last six months, created by the multinational companies to enhance the prices of such medicines.

Minister of State for IPC on behalf of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice and the notice was disposed of accordingly.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The House started discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Sherry Rehman on 2nd November, 2017, regarding the interim award issued by London Court of International Arbitration on 8th June, 2017 in favor of nine IPPs directing Pakistan to immediately pay 10.977 billion rupees and to further discuss the need of Parliamentary oversight in key international arbitration cases.

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz.
2. Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
4. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak.
5. Senator Taj Haider.
6. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi.
7. Senator Sherry Rehman.
8. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.
9. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
10. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini.

[Chairman acknowledged the presence of a group of 72 students and 2 faculty members of Balochistan Residential College Lora Lai who were present in the galleries to witness the proceedings of the House.]

Mr. Awais Ahmed Khan Leghari, Minister for Power wound up the debate and the Motion was talked out.

The Chairman observed that he was inclined to give a ruling on this issue but since it is an issue of both Houses of the Parliament, therefore, he will write a letter to the

Speaker National Assembly and will convey the sense of the Upper House to him about the need to constitute a Parliamentary Committee to oversee the International Arbitration cases. The Chairman further stated that the Committee may be constituted under rule 21 of the Joint Sitting Rules which may be comprised of the Law and Justice Committees of both the Houses and will work as a Parliamentary Watchdog

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

[Zero Hour]

1. Senator Kamil Ali Agha while referring to a letter written by Senator Hafiz Hamadullah to the Chairman Senate about a sensitive amendment pending with the Functional Committee on Human Rights stated that the Parliament should avoid touching the sensitive issues keeping in view the already aggravated situation in the country.

The Chairman stated that he will look into the matter after getting details from the Committee.

2. Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi pointed out the load shedding of gas in the outskirts of Rawalpindi and Islamabad causing great problems to the public at large.

The Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister concerned for ministerial response on this issue.

3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar pointed out the extensive load shedding of electricity in Balochistan in spite of the announcement of zero load shedding by the Government.
4. Senator Shahi Syed pointed out the lingering on of the constitutional amendment in the Senate which amounts to depriving of the Provinces of Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as the seats of both the provinces were to be enhanced by way of this amendment.

Chairman apprised the Member that the House Business Advisory Committee has taken up this issue seriously and the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition will take up this issue with their party heads.

5. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar pointed out the low pressure of gas in Qallat, Mastung and Khaliq Abad districts of Balochistan. He further expressed his apprehension regarding violation of quota in the posts of nurses being advertised for PIMS.

The Chairman directed to send the verbatim regarding low pressure of gas to the Minister concerned for ministerial response.

6. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini spoke about the non-observance of quota by OGDCL in appointments in SSGC and SNGPL causing great unrest in the educated youth of Balochistan.

7. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi spoke about the low pressure of gas in Balochistan.

The Chairman directed to send the verbatim regarding low pressure of gas to the Minister concerned for ministerial response.

8. Senator Mohsin Khan Leghari pointed out the problems being faced by the cultivators of sugarcane in connection with the price of the produce as the middle men are purchasing the same from them at lower rate as fixed by the Government.

The Chairman stated that he will look into the matter himself.

9. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail expressed his concern on the announcement of China regarding the halting of some road projects of CPEC.

Chairman suggested the Member to raise the issue before the Special Committee of Senate on CPEC.

10. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja pointed out the decision of the Interior Ministry to close down the offices of 21 INGOs due to which almost 60000 people will be deprived of their jobs.

The Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister concerned for ministerial response.

At 5:15 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Wednesday, the 13th December, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.