

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL (269th session)

Date and Day	26 th October 2017 (Thursday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	4:55 p.m.
Presided by	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, Presiding Officer during Question Hour and Chairman Senate during rest of the proceedings
Attendance	68
Total working hours	1 hour and 55 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question numbers 132, 56, 57, 58, 63, 64, 65, and 66 were asked and replied in the House. Replies to Question Nos. 55, 59, and 60 were treated as laid on the table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Question Nos. 51, 52, 53 and 61 were deferred. Question Nos. 54 and 62 were referred to the concerned Standing Committee. Remaining printed Questions and their replies were treated as laid on the Table of the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by Chairman.

FATEHA

- House offered Fateha for the departed soul of Dr. Noshad, a political leader of MQM Pakistan.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Adj. Motion No. 1(4-269/2017-M), notice given of by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to discuss the need to point out the means of availability of extremist ideology and literature to the students and the role of religious, security and educational institutions in this regard.

Chairman held the motion in order for two hour discussion

Since one adjournment motion was held in order, therefore, the remaining adjournment motions were carried forward for next day under the rules.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition, Convener, Special Committee to examine the issue of non-implementation of the decisions of the House on which the concerned Ministries failed to report, presented report of the Special Committee.

The Chairman observed that since the Committee has recommended in its report that proper legislation may be made to address the issue of implementation of the recommendations of the House, therefore, the Chairman directed the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs that the Government shall bring a piece of legislation on this issue within a period of two months otherwise the Senate will take its own course of action to address the issue.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Sherry Rehman, drew attention of the Minister for Energy towards the Price Review Notice to re-negotiate the contract price of LNG set between Pakistan State Oil (PSO) and Qatar Gas on 10th February 2016 according to which the contract price of LNG cannot be re-negotiated earlier than 2026.

Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Prime Minister of Pakistan/Minister IN-charge of the Energy made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice which was disposed of accordingly.

The Chairman asked the Prime Minister the lay the agreements of LNG on tables of the House. The Prime Minister stated that every agreement is available on the website of PSO, however, he will provide the complete details to the House by tomorrow.

WALKOUT BY THE OPPOSITION

The Opposition Benches staged walkout of the proceedings due to non-presentation of LNG agreements by the Prime Minister.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Nasreen Jalil Raised pointed out the imposition of withholding tax on the residents of Gilgit-Baltistan which is against the law.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Minister concerned for ministerial response.

2. Senator Kalsoom Parveen stated that in the eventuality of visit of Imam-e-Kabbah to Parliament House, necessary arrangements should be made for women to offer prayer.
3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar spoke about the non-implementation of recommendations of the Senate on Finance Bill by the Government especially those pertaining to less developed areas of Balochistan.
4. Senator Nehal Hashmi pointed out the protest of students in Karachi against the leaking out of question paper of Medical Colleges' entry test.

At 4:50 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 27th October, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.