

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and day	25 th October, 2017 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	07:30 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	69
Total working hours	4 hours and 30 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 32, 33, 34, 36, 37, 38, 40, 41, 44 and 47 were asked and replied in the House. Replies to Question Nos. 32 and 30 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Question No. 48 was deferred. Replies to Question Nos. 129, 31, 39, 42, 43, 45 and 46 were not received so these questions were also deferred and the Chairman directed the Secretariat to make an enquiry to the effect that why the replies of the questions have not been received.

Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi raised the point of order regarding non receipt of replies to questions which is violation of the rules.

Chairman observed that he has ordered an enquiry to this effect and he will see the further course of action after the enquiry report.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by Chairman.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions was determined in the House:-

- 1. Adj. Motion No. 1(2-269/2017-M)**, notice given of by Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi to discuss the non-construction of Burma Pull situated on Lehtrar road in Islamabad, which was damaged in 2011.

The Chairman converted the motion into Calling Attention Notice.

- 2. Adj. Motion No. 2(3-269/2017-M)**, notice given of by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to discuss the illegal practices of DISCOs about passing on the impact of the inefficiency in power sector amounting to Rs. 131 billion to power consumers.

The Motion was deferred till next week.

- 3. Adj. Motion No. 3(9-269/2017-M)**, notice given of by Senator Sherry Rehman to discuss the reports that water scarcity and water borne diseases are causing serious economic and health crisis in the country.

The Motion was admitted for two hour discussion.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

MR. MUHAMMAD BALIGH-UR-REHMAN, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, moved that 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], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

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

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

SENATOR SYED SHIBLI FARAZ, drew attention of the Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division towards the reported population of Islamabad which is more than two millions as per Census, 2017, whereas there are only two Government hospitals in Islamabad i.e. Federal Government Services Hospital (FGSH) and Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) to cater for the medical needs of the inhabitants of Islamabad.

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for CADD made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice which was disposed of accordingly.

PRIVILEGE MOTIONS

Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah moved the following privilege Motions:-

1. Against the PIA Management due to non-compliance of the direction of the Special Committee on performance of PIA regarding the submission of reports on the alleged seizure of heroin at the Heathrow Airport London from PIA flight at the earliest; regarding Inviting of a lady passenger in the cockpit by the PIA pilot during flight on 06.05.2017 compromises the safety of the passenger; and regarding sleeping of a senior pilot during the PIA flight PK-785 compromising the safety of the passengers, on 26-04-2017.
2. Against the Secretary Aviation Division/Acting Chairman PIA due to non-implementation on the recommendations of the Special Committee on performance of PIA contained in its report adopted by the House on 17-03-2017.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman referred both the Privilege Motions to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges.

STATEMENT BY SENATOR SYED MUZAFAR HUSSAIN SHAH, CHAIRMAN SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY AND RESEARCH

Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research apprised the House about the withdrawal of summary by the CDA regarding the proposed conversion of 1400 acre land of NARC/PARC into residential/commercial plots. He narrated the efforts of the Senate and its Standing Committee in this regard due to which the summary has been withdrawn and a precious asset of the country has been saved from being misused.

Chairman Senate admired the efforts of the House and the Committee and also narrated the chronological events towards this whole process.

Following Members also spoke on this issue:-

1. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed.
2. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
3. Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
4. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum.

**STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS REGARDIGN THE
RECENT VISIT OF US SECRETARY OF STATE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO
PAKISTAN, AFGHANISTAN AND INDIA**

Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Minister for Foreign Affairs made detailed statement regarding the recent visit of US Secretary of State on Foreign Affairs to Pakistan, Afghanistan and India.

Chairman appreciated the spirit shown by the Minister and detailed debate on this issue was deferred till Monday.

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan.
2. Senator Sherry Rehman.
3. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi on 21st September, 2017, regarding the lack of beds for patients and other medical equipment in Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) and Federal Government Services Hospital (FGSH), Islamabad.

Following Members spoke on the motion:-

1. Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
2. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh.
3. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
4. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
5. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.
6. Senator Sehar Kamran.

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for CADD wound up the debate. The Motion was thus talked out.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(Zero Hour)

1. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed spoke about the trend of formation of students councils on ethnic basis in the Universities which is against the very spirit of federalism.

Chairman stated that Committee of the Whole House has already passed a resolution recommending the revival of students unions and the copies have been forwarded to the Federal and provincial Governments.

2. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati spoke about the anti-social media steps being taken by the Government which is against the freedom of expression.

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz also spoke on this issue. He further stated that the Government has not yet laid the report before the House as required under section 53 of PECA, 2016.

The Chairman informed the Member that the report has been prepared which will be presented soon.

3. Senator Sehar Kamran spoke about the Indian atrocities in Indian Occupied Kashmir.
4. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz spoke about the dual policies of NAB. He staged walkout as protest against dual policies of NAB.

At 7:30 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 26th October, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.