

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and day	25 th August,2017 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:00 a.m.
Adjourned at	12: 45 p.m.
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	63
Total working hours	2 hours and 45 minutes

1. Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

- Questions entered in a separate list were asked and the replies were given.

Due to absence of the Ministers concerned during the question hour, the Chairman directed the Secretary Senate to write letter on his behalf to all the Ministers directing them to remain present in the House during the transaction of their business and they should not prefer other engagements over parliamentary business.

- * Portion of question No. 130 was referred by the Chairman to the Standing Committee concerned with the direction to report back within one month.
- * With reference to question No. 132, the Chairman ruled that he in consultation with the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition will form a Special Committee to look into the over position of sports in Pakistan.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF
ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

3. Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions was determined:-

(i) **Senator Sirajul Haq** moved Adj. Motion No. 1(7-266/2017-M), to discuss the heavy load shedding of electricity throughout the country.

After hearing the Mover, the Chairman suggested the Mover to move a motion under rule 218 to address this issue.

(ii) **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh** moved Adj. Motion No. 2(8-266/2017-M), to discuss the impact of third tier excise duty (FED) on tobacco products which is a violation of WHO's Framework Convention of Tobacco Control (FCTC) on one hand and would result into increase in tobacco consumption on the other hand.

After hearing the Mover, due to the technicalities involved in the issue, the Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Finance for consideration and report.

(iii) Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Sitara Ayaz moved Adj. Motion No. 3(14 and 17-266/2017-M), to discuss the revelations made by Raymond Davis in his book "The Contractor".

The Chairman clubbed the adjournment motion with the Calling Attention Notice on the same issue and ruled that he will allow the Movers of adjournment motion to speak on the CAN.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

SENATOR MAULANA HAFIZ HAMDULLAH drew attention of the Minister for Foreign Affairs towards the revelations made by the CIA Agent Raymond Davis in his book titled "The Contractor" which has raised several questions on the ability of our institutions.

Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah and Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati spoke on the subject matter.

Khawaja Muhammad Asif, he Minister for Foreign Affairs made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice.

Calling attention notice and Adj. Motion No. 3(14 and 17-266/2017-M) was thus disposed of.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. **SHEIKH AFTAB AHMED, MINISTER-IN-CHARGE CABINET SECRETARIAT,** moved that the Bill further to amend the National School of Public Policy Ordinance, 2002 [The National School of Public Policy (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly with amendments, be taken into consideration at once, under clause (2) of Article 70 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Following members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati
2. Senator Farhatullah Babar
3. Senator Taj Haider

Senator Taj Haider moved that the Bill may be referred to the Committee upon which the Chairman stated that since the Senate Committee has already passed this Bill so it is suggested to bring separate amending bill. Thereafter, the Motion was put to the House and carried. The House started second reading of the Bill and only considered clause 1 of the Bill which was amended by the National Assembly.

After second reading of the Bill, Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister-In-Charge Cabinet Secretariat, moved that the Bill further to amend the National School of Public Policy Ordinance, 2002 [The National School of Public Policy (Amendment) Bill, 2017] be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill as amended by the National Assembly was passed unanimously.

2. **SHEIKH AFTAB AHMED** on behalf of **MR. MUHAMMAD BALIGH-UR-REHMAN,** Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, moved that the Bill to provide for making compulsory teaching of the Holy Quran to Muslim students in all educational institutions [The Compulsory Teaching of the Holy Quran Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

Following members spoke on the Motion:-

1. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati
2. Senator Atta Ur Rehman

Thereafter, the Motion was put to the House and carried. The House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

After second reading of the Bill, Sheikh Aftab Ahmed on his behalf and on behalf of Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training, moved that the Bill to provide for making compulsory teaching of the Holy Quran to Muslim students in all educational institutions [The Compulsory Teaching of the Holy Quran Bill, 2017] be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed unanimously.

3. SHEIKH AFTAB AHMED on behalf of MR. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice, moved that the Bill to provide a mechanism for public interest disclosures and protection of persons making such disclosures [The Public Interest Disclosures Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Bill was referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

4. SHEIKH AFTAB AHMED on behalf of MR. ZAHID HAMID, Minister for Law and Justice, moved that the Bill to amend, consolidate and unify laws relating to the conduct of elections [The Elections Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The Bill was referred to the Standing Committee concerned with the direction to report back on the first day of next session of the Senate.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

SENATOR TAJ HAIDER drew attention of the Minister for Commerce towards the closing of Khokhrapar Border due to which the people of Sindh are suffering badly and they have to travel all the way to Wagha Border for trade purposes as well as to go to India to meet their relatives.

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice.

Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

TRIBUTE TO LATE AHMAD FARAZ ON HIS DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Following Members spoke:-

1. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz
2. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz
3. Senator Sehar Kamran
4. Senator Kalsoom Perveen
5. Senator Taj Haider
6. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
7. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
8. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati
9. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi
10. Senator Molana Hafiz Hamadullah
11. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel
12. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
13. Senator Mohsin Aziz
14. Senator Main Ateeq Shikh
15. Senator Samina Saeed
16. Senator Baaz Muhammad Khan

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. **Senator Kalsoom Parveen** drew attention of the house towards the incident of breaking of fire in Sunday market Islamabad causing great loss to poor people. She urged the civil society to help the affectees.

The Chairman directed Senators Kalsoom Parveen, Talha Mehmood, Kamil Ali Agha and Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh to visit the place and suggest the measures senate can take for relief of the affectees.

2. **Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah** congratulated and appreciated the Chairman and the Secretariat on refurbishing of Senate library and assured that he in consultation with the Sindh Government will arrange donation of some books to the Library.

3. **Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini** stated that in order to develop good relations with Iran the Government should establish common markets on Pak-Iran Border.

Chairman directed to send the verbatim to concerned ministry.

4. **Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi** spoke about non-implementation over the resolutions passed by the Senate regarding Balochistan..
Chairman suggested to approach the Special Committee formed for this purpose or the Committee on Government assurances.
5. **Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel** pointed out the vacant posts of Balochistan quota in the Ministry of Interior and urged the Government to fill such vacancies. He further drew attention of the Government towards olive farming in Zhob which can be very beneficial.
6. **Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh** spoke about increase in baggers in Islamabad.
7. **Senator Mohsin Aziz** deplored the statement made by Mr. Hussain Haqqani former ambassador to USA.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman announced that the Committee of the Whole to Policy Guidelines will meet on Monday at 3:00 p.m.

At 12: 45: p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday the 28th August, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.