

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
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**(266<sup>th</sup> session)**

Date and day	23 <sup>rd</sup> August,2017 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	8:45 p.m.
Presided by	Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Deputy Chairman during question hour. Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan during rest of the proceedings.
Attendance	70
Total working hours	5 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. The questions remained unanswered were treated as laid on the table.

**LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF  
ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

1. Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions was determined:-
  - (i) Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved **Adj. Motion No. 1(3-266/2017-M)**, to discuss the increase in child labour in the country with particular reference to the terrorism affected areas.

**After hearing the mover, The Chairman held the motion out of order with the suggestion to the Member to raise the issue through Motion under Rule 218.**

(ii) **Senator Sherry Rehman** on his behalf and on behalf of **Senators Sirajul Haq, Taj Haider, Karim Ahmed Khawaja, Barrister Murtaza Wahab and Farhatullah Babar** moved **Adj. Motion No. 2(6, 21 and 36-266/2017-M)**, to discuss the current account and trade deficit of the country between July, 2016 – May, 2017.

**After hearing the Mover, the Chairman held the Motion out of order under Rule 87(d) as the issue has already been discussed under Rule 218.**

(iii) Senator Sehar Kamran moved **Adj. Motion No. 3(11-266/2017-M)**, to discuss the situation arising out of the recent visit by the Indian Prime Minister to the US and signing of a number of defence agreements between the two countries i.e. purchase of drones and nuclear submarines.

**After hearing the Mover, the Chairman held the motion in order for two hours discussion as the issue is of national security.**

### **REFERENCE**

Reference for late Senator Abdul Rahim Khan Mandokhail, who passed away on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

**Chairman apprised the house about presence of Senator Abdul Rahim Khan Mandokhail's family in the lobby Box.**

#### **Following Members spoke on the reference:-**

1. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
2. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel
3. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati
4. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed
5. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood
6. Senator Gul Bashra
7. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail
8. Senator Farhatullah Babar
9. Senator Kalsoom Perveen
10. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah
11. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
12. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
13. Senator Ahmed Hassan
14. Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo

15. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi
16. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan
17. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq
18. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate

**The reference was talked out.**

### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF WHOLE - PRESENTATION OF:**

[Under Rule 172B (5)]

**SENATOR RAJA MUHAMMAD ZAFAR-UL-HAQ**, Leader of the House, presented report of the Committee of Whole on a matter referred by the House regarding the need for revival of students unions in the educational institutions in the country particularly in Colleges and Universities.

### **MOTION**

**SENATOR RAJA MUHAMMAD ZAFAR-UL-HAQ**, Leader of the House, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the report of the Committee of Whole containing resolution on the need for revival of students unions in the educational institutions in the country particularly in Colleges and Universities, be adopted.

**The Motion was put to the House and passed unanimously. Thereafter, Senator RAJA MUHAMMAD ZAFAR-UL-HAQ, Leader of the House moved under Rule 263 for suspension of Rules to enable the House to pass a Resolution recommending the Provincial Governments to revive students unions in the educational institutions and regulate the same in order to ensure zero tolerance for violent activities.**

**The Motion was put to the House and carried.**

**Thereafter, Senator RAJA MUHAMMAD ZAFAR-UL-HAQ, Leader of the House moved the Resolution which was passed unanimously.**

### **REPORTS TO BE LAID BEFORE THE SENATE**

**1. Mr. Muhammad Barjees Tahir**, Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan on his behalf and on behalf of **SHAIKH AFTAB AHMED**, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, laid before the Senate the Federal Public Service Commission's Annual Report for the year, 2015, as required under section 9 (1) of the Federal Public Service Commission Ordinance, 1977 (Ordinance No. XLV of 1977).

2. **Mr. Muhammad Barjees Tahir**, Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit-Baltistan on his behalf and on behalf of **SHAIKH AFTAB AHMED**, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, laid before the Senate the Annual Report of the National Economic Council for the Financial Year 2015-16, as required under clause (5) of Article 156 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

**DEBATE AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE**  
**ON IMPORTANT NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUE**  
**(under directions of the Chairman Senate with clubbed Calling Attention and Adjournment Motion Notices)**

Discussion and response of the Government on the US President's new strategy for South Asia and Afghanistan and remarks about Pakistan in 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017 announcement.

**Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan, Minister for Defence made an opening statement.**

**Chairman Senate observed that since it is an issue of national security, therefore, a Sub-Committee of the Committee of the whole is Constituted to draft policy guide lines in this regard. The Sub-Committee shall submit its report to the Committee of the whole.**

**At this stage The Chairman directed to call Secretary Foreign Affairs or Additional Secretary Foreign Affairs to remain present in the galleries.**

**Following Members spoke on this issue:**

1. Senator Farhatullah Babar
2. Senator Sehar Kamran
3. Senator Sherry Rehman
4. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah
5. Senator Taj Haider
6. Senator Hamza
7. Senator Sitara Ayaz
8. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz
9. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed
10. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati
11. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq
12. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh

**(At this point Proceedings of house were suspended for 10 minutes at 6:59 and resumed at 7:12)**

**The Chairman directed to issue notice of breach of Privilege to the Additional Secretary (America) due to non-compliance of the direction of the Chairman.**

13. Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum
14. Senator Mohsin Aziz
15. Senator Sassui Palijo
16. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi
17. Senator Nehal Hashmi
18. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail
19. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar
20. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
21. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
22. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan

The debate will continue tomorrow i.e. 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

**Chairman Senate observed that postponement of proposed visit of Foreign Minister to Washington in near future will send a good message to U.S.A.**

### **STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN**

Chairman while addressing the Defence Minister inquired that whether the Foreign Minister is visiting USA in near future. The Defence Minister replied in affirmative upon which the Chairman said in his personal capacity that it would be a good gesture if the Foreign Minister postpones his visit.

### **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE**

**SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ** drew attention of the Minister for Interior towards the embezzlement of billions of rupees in the Cooperative Housing Societies of the Federal Capital and the action taken by the Government to recover the amounts from the defaulters and paying the same back to the affectees.

**The Minister for Interior, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice.**

**Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.**

**Chairman informed the Minister that the Senate Secretariat has already written to the registrar cooperative societies that the Senate Secretariat has no concern whatsoever with the so called Senate Employees Cooperative Housing Society so the Ministry may take any action against the same.**

**MINISTERIAL RESPONSE ON THE POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

**1. Statement by the Minister for Interior on the following points of public importance:-**

- (i) Regarding the life threats to the political workers of Balochistan National Party in Khuzdar to leave the party, raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2017; and

**The Minister for Interior, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal made statement on the subject matter and the matter was disposed of.**

- (ii) Regarding the non-availability of NADRA office as well as mobile vans in the area of Buleda, Makran Division, Balochistan despite assurance given by the Chairman NADRA, raised by Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

**The Minister for Interior, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal made statement on the subject matter and the matter was disposed of. The Chairman directed to send verbatim to Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.**

**At 8:45 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday the 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.**