

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

Date and day	22 <sup>nd</sup> August,2017 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	6:20 p.m.
Presided by	Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haidari, Deputy Chairman during question hour. Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan during rest of the proceedings.
Attendance	73
Total working hours	3 hours and 20 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**

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

(i) Senator Mohsin Aziz moved **Adj. Motion No. 1 (1-266/2017-M)**, to discuss the recent severing of diplomatic and trade ties by eight Arab countries with Qatar which can turn into a major political and diplomatic crisis in the Middle East.

**After hearing the Mover, the Chairman held the Motion out of order under Rule 87(f).**

(ii) Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved **Adj. Motion No. 2 (2-266/2017-M)**, to discuss the State's obligation under Article 40 of the Constitution in the wake of current scenario of Muslim world turmoil stretching from South East Asia to Sahara.

**After hearing the Mover, the Chairman held the Motion out of order under Rule 87(b).**

(iii) Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Mohsin Aziz moved **Adj. Motion No. 3 (4-266/2017-M)**, to discuss the violation of Pakistan's International Border and space by US drones which is against the sovereignty of Pakistan.

**After hearing the Mover, the Chairman held the Motion in order. At this stage the Chairman stated that Adjournment Motions and Calling Attention Notices on the statement of US President regarding change in policy for South Asia and Afghanistan have been received today in the Secretariat, however, keeping in view the urgency of the matter the Chairman admitted all the Adjournment Motions and Calling Attention Notices on this issue and ruled that the same shall be fixed for discussion in the House and response by the Government on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017. The Chairman clubbed the instant Adjournment Motion with this issue.**

#### **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE**

**4. SENATOR SEHAR KAMRAN** drew attention of the Minister for Defence towards the statement made by the US Intelligence Chiefs during US Senate Armed Service Committee meeting that India may launch aggressive action inside Pakistan on the pretext of stopping cross-border attacks and the ongoing exchange of Artillery shells across the Line of Control, as reported in daily Dawn, dated 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

**The Minister for Defence, Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice.**

**Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.**

#### **MOTIONS**

[Under Rule 194(1)]

**Following motions for extension in time were moved.**

**1. SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALA**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the

Committee on the Bill further to amend the Protection of Economic Reforms Act, 1992 [The Protection of Economic Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 2016], introduced by Senator Saleem Mandviwala, on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2016, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017.

**The Chairman Committee informed the House that due to non-reply by the Government for last six months, the Committee could not finalize its report.**

**The Chairman Senate took serious notice of this issue and directed the Chairman Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges to issue notice to the Secretary Finance. The Chairman also directed Secretary Senate to speak to Secretary Finance in this regard.**

**2. SENATOR MUHAMMAD JAVED ABBASI**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016], (**substitution of Article 251**), may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

**The Motion was put to the House and the requisite extension was granted.**

**3. SENATOR MAULANA HAFIZ HAMDULLAH**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony and **SENATOR MUHAMMAD JAVED ABBASI**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committees on the Premarital Blood Screening (Family Laws Amendment) Bill, 2016, referred by the House for joint consideration, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2017.

**The Motion was put to the House and the requisite extension was granted.**

**4. SENATOR FARHATULLAH BABAR** on behalf of the Convener, Special Committee on the performance of PIA, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Special Committee on the Calling Attention Notice moved by Senator Saleem Mandviwala on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Shahi Syed, Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini and Muhammad Yousaf, referred by the House on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, regarding “the sale of PIA Airbus A-310 to a German Firm in violation of PPRA rules”, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2017.

**The Motion was put to the House and the requisite extension was granted.**

## **REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:**

1. **SENATOR MUHAMMAD JAVED ABBASI**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016] (**Amendment of Article 251**), introduced by Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Taj Haider, Shahi Syed, Liaqat Khan Tarakai, Kamil Ali Agha, Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, Sehar Kamran, Hari Ram, Syed Shibli Faraz, Haji Momin Khan Afridi, Rubina Khalid, Muhammad Ali Khan Saif, Gianchand, Abdul Rehman Malik, Muhammad Zafarullah Khan Dhandla, Samina Saeed, Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini, Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, Advocate, Farhatullah Babar, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Hidayat Ullah, Taj Muhammad Afridi, Ahmed Hassan, Kalsoom Perveen, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.

2. **SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALA**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for rehabilitation and re-organization of distressed corporate entities [The Corporate Rehabilitation Bill, 2017].

## **MOTIONS**

[Under Rule 196(1)]

1. **SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ**, Convener, Special Committee to examine the dilapidated condition of Bacha Khan Airport, 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 presented in the House on 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, be considered and adopted.

### **Following members spoke on the Motion:-**

1. Senator Mohsin Aziz
2. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati

**Thereafter, the Motion was put to the House and the report of the Committee was adopted.**

2. **SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALA**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, 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 on the budgetary allocation and utilization in respect of Finance Division, Revenue Division, Economic Affairs Division, Federal Board of Revenue (FBR), Custom and Inland Revenue, Statistics and Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS), Privatization Division, Controller General of Pakistan (CGA) and

Accountant General of Pakistan Revenue (AGPR), Auditor General of Pakistan (AGP), Pakistan Mint, Central Directorate of National Savings (CDNS) and Benazir Income Support Programme (BISP), presented in the House on 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017, be considered and adopted.

**Following member spoke on the Motion:-**

1. Senator Saleem Mandviwala

**Thereafter, the Motion was put to the House and the report of the Committee was adopted.**

**3. SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALA**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, 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 on the point of public importance raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini in the House on 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, regarding amnesty scheme for motor vehicles, presented to the House on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, be considered and adopted.

**Following members spoke on the Motion:-**

1. Senator Saleem Mandviwala
2. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini

**Thereafter, the Motion was put to the House and the report of the Committee was adopted.**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**1. MS. MARRIYUM AURANGZEB**, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, moved that the Bill to provide for the right to information in transparent and effective manner, subject only to reasonable restrictions imposed by law [The Right of Access to Information Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

**Following members spoke on the Motion:-**

1. Ms. Marriyum Aurangzeb, Minister for Information and Broadcasting
2. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati
3. Senator Farhatullah Babar
4. Senator Sassui Palijo
5. Senator Kamil Ali Agha (Chairman Standing Committee)
6. The Chairman Senate appreciated the efforts of the Minister, Chairman Committee, convener sub Committee and the Members of the Committee and the House on recommending this land mark legislation. The Chairman observed that it is proved that Parliament is the only forum where all stakeholders can sit and

arrive at a consensus. The Chairman urged the Parliament to supervise this law after its enactment.

**At this stage the Chairman directed the party leaders and the whips to ensure presence of the Members in the House because an important legislation is going to be taken up.**

**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, MS. MARRIYUM AURANGZEB, Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting, moved that the Bill to provide for the right to information in transparent and effective manner, subject only to reasonable restrictions imposed by law [The Right of Access to Information Bill, 2017] be passed.**

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

**2. MOLANA AMEER ZAMAN, Minister for Postal Services, moved that the Bill further to amend the Post Office Act, 1898 [The Post Office (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.**

**At this stage the Chairman directed the party leaders and the whips to ensure presence of the Members in the House because an important legislation is going to be taken up.**

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

**After second reading of the Bill, MOLANA AMEER ZAMAN, Minister for Postal Services, moved that the Bill further to amend the Post Office Act, 1898 [The Post Office (Amendment) Bill, 2017] be passed.**

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

**3. MR. MUHAMMAD PERVAIZ MALIK, Minister for Commerce and Textile, moved that the Bill to provide for the regulation of the business of marine insurance [The Marine Insurance 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.**

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

**1. Senator Muhammad Pervaiz Malik, Minister for Commerce and Textile on his behalf and on behalf of SENATOR MOHAMMAD ISHAQ DAR, Minister for Finance, Revenue and**

Economic Affairs, laid before the Senate the Third Quarterly Report for the year 2016-2017 of the Central Board of Directors of the State Bank of Pakistan on the state of the Economy, as required under section 9A(2) of the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956.

**2. Senator Muhammad Pervaiz Malik, Minister for Commerce and Textile on his behalf and on behalf of SENATOR MOHAMMAD ISHAQ DAR, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, laid before the Senate the Federal Accounts for the Financial Year 2015-16 and the reports of Auditor General thereon for the Audit Year 2016-17, as required under Article 171 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973.**

### **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE**

**SENATOR COL. (R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI** drew attention of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination towards the failure of the Government to establish a state of the art Federal Drug Surveillance Laboratory which shows the poor health policy and bad governance of the Government.

**The Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, Saira Afzal Tarar made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice.**

**Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.**

### **WINDING UP OF DEBATE ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

At the very outset, the Chairman appreciated the spirit of the Minister for Defence who preferred the Parliament instant of Cabinet Meeting.

**The Minister for Defence, Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan** wound up the debate on the admitted adjournment motions moved by Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, Nauman Wazir Khattak, Sirajul Haq, Sherry Rehman and Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2017, regarding the incident of firing by the Afghan Security Forces on a census team operating inside the residential areas of Pakistan at Chamman which resulted into loss of precious lives of civilians as well as armed forces personnel.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY**

The Secretary Senate made the following announcements:-

- Announcement in terms of rule 131B of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the National Assembly Secretariat has sent Messages to the

Senate Secretariat whereby it is informed that the National Assembly has not passed the following Private Members' Bills passed by the Senate within 90 days of their laying in the National Assembly:-

1. The Civil Servants (Amendment) Bill, 2013. (introduced by Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour)
  2. The Domestic Workers (Employment Rights) Bill, 2016. (introduced by Senator Osman Saifullah Khan)
  3. The Islamabad Compulsory Vaccination and Protection of Health Workers Bill, 2015. (introduced by Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq)
  4. The Arbitration and Conciliation Bill, 2016. (Passed by the Committee of the Whole)
- Announcement regarding receipt and disposal of public petitions.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman announced that a ceremony will be held tomorrow at 12:30 p.m. regarding the opening of newly furnished library of the Senate and the distribution of certificates to the students and faculty members of NUST who designed the same without taking any remuneration.

### **POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

- **Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhail** pointed out the nonpayment of Honoraria to the officials of PTV who performed their duties in the Parliament during budget Session despite its announcement by the Finance Minister.
- **Senator Jahanzeb Jamaldini** pointed out the forced conversion of the political party workers of Balochistan National Party. The Member has stated that twenty seven workers of BNP have been threatened to death if they did not leave the party. The Member has apprehended that the FC personnel in civil dresses and the death squads might have been involved in this act.

**Senator Farhat Ullah Babar** also spoke on the same issue and requested the Chairman to refer the matter to the Committee.

**After hearing the Member, The Chairman directed to send the Verbatim to the Minister for Interior with the direction to come up in the House on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017 to respond this issue.**

- **Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi** pointed out the discontinuation of internet services in Qalat city due to which the public in general and the students in particular are suffering.
- **Senator Mohsin Aziz** requested the Chair to provide some supporting staff to the Members so that they can assist the Members about the lengthy reports of the Government. The Member further pointed out the non-implementation of the recommendations of the Committees.

**The Chairman informed the Member that a Special Committee has already been constituted to ensure the implementation of recommendations of the Committees. Moreover, Committee on Government assurances is another forum where such issues can be raised.**

- **Senator Aurangzeb Khan** Pointed out the non-availability of gas in the areas of District Hangu.

**Chairman directed to send verbatim to concerned ministry.**

- **Senator Sassui Palijo** pointed out the reconstitution of Council of Common Interests in which the representation of Punjab has been enhanced. The Member also spoke about the missing persons in Sindh.
- **Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz** spoke about low pressure of Gas in Sindh Province.
- **Senator Usman Khan Kakar** spoke about the unemployment in Balochistan due to appointment of persons having fake domiciles of Balochistan on reserve quota of Balochistan.

**At 6:20 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.**