

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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(260th Session)

Date and Day	17 th March, 2017 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:05 a.m.
Adjourned at	12:40 p.m.
Presided by	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah (during question hour) & Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate (during the remaining proceedings)
Attendance	55
Total working hours	2 hours and 35 minutes

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. D.99, 211, 212, 213, 214, 216, 223, 226, 228 and 229 were replied in the House. Question Nos. 99, 202, 204, 215, 225 and 227 were deferred. Replies to question Nos. 88, 95, 130, 207, 208, 217, 218 and 224 were treated as laid on the tables of the House due to absence of the concerned Members. Question No. 203 was referred to the Standing Committee concerned with direction to report within one month. The remaining printed questions and their replies were treated as laid on the table of the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman and accordingly leave was granted by the House.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The following adjournment motions were not pressed by the Movers.

- i. The adjournment motion to discuss the failure of the Government to address significant issues pertaining to the census exercise such as the questionable use of forms that exclude carbon copies or any form of cross verification by enumerators, the exclusion of Form 2A which will leave out significant data and social indicators and the aspect of secrecy / confidentiality of the matter, notices given by

Senators Sherry Rehman, Aitzaz Ahsan and Farooq Hamid Naek and Abdul Rehman Malik.

- ii. The adjournment motion to discuss the consequences of statement made by the officials of Planning Commission that “only Chinese industrialists would be allowed to set up their industries in the proposed economic zones along the CPEC corridor, notice given by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

Following Calling Attention Notices were moved in the House: -

1. **Senator Sherry Rehman**, drew attention of the Minister for Climate Change towards the air pollution caused by the Steel Mills in the Federal Capital despite the fact that the Pakistan Environment Protection Agency (Pak-EPA) had sealed the Steel Mills five months ago but they have resumed their activities without getting clearance from the concerned authorities.

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Climate Change, made the statement and notice was disposed of.

2. **Senator Sassui Palijo**, drew attention of the Minister for Water and Power towards the non-completion of following electrification schemes for the villages of Talka Mir Sakro, District Thatta, approved under the village electrification program, funds for which were released by the Sindh Government to HESCO and work order was also issued for the execution of these schemes in 2012:-

- i. Jam Khaskhali and other part-II;
- ii. Mohammad Khaskhali and others part-III; and
- iii. Mohalla Munger Khan Palijo, District Thatta.

Mr. Abid Sher Ali, Minister for Water and Power, made the statement and notice was disposed of.

OBSERVATION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman observed that the Witness Protection Bill, 2015 and Anti-Terrorism Bill, 2015 that were passed by the Senate on 18th January, 2016 are still pending in the National Assembly, had the Bill been passed timely then extension would not be needed in constitutional amendment.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

The Secretary Senate made announcement in the House to inform that Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2014 (Private Members Bill) as passed by the Senate on 12th May, 2014 and that the National Assembly in its sitting on 14th March 2017 has rejected the Bill.

MOTION

[Under Rule 196(1)]

1. **Senator Kamil Ali Agha on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, 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 a point of public importance raised by Senator Muhammad Saleh Shah on 15th February, 2017, regarding discrepancies in the forms issued by the Statistics Division for the upcoming population census of the country and devising a proper mechanism for counting of IDPs of FATA who are scattered throughout the county, presented in the House on 15th March, 2017, be considered and adopted.

Minister for Law and Justice didn't oppose the adoption of report.

The Motion was then put to the House and adopted.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. **Mr. Zahid Hamid**, Minister for Climate Change, moved that the Bill to meet Pakistan's obligations under international conventions relating to climate change and address the effects of climate change [The Pakistan Climate Change Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Minister explained the salient features of the Bill.

Following members spoke on the Bill: -

1. **Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati.**
2. **Senator Sherry Rehman**

Then the Motion was put to the House and adopted.

The House started clause by clause consideration of the Bill.

Thereafter, Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Climate Change, moved that the Bill to meet Pakistan's obligations under international conventions relating to

climate change and address the effects of climate change [The Pakistan Climate Change Bill, 2017] be passed.

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

MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED DURING ZERO HOUR

1. Senator Farhatullah Babar pointed out that Rawaj Act and local bodies law in FATA reforms must be done by consulting the Parliament.
 2. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati appreciated the report by the special Committee on PIA and stated that it's a big achievement that foreign PIA CEO name has been listed in ECL due to corruption allegation.
- The Chairman adjourned the proceedings to meet again on Monday the 20th March, 2017 at 03:00 p.m.

Islamabad, the

17th March, 2017