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PREFACE

In personal and institutional lives at times we take 'major decisions' based on lengthy and detailed deliberations and discussions but after implementation the output and outcome is not worth mentioning. And at times we take decisions, based on experience, inspiration or passion, without much of debate and analysis, but the results surprise even the decision takers.

One such decision at the very beginning of the Parliamentary Year March, 2015, after the renewal of the Senate, taken in the chamber of the new Chairman, Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, was to use the august forum of House Business Advisory Committee (HBAC) in a proper way and manner for overall working of the House, Committees and its Secretariat instead of limited role and short meetings just to decide the Business to be transacted during a particular Session. A new practice started whereby Agenda of the meetings was decided in a well thought out manner and detailed Working Papers were developed for meaningful deliberations and decisions making.

During the next 15 months (April 2015-July 2016) 24 meetings of HBAC were held not only at the commencement of each Session but during or without Sessions as and when required. The output and outcome of this decision is not only worth compilation and reporting but memorable in many ways personally and institutionally.

The Minutes and Compliance Reports included in this document would help not only Members, Parliamentary Parties, Standing Committees and the Secretariat to have proper background and understanding of the ongoing initiatives and changes but hopefully would help the future elected and un-elected leadership to benefit and further build this healthy practice and tradition.

It would be unfair, if I do not acknowledge and record the support provided by Legislation Branch especially Joint Secretary, Legislation, Ms. Rabeea Anwar doing base work for all HBAC meetings.

It is a matter of great honour and privilege to work as Secretary of the Senate and of this Committee at a time when such initiatives were being discussed, debated and implemented under the able leadership of Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate, Leader of the House, Senator Muhammad Raja M. Zafar ul Haq and Leader of the Opposition, Senator Aitzaz Ahsan along with Parliamentary Leaders of all the political parties represented in the House.

AMJED PERVEZ MALIK

Secretary Senate

HBAC

Members of The House Business Advisory Committee

- 1 Mian Raza Rabbani**
Chairman Senate, Chairperson
Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarian (PPP-P)
- 2 Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri**
Dy. Chairman Senate
Jamiatul-Ulema-e-Islam (F) (JUI-F)
- 3 Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq**
Leader of the House
Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N)
- 4 Aitzaz Ahsan**
Leader of the Opposition
Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarian (PPP-P)
- 5 Saleem Zia**
Chief Whip,
Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N)
- 6 Islamuddin Shaikh**
Chief Whip,
Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarian (PPP-P)
- 7 Mushahid Ullah Khan**
Pakistan Muslim League Nawaz (PML-N)
- 8 Saeed Ghani**
Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarian (PPP-P)
- 9 Mushahid Hussain Syed**
Pakistan Muslim League (PML)
- 10 Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri**
Balochistan National Party Awami (BNP-A)
- 11 Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah**
Pakistan Muslim League Functional (PML-F)

- 12 Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi**
Mutahidda Qaumi Movement (MQM)
- 13 Hidayat Ullah**
Independent (IND)
- 14 Muhammad Talha Mehmood**
Jamiatul-Ulema-e-Islam (F) (JUI-F)
- 15 Ilyas Ahmad Bilour**
Awami National Party (ANP)
- 16 Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini**
Balochistan National Party (BNP-M)
- 17 Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar**
Pashtoonkhwa Milli Awami Party (PMAP)
- 18 Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo**
National Party (NP)
- 19 Sirajul Haq**
Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan (JIP)
- 20 Nauman Wazir Khattak**
Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI)
- 21 Aftab Ahmed Sheikh**
Ex-Officio
Minister for Parliamentary Affairs
- 22 Amjed Pervez Malik**
Secretary Senate

Meeting No. 1

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 9TH APRIL, 2015

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 9th April, 2015 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Initiatives/proposals for improving Parliamentary Procedures.
- ii. Status of pending business.
- iii. Consideration of draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- iv. Web casting, FM Broadcasting and gradual telecasting of proceedings of the Senate and Standing Committees.
- v. Allocation of time for discussion of various Government legislative and other business, including Private Members' business likely to be transacted during the ensuing session.
- vi. Observance of Constitution Day on 10th April, 2015.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| 1) | Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate | Chairman |
| 2) | Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, | Dy. Chairman Senate |
| 3) | Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq, | Member |
| 4) | Aitzaz Ahsan, | Member |
| 5) | Saeed Ghani | Member |
| 6) | Mushahid Hussain Sayed | Member |
| 7) | Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi | Member |
| 8) | Nauman Wazir | Member |
| 9) | Shahi Syed | Member |
| 10) | Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar | Member |

11)	Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
12)	Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
13)	Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Saeed Ghani.

5. At the very outset, Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, **Chairman Senate of Pakistan**, welcomed the participants and briefed them about the agenda items. He explained the contents of the working paper containing new suggestions regarding enhancement of Senate Business and effectiveness of the House proceedings. He spoke about the supremacy of Parliament, which can only be protected by deliverance to the public. Parliament's role of legislation, oversight and accountability shall be effective and involvement of public shall be ensured.

Agenda item No. i:

Initiatives/proposals for improving Parliamentary Procedures

6. **The Chairman Senate** dilated upon following proposals pertaining to certain proposed initiatives for improving Parliamentary procedures:-

i. Commencement of sittings on time

7. Hon'ble Chairman Senate apprised the Members that Senate sittings may commence strictly at the given time. All members appreciated and supported this proposal and termed it as a much needed step.

ii. Encouraging/generating Senate Business

8. The Chairman Senate stated that it is not possible that Senate will meet only for an hour or so; there is need to overcome this issue. While referring to Rule 24 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, the Hon'ble Chairman stated that said Rule provides for three categories of business, namely,- 'Private Members' Business', 'Government Business' and 'Senate Business'. The working paper encompasses suggestions for enhancing/generating Senate Business which includes discussions on Committees' Reports, constitutional and statutory reports laid on the table of the House, determination of admissibility of certain non-legislative business directly in the House, etc. Members endorsed the suggestions regarding enhancement of Senate Business.

iii. Procedure for taking up Adjournment Motions and Privilege Motions in the House

9. The Hon'ble Chairman Senate apprised the Committee that existing procedure with regard to treatment of notices of Adjournment Motions and Privilege Motions is that such notices are filed with the Secretariat and admissibility is being determined on file by the Senate Secretariat,

empowering the Chairman to kill or admit a motion in Chamber. Only such motions which are held in order are taken up in the House. The Chairman Senate proposed that from the ensuing session (114th) onwards Adjournment Motions shall be placed on the Orders of the Day and their admissibility shall be determined in the House. The Mover (s) will have to satisfy the conditions of admissibility as provided in the Rules of procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012. Furthermore, same procedure may be adopted in respect of privilege Motions. Members endorsed the proposals and after taking sense of the meeting, the Chairman directed the Senate Secretariat to place all such notice in the House for determining admissibility.

iv. Consideration of Reports required to be laid in the House as per constitutional and statutory requirements

10. The Chairman Senate apprised the meeting that in pursuance of constitutional and statutory requirements, certain reports are laid before the Senate. Rule 157 of the rules of procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 provides that after a report under rule 151 or any other statute has been laid on the Table, the Chairman shall fix a day for its discussion and on the day so fixed, the Minister concerned shall move that the report be discussed by the Senate and may make a brief statement explaining the salient features of the report. Furthermore, the Senate may, by resolution, express its opinion or make any observation or recommendation on the report. Although Rules 157 explicitly provides for discussion and further treatment of such reports, however, this provision is seldom invoked. He stated that in order to generate Senate Business and increase the effectiveness of House proceedings, it is proposed that said provision be effectively utilized and discussions may be held on such constitutional and statutory reports. Committee unanimously endorsed the proposal made by the Chairman. Accordingly, the Chairman Senate directed the Senate Secretariat to place all such reports before him for fixing time as to discussion on such reports.

v. Fixation of time for 'matters of public importance'

11. Hon'ble Chairman Senate apprised the meeting that Members raise matters of public importance vide 'Points of orders' which is against the spirit of Rule 243 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, 2012, which provides that a Point of Order shall relate to the interpretation or enforcement of Senate Rules or such Articles of the Constitution as regulate the Business of the Senate or to the business before the Senate. However, matters of public importance can be raised under Chapter VIII of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, 2012 (namely "Raising of Matters of Public Importance under Prime Minister's Zero Hour. He proposed that time of fifteen minutes at the interregnum between the end of Question Hour and the beginning of the regular proceedings followed by twenty minutes towards the adjournment of sitting may be fixed for raising

'matters of public importance'. The proposal was put to the Committee and it was unanimously adopted.

vi. Letter to Secretaries of Ministries / Divisions regarding presence of senior officers during Senate sittings

12. The Chairman Senate apprised the Committee that he has given ruling in the House that from this ensuing session onwards, the Ministry whose Business is reflected in the Orders of the Day, more particularly the questions Hour shall be represented by an official not below the rank of a Joint Secretary, to remain present while the business of the Ministry is being transacted. For this purpose a roll of attendance is being placed outside the officials Gallery, to be signed by the officer attending the sitting. A letter in this regard has been issued by the Secretary Senate.

13. The Chairman posed a question as to dealing with cases of defiance in this regard, to which all members were of the consensual view that defiance of ruling of the Chair shall be taken as breach of privilege of the House. In case of non-attendance by the concerned officers matter shall be referred to the Committee on Privileges. The Chairman Senate stated that since Senate Committees' are yet to be constituted, therefore, it is proposed that a special Committee be constituted till such time that Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges be constituted. Committee approved the appointment of special Committee and desired that a motion under rule 204 be placed before the House wherein a special Committee may be appointed to examine and report on questions regarding breach of privilege, referred by the House or the Chairman, as the case may be. The Committee may be headed by Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi and the composition may consist of all Parliamentary Party Leaders in the Senate.

14. Mr. Mushahid Hussain Syed appreciated the endeavors of the Chairman Senate. He appreciated the ideas floated by the Chairman and suggested to take steps towards the enhancement of productivity of the House and effectiveness of its decisions and recommendations.

15. Mr. Numan Wazir stated that the Members should give their full time to the House proceedings and the agenda items should be exhausted. His main focus was on the implementation of the decisions taken in the Committees and the meetings. He also spoke about the need for issuance of advance calendar of sessions and other engagements to the Members so that they can manage their schedules accordingly.

The Chairman apprised the Members that final calendar of sessions having been prepared by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in consultation with senate is pending approval of the Prime Minister which after approval will be circulated to all the members.

16. Mr. Saeed Ghani endorsed all the suggestions given by the Chairman and other Members regarding improvement of productivity of the House and its Business.

17. Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi spoke about strengthening of the Senate and to take such steps so that the Government functionaries cannot take the Senate for granted. He spoke about empowerment of the Committees. He endorsed the suggestions regarding new practice and procedure to treat the Adjournment Motions and Privilege Motions and stressed that the Members should use the parliamentary tools effectively. He emphasized that it is the members themselves who can paint a good image of the parliament and they should show their character so that the Government may take the Parliament seriously. He pointed out the misusing of Privilege Motions for availing personal benefits and arrangements of committee meetings with pecuniary interests.

18. Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah spoke about the tendency of using Privilege Motions as pressure tool in order to get personal benefits and on the basis of personal liking and disliking. He suggested that the strict parameters should be set for breach of privileges and the basic criterion should only be the interruption in performance of official duties. He endorsed the rest of ideas floated by the Chairman and other Members. He also showed some reservations regarding provision of budget statements during budget sessions and suggested to increase the budget of Senate for hiring the services of well educated interns.

19. Mr. Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate supported the whole idea and endorsed the suggestions made by the participants and the Chairman.

20. Mr. Shahi Syed narrated the previous practice in Senate with heavy heart and hoped that with the coming of new Chairman in office positive changes would come in the functioning of the House. He showed his dismay over the non implementation of decisions/recommendations of the House and its Committees. He assured his full cooperation in achievement of new ideas. He further stated that the Members should speak on national issues and the Members should take steps in increasing the Senate Business.

21. Mr. Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar assured his full cooperation in strengthening the parliament. He stressed on observance of rules and discipline in the House and to speak on the national issues. He suggested that since the Senate represents the federations, therefore, the Senators should have inter-provincial tours to understand the real issues of every part of the country. He suggested that Senate should issue its journal or newsletter depicting its activities and achievements.

22. Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq endorsed the suggestions in connection with agenda item No.1.

Agenda Item No. ii:

Status of pending business:

23. The Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that Senate is faced with the issue of

pendency of Business which can be classified as:- (i) Business pending before the House and (ii) Business pending before the Standing Committees/Select/Special Committees. He requested the Committee for directions regarding the disposal of previous pending Business and adoption of Parliamentary Procedures to avoid any such pendency in future. The Secretary Senate said that since his assumption of office he has initiated a number of steps whereby major chunk of the pending business has been disposed of, however, there still remains a number of matters to be disposed-of.

24. The Committee decided that the matter of pending business may be placed before the Senate Forum for Policy Research (SFPR) for advise and report in this regard shall be placed before the Business Advisory Committee.

Agenda item No. iii:

Consideration of draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

25. The Hon'le Chairman apprised the Committee that certain amendments are being proposed in the Rules of procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 to ensure increase in effectiveness of the Parliamentary procedures. He placed amendments relating to following matters before the Committee:-

- i. Amendments regarding permitting two Calling Attention Notices to be taken up in one sitting of Senate provided that the second matter shall not be raised by the same members who have raised the first matter.
- ii. Amendment regarding providing for constitution of the Committee of whole House which will be constituted on a motion moved by Leader of the House or leader of the Opposition, as the case may be. The Committee will be empowered to investigate of any matter on a motion moved by any Member. He referred the practice adopted by the Senate of Philippine in this respect. The Chair stated that as soon as the matter resolved the Committee will stand dissolved automatically.
Senator Aitzaz Ahsan moved that in the proposed Rule 172-A word 'any' may be added before the word 'matter(s)'.
- iii. It has been observed that inordinate delays are caused in presentation of Committee reports in the House. Amendments are being proposed to ensure that in future in case of delay the Secretaries Committees shall prepare a motion and Chairman Committee will move the same for extension of period for presentation of report and get the approval of the House for the same.
- iv. Amendments are being proposed regarding periodical reports by Ministers on matters referred by the House and recommendations made by the Committees. The proposed

amendment also provides that the Secretariat will prepare lists of issues of public importance raised by the Members in the House and of recommendations of the Standing Committees and convey the same to the concerned Ministries / Divisions so that the Ministries/Divisions may respond the same within two months as required by the rules.

26. Senator Saeed Ghani and Senator Numan Wazir raised the matter regarding provision of answers to questions well before time and electronically.

Chairman Senate directed the Senate Secretariat to prepare draft amendments in this regard.

27. The Committee unanimously approved the draft amendments to Senate Rules along with proposal of Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition regarding addition of word 'any' in the proposed rule 172-A.

Agenda item No. iv:

Web casting, FM Broadcasting and gradual telecasting of proceedings of the Senate and Standing Committees.

28. The Secretary Senate apprised the members that during the tenure of former Chairman, the matter of broadcasting was initiated and referred to the Finance Committee and the Finance Committee approved the plan of broadcasting however, the same is not yet implemented. He requested for constitution of a sub-committee of the Business Advisory Committee to prepare Standard Operating procedures (SoPs) for webcasting, FM broadcasting and gradual telecasting of the Senate and Committees' proceedings and to deal with other ancillary matters in this regard.

29. The Members deliberated upon this agenda item as well as other I.T related issues in length.

30. Mr. Mushahid Hussain Syed spoke about the need for Library reforms and suggested to have joint library with the National Assembly. He vehemently argued in favour of introduction of high-tech modern information technology techniques in the functioning of the Secretariat. He suggested that the notices, orders of the Day and other correspondence to the Members should be sent through their e-mails. He further emphasized on capacity building of Human Resource attached with the Committees so that they can provide useful assistance to the Members.

31. Mr. Numan Wazir stressed on the use of high-tech facilities in the Senate Secretariat as well as in the House. He suggested that static IPs should be issued to all the Members. He requested the Chair to give directions to the concerned regarding making arrangements for provisions of each and every notice to and by the members through e-mail.

32. Mr. Saeed Ghani showed his reservations regarding the booklets containing answers to the questions. He stated that the booklets are being provided to the members soon before the start of proceedings so the Members could not find much time to go through the same. He suggested that the booklets may be delivered to them well before start of the proceedings through e-mail. He gave the

suggestion of live streaming of the proceedings of the House on Senate's website and establishment of electronic archiving of web casting of proceedings of the previous sessions.

33. Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House stated that the idea of introduction of I.T related issues is very good but we should also keep in mind the Members who are not well conversant with I.T and high-tech facilities. He suggested that both the systems i.e. manual as well as high-tech should be used to facilitate all the members.

34. Almost all the Members showed unanimity on discouraging the tendency of absence of the Members whose questions have been listed. The Members suggested that in case of absence of mover of a question, the other Members should be allowed to ask supplementary questions.

35. The Chairman stated that for this we need to amend the rules, however, the Members can exercise the option of moving motion under rule 60 for discussion on the subject matter of a written reply.

36. The Chairman Senate constituted a Sub-Committee, with the following composition and Terms of Reference (ToRs):-

Composition

- 1 Mr. Saeed Ghani.
- 2 Mr. Mushahid Hussain Syed.
- 3 Mr. Numan Wazir.
- 4 Mr. Iqbal Zafar Jhagra.

Terms of Reference (ToRs)

1. To work out modalities regarding webcasting, FM broadcasting and gradual telecasting of the Senate and Committees' proceedings.
2. To develop Standard Operating procedures (SoPs) for webcasting, FM broadcasting and gradual telecasting of the Senate and Committees' proceedings.
3. To deal other matters ancillary and related to smooth initiation of webcasting, FM broadcasting and telecasting of the Senate and Committees' proceedings
4. To examine and propose measures for enhanced use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Parliamentary business and communications.

Agenda item No. v:

Allocation of time for discussion of various Government legislative and other business, including Private Members' business likely to be transacted during the ensuing session.

37. General discussion was made on this agenda item and all the Members were of the opinion that the proceedings of the House should be conducted with full discipline and decorum. The

Members should give their full time to the House and the Committees. The detailed discussions should be made on the Government reports as well as Committee reports.

Agenda item No. vi:

Observance of Constitution Day on 10th April, 2015.

38. **The Chairman** shared the idea of celebrating the Constitution Day on 10th April, 2015 and the related events i.e. pictorial exhibition, seminar at PIPS and handing over of Statute Book by the former Chairman.

39. Mr. Mushahid Hussain Syed appreciated the idea of celebration of Constitution Day and stressed on taking of confidence building steps between the civil society and the Parliament. He suggested that the students of schools, colleges and universities and people from other segments of the society should be invited to witness the House proceedings which could be a good gesture and will create a sense of belonging and patronage. He floated the idea of public petitions and public hearings. He while criticizing the existing Cafeteria of the Parliament requested the Chair to take some steps for its betterment.

40. The Chairman while responding to the issues raised by Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed stated that he has already instructed the CDA to take actions regarding improving the hygiene of Cafeteria which will be done in due course. Moreover, the Chairman apprised the members regarding his meetings with the Speaker National Assembly in which it has been agreed to have positive collaboration between both the Houses on all aspects. The Chairman also apprised the members that the system for taking public petitions on line is being evolved.

41. All the Members of the Committee showed their pleasure on the initiative of celebration of Constitution Day.

42. In juxtaposition, the Committee decided as under:-

- i. **Senate sittings will commence strictly on time.**
- ii. **Draft amendments to the Rules approved, which will be placed before the House during the ensuing Sessions.**
- iii. **A new procedure for taking up Adjournment Motions and privilege Motions was approved. The admissibility of Adjournment Motions will be determined in the House instead of determining the same on file. After hearing the mover if the motion will be held in order it will be submitted to the House for decision as has been prescribed in the Rules.**
- iv. **The reports which are laid in the House under Constitution and any Act will be discussed in the House in pursuance of rule 157 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.**

- v. An effort will be made for provision of soft copy of the questions and their answers to the Members through e-mail two hours before the sitting to enable the Members to go through the same.
- vi. The Resolutions passed by the Provincial Assemblies under Article 144 of the Constitution will also be brought to the notice of the House for appropriate action.
- vii. An Attendance Register be placed outside the Official Gallery for the purpose of marking of attendance by the officials/officers of the Ministries/Divisions business of which will be on the Orders of the Day. In case of any defiance by the Ministries/Divisions in this respect it shall be treated as breach of privilege of the House which shall be dealt with accordingly.
- viii. A motion under rule 204 will be placed before the House wherein a special Committee may be appointed to examine and report on questions regarding breach of privilege, referred by the House or the Chairman, as the case may be. The Committee may be headed by Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi and the composition may consist of all Parliamentary Party Leaders in the Senate.
- ix. The Chairman Senate constituted a Sub-Committee, with the following composition and Terms of Reference (ToRs):-

Composition

- 1 Mr. Saeed Ghani.
- 2 Mr. Mushahid Hussain Syed.
- 3 Mr. Numan Wazir.
- 4 Mr. Iqbal Zafar Jhagra.

Terms of Reference (ToRs)

- 1. To work out modalities regarding webcasting, FM broadcasting and gradual telecasting of the Senate and Committees' proceedings.
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- 3. To deal other matters ancillary and related to smooth initiation of webcasting, FM broadcasting and telecasting of the Senate and Committees' proceedings.
- 4. To examine and propose measures for enhanced use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Parliamentary business and

communications.

- x. Time of fifteen minutes at the interregnum between the end of Question Hour and the beginning of the regular proceedings followed by twenty minutes towards the adjournment of sitting will be fixed for raising 'matters of public importance'.
- xi. Matter of pending business may be placed before the Senate Forum for Policy Research (SFPR) for advise and report in this regard shall be placed before the Business Advisory Committee.
- xii. Mechanism regarding provincial visits by the Business Advisory Committees and other relevant Committees' may be developed.

43. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 2

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 14TH APRIL, 2015

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 14th April, 2015 in Committee Room No. 3, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Discussion on the issue of hacking of Senate website
- ii. Any other item with the permission of the Chair

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| 1) | Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate | Chairman |
| 2) | Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, | Dy. Chairman Senate |
| 3) | Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq, | Member |
| 4) | Senator Saeed Ghani | Member |
| 5) | Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi | Member |
| 6) | Senator Nauman Wazir | Member |
| 7) | Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood | Member |
| 8) | Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar | Member |
| 9) | Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh | Ex-officio Member |
| | | Minister for Parliamentary Affairs |
| 10) | Mr. Amjed Pervez | Secretary Senate |

4. Meeting commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood.

5. The Chairman Senate apprised the Committee regarding holding of meeting at a short notice due to an emergency situation arisen out of hacking of Senate website last night i.e. on 13th April, 2015.

6. Mr. Amjed Pervez, Secretary Senate briefed the Committee that according to media reports the website was hacked by hackers using the name "Tunisian Fallaga" around 11:40 p.m. Immediately after the flashing of news, the concerned officers were called to the office to look into the matter. He further apprised the Committee that the Senate website is being hosted by NTC which is a mandatory requirement by the Government of Pakistan. Dr. Syed Pervaiz Abbas, Additional Secretary Senate, further added that Senate website works under the security cloud provided by the BTC through firewall and IP masking. He further briefed that the matter was reported to NTC; hackers' contents were removed and the original website was restored.

7. Chairman Senate inquired about the nature of content which was uploaded on the website. Secretary Senate apprised that as per media a report, a video was uploaded; however, details are not available with the Senate Secretariat. The Chairman Senate directed the Secretariat to submit a report in this regard till 4:00 p.m. on the same day (i.e. on 14th April, 2015).

8. Senator Nauman Wazir proposed that a full IT security audit of the Senate website be carried out to plug loopholes in the existing system.

9. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq, Leader of the House, stated that strict action should be taken to ensure that suchlike incidents should not take place in future. He stressed upon the need to secure the website from future interventions.

10. The Committee was of the consensual view that matter shall be referred to the FIA Cyber Crime Wing for investigation and Inter Services Intelligence Agency (ISI) shall be tasked to identify and take the culprits to task.

11. In view of Committee's recommendations, the Chairman Senate directed the Senate Secretariat as under:-

- i) Letters shall be written to Secretary, Ministry of Information Technology; Director General Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) and Director General Inter Services Intelligence Agency (ISI) for investigation and submitting a**

report in this regard.

- ii) **Security audit of the Senate website shall be carried out on priority basis.**
- iii) **A Report regarding the nature of content uploaded on the Senate website shall be submitted till 4:00 p.m. (same day i.e. 14th April, 2015).**

12. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 3

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 4TH MAY, 2015

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 4th May, 2015 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting dated 9th and 14th April, 2015, respectively.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Allocation of amount from Senate Emergency Relief Fund for the affectees of Peshawar natural calamity.
- iv. Mechanism for provincial visits by the Business Advisory Committee.
- v. Further development of Parliamentary Procedure and mechanism regarding discussion on Reports under rule 157 of the Rules of Procedures and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- vi. Election of Chairpersons of Standing and Functional Committees.
- vii. Debate on mode of election of Members' Senate of Pakistan.
- viii. Allocation of Rs. 30 Million for 61st Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference at Islamabad.
- ix. Adding Tagline "House of the Federation" with the emblem of Senate.
- x. Any other item with permission of the chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| 1) | Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate | Chairman |
| 2) | Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq | Member |
| 3) | Senator Saeed Ghani | Member |

4)	Senator Iqbal Zafar Jhagra	Member
5)	Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
6)	Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour	Member
7)	Senator Nauman Wazir	Member
8)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member
9)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
10)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
11)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
12)	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
13)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
14)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
15)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 1:43 p.m. and formally commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq. Thereafter the meeting stated consideration of the agenda Items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 9TH AND 14TH APRIL, 2015, RESPECTIVELY.

5. Committee confirmed the minutes of previous meetings dated 9th and 14th April, 2015 respectively.

6. The Committee also discussed the format of minutes and decided that Minutes shall be in a summarized form, containing only decisions and dissenting notes, if any.

AGENDA ITEM NO. ii:

COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

7. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee regarding steps taken in furtherance of earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.

8. Regarding the provision of soft copies of answers to the questions, the Secretary Senate informed that Senate Rules have been amended to electronically provide the answer booklets to the Members two hours before the sitting. He further informed that due to the printing of ballot papers for the Local Government Elections, the control of Printing Corporation of Pakistan (PCP) is with the

army and it is not possible to get the soft copy of answer booklet at the moment, however, the Secretariat will ensure the provision of same once this situation is over.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iii:

ALLOCATION OF AMOUNT FROM SENATE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND FOR THE AFFECTEES OF PESHAWAR NATURAL CALAMITY.

9. The committee decided to allocate an amount of Rs. 1 million from Senate Emergency Relief Fund for the Affectees of Peshawar Natural Calamity, which will be handed over to the Provincial Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in a formal ceremony.

10. The Committee, in principle, decided that an amount of Rs. 2000/- may be deducted from the salaries of Members' Senate on monthly basis for the Senate Emergency Relief Fund subject to the approval by the Members of Senate. The committee tasked the Parliamentary Party Leaders to place the matter before their respective Senators and accordingly, place the consent or otherwise before the Committee in its next meeting.

11 The Committee directed the Senate Secretariat to draft bye-laws for Senate Emergency Relief Fund on the pattern of bye-laws adopted for the Senate Workers' Welfare Fund.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iv:

MECHANISM FOR PROVINCIAL VISITS BY THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

12. The Committee decided that Provincial visits shall be carried out at least once a year to identify and examine issues being faced by the Provinces in the post devolution scenario as well as to streamline and effectively play role as a House of Federation in the resolution of problems being faced by the Provinces.

13. The Committee further decided as under:-

- i) First visit to the Province of Punjab (possibility of carrying out the visit during the week commencing from 18th May, 2015 till 22nd May, 2015 may be explored)
- ii) Second visit to the Provinces of Sindh and Balochistan
- iii) Third visit to the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa
- iv) Provincial visits shall also include the visit to Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA)
- v) The visit will include meeting with the Chief Minister alongwith the Ministers for Finance, Planning and Home. Meeting will also be attended by the Senators from

the Province being visited. Furthermore the Committee will also make a Call on the Speaker Provincial Assembly

- vi) Additional Secretary (Admin), Senate Secretariat will coordinate and write letters in this regard to the concerned quarters.

AGENDA ITEM NO. v:

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AND MECHANISM REGARDING DISCUSSION ON REPORTS UNDER RULE 157 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURES AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012.

14. The Committee decided that a Resolution in terms of Rule 157 (3) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 shall be moved in the House on the Report of Council of Common Interests (CCI) which was discussed in the House on 16th April, 2015 (114th Session). In pursuance of this decision, the Committee directed that the Senate Secretariat to draft a substantive motion based on the verbatim of the proceedings and after circulation amongst the Members, place it before the Business Advisory Committee for approval. The committee further desired that Minister for Inter Provincial Coordination may also be invited in the Meeting in order to build a broad based consensus.

15. The Committee further decided that every discussion on Reports, in terms of rule 157 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate 2012 shall be followed by a sustentative Resolution.

AGENDA ITEM NO. vi:

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSONS OF STANDING AND FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEES.

16. The Committee decided that election of Chairpersons of standing and Functional Committees may be held during the ensuing session.

17. The forum of 'Council of Chairmen' may be effectively activated. Meetings should take place once every three months and may also be attended by the Deputy Chairman Senate, Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition.

AGENDA ITEM NO. vii:

DEBATE ON MODE OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS' SENATE OF PAKISTAN

18. Consideration of the instant agenda item was deferred till the next meeting with the direction that the paper on international practices regarding election of Members of the upper House of the

Parliament, prepared by the Senate Research Directorate may also include mode of election of Members of the Rajya Sabha, India.

AGENDA ITEM NO. viii:

**ALLOCATION OF RS. 30 MILLION FOR 61ST COMMONWEALTH
PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE AT ISLAMABAD**

19. Chairman Senate apprised the Committee regarding decision of Senate Finance Committee in this regard i.e. the amount of Rs. 30 million will not be transferred to the National Assembly rather payments will be directly made by the Senate in lieu of outstanding liabilities (which may include some portion of accommodation expenses for the participants of the conference).

AGENDA ITEM NO. ix:

**ADDING TAGLINE “HOUSE OF THE FEDERATION” WITH THE EMBLEM OF
SENATE.**

20. The Committee approved the addition of tagline “House of the Federation” with the emblem of Senate.

AGENDA ITEM NO. x:

ANY OTHER ITEM.

21. The committee unanimously recommended that a Committee on ethics may be constituted. Members further stressed the need to codify privileges of the Parliament. Accordingly matters regarding 'Committee on Ethics' and 'Codification of Parliamentary Privileges' was referred to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges for consideration and report.

22. The Chairman Senate informed the Committee that in pursuance of the desires expressed by the Members during debate on the Constitution (held in the wake of Constitutional day celebrations) regarding inclusion of constitutional history of Pakistan in the curriculum of educational institutions, letters are being sent to the Prime Minister of Pakistan and Provincial Chief Ministers in this regard.

23. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair at 03:35 p.m.



(Amjed Pervaz Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 4

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH JUNE, 2015

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 5th June, 2015 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 4th May, 2015.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Business, other than Budget, if any, during the Session.
- iv. Report of the Sub-committee of Business Advisory Committee on web casting, FM Broadcasting and gradual telecasting of proceedings of the Senate and Standing Committees.
- v. Communication of Business Advisory Committee decisions to the party Members/ Senators.
- vi. Any other item with permission of the chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate	Chairman
2)	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Dy. Chairman	Member
3)	Senator Raja M. Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
4)	Senator Saeed Ghani	Member
5)	Senator Iqbal Zafar Jhagra	Member
6)	Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member

7)	Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour	Member
8)	Senator Nauman Wazir	Member
9)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member
10)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
11)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
12)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
13)	Senator Siraj ul Haq	Member
14)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
15)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
16)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 04:44 p.m. and formally commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Deputy Chairman Senate.

5. The Chairman informed that Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Aftab Ahmed Skeikh and Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition have telephonically informed about their inability to attend the meeting due to the Cabinet meeting and prior commitment in Karachi, respectively. Thereafter, the meeting stated consideration of the agenda Items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 4th MAY, 2015.

6. Committee confirmed the minutes of previous meeting dated 4th May, 2015 without any amendments.

AGENDA ITEM NO. ii:

**COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

7. Secretary Senate gave detailed account of implementation status of earlier decisions of the Committee.

8. Regarding the decision as to deduction of Rs. 2000 from the salaries of Members' Senate on

monthly basis for the Senate Emergency Relief Fund subject to the approval by the Members of Senate, which was to be sought by the respective Parliamentary Party Leaders, the Secretary Senate informed that response from the Party Leaders is still awaited. Some Parliamentary Party Leaders informed that they have taken consent from their respective members, however, the Chairman asked the members to provide the consent in writing. The Chairman further directed the Senate Secretariat to provide a form, as already developed by the Secretariat, for facilitating the members in obtaining consent.

9. Secretary Senate further informed that as per the directions of the Business Advisory Committee, Senate Secretariat has prepared draft bye-laws for Senate Emergency Relief Fund, which will be placed before the Committee during its next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iii:

BUSINESS, OTHER THAN BUDGET, IF ANY, DURING THE SESSION.

10. The Committee decided that during discussion on the Finance Bill, 2015,-
- (i) There will be no Question Hour;
 - (ii) Adjournment Motions and Calling Attention Notices will be taken up;
 - (iii) No Private Members Day on Mondays';
 - (iv) Sittings will held at 10:30 a.m. – 01:30 p.m. and 03:00 p.m. onwards;
 - (v) Debate on Finance Bill will be opened by Leader of the Opposition on Monday the 8th June, 2015;
 - (vi) Time limit for speeches will be as under:-

Parliamentary Party Leaders:	20 minutes
Members:	08-10 minutes
 - (vii) A joint Resolution will be moved in the House regarding massacres/ genocide of Rohingya Muslims in Burma;
 - (viii) A Resolution (by Senators from Balochistan) will be moved in the House recommending to the Federal Government for providing relief to the people of flood affected areas in Shah Noorani, Khuzdar.

11. The Committee further decided that Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs will apprise regarding the legislation (passed by the National Assembly and transmitted to the Senate) which is to be given priority during the session due to constitutional restraint of ninety days period.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iv:

**REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OF BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
WEB CASTING, FM BROADCASTING AND GRADUAL TELECASTING OF
PROCEEDINGS OF THE SENATE AND STANDING COMMITTEES.**

12. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, Convener of the Sub-Committee, informed that the committee has prepared an interim report, however, there are certain issues which need to be addressed, therefore, a meeting of the sub-committee will be convened in the next week.

13. Secretary Senate apprised the committee that the Senate Secretariat team is working on live transmission of House proceedings with a delay of two minutes or so in order to give space and cushion for expunction of remarks as well as stoppage of broadcasting/ telecasting in case of any unforeseen eventuality. He further informed that pursuant to aspirations of Members regarding submission of E-Notices, review has been carried out which provides that a mechanism for E-Notices can be put in place (Secretariat has already devised a mechanism) however, Senate rules (specially with regard to submission of Notices) will have to be reviewed in order to provide legal cover.

14. The Members were of the view that there is no need to telecast delayed proceedings as it is the spirit of democracy that public should have access to whatever is happening in the House.

AGENDA ITEM NO. v:

**COMMUNICATION OF BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DECISIONS TO THE
PARTY MEMBERS/ SENATORS.**

15. The Committee decided that all decisions taken in the meetings of Business Advisory Committee shall be conveyed by the Parliamentary Party Leaders to their respective Members in the party meetings.

AGENDA ITEM NO. vi:

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

16. The Chairman Senate informed the Committee that, on his instructions, the Secretariat has

drafted certain amendments to the Rules which will be circulated (copies were also placed during the meeting) amongst the Members and pursuant to the circulation a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee will be convened to finalize the proposed amendments.

17. The Chairman Senate placed before the committee a letter by Senator Taj Haider containing the proposal that the library of the Senate may be named after Ms. Sabeen Mahmood. The Members did not agree with the proposal and desired that a letter may be written to the provincial government of Sindh for naming a road after Ms. Sabeen Mahmood.

18. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair at 06:20 p.m.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 5

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH JUNE, 2015

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 15th June, 2015 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Consideration of draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- ii. Constitutional scheme regarding the two Houses of Parliament, their Secretariats, expenditures, etc.
- iii. Any other item with permission of the chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| 1) | Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate | Chairman |
| 2) | Senator Raja M. Zafar-ul-Haq | Member |
| 3) | Senator Iqbal Zafar Jhagra | Member |
| 4) | Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi | Member |
| 5) | Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour | Member |
| 6) | Senator Nauman Wazir | Member |
| 7) | Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed | Member |
| 8) | Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar | Member |
| 9) | Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini | Member |
| 10) | Senator Hidayat Ullah | Member |
| 11) | Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, | Ex-officio Member |

MOS for Parliamentary Affairs

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| 12) | Mr. Amjed Pervez | Secretary Senate |
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4. Meeting started at 03:00 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Secretary Senate.

The meeting started consideration of the agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. i:

**CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012.**

5. The Chairman apprised the Committee that draft amendments pertain to presiding over the first meeting and subsequent meetings of the Senate for election of Chairman by the outgoing Chairman, announcements by the Secretary Senate in the House, omission of service of summons, legal notices etc. through the Chairman, ratification of nominations to various Policy and Administrative Boards, Councils, etc. by the committee concerned, periodic review of budgetary allocation and its utilization by the standing committees concerned and dedication of amendment in the name of the Mover.

6. Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi apprised the Chair that an amendment with regard to "consultation" as provided in rule 198 of the Rules of procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, was also approved by the previous Committee on Rules of procedure and privileges, under his Chairmanship, which may also be taken up. While acceding to hon'ble Member's request, the Chairman directed the Senate Secretariat to place the said amendment before the Committee in its next meeting.

7. Thereafter, the Committee, clause by clause, considered the draft amendments and unanimously, approved all of them.

AGENDA ITEM NO. ii:

**CONSTITUTIONAL SCHEME REGARDING THE TWO HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT,
THEIR SECRETARIATS, EXPENDITURES, ETC.**

8. The Committee was of unanimous opinion that in terms of the existing constitutional scheme, no House can ask, examine or inquire into the accounts or expenditures of the other House. PAC being a Standing Committee of the National Assembly in terms of rules 202 to 205 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in National Assembly, 2007, is therefore not the competent forum to discuss the accounts of the Senate Secretariat.

9. The Committee further endorsed that in view of the amended Article 171 of the Constitution of Pakistan, 1973, both Houses of the Parliament can examine, review and make recommendations on the report of Auditor General of Pakistan containing audit paras. Therefore, either independent Standing Committees on Public Accounts of both Houses can separately examine the reports of

Auditor General or a Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts can be constituted for the said purpose. All members supported the option of constituting a Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts instead of duplicity of work by two separate Committees. Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, endorsed the Members' view point and stated that any step for the betterment of Parliamentary functions is always welcome.

10. The Committee decided that the matter shall be taken up with the National Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iii:

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

11. The Secretary Senate apprised that Committee that four Bills, namely, The Seeds (Amendment) Bill, 2015, The Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Bill, 2015, The Islamabad Capital Territory Local Government Bill, 2015 and The Credit Bureau Bill, 2015, as passed by the National Assembly and transmitted to the Senate are due to complete the Constitutional period of 90 days on 14th July, 2015. Therefore, said legislative business will have to be taken up in the House during the ensuing session, which is a Budget Session, or another Session before the proposed date of next session i.e. 31st July, 2015, will have to be summoned in order to fulfill the constitutional obligation.

12. The Committee decided that the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs shall initiate a summary for summoning the 117th Session of the Senate from 6th July, 2015.

13. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair at 04:00 p.m.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 6

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 6TH JULY, 2015

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 6th July, 2015 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meetings dated 5th June and 15th June, 2015, respectively.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Business to be transacted during the Session.
- iv. Consideration of draft bye-laws for Senate Emergency Relief Fund.
- v. Debate on mode of election of Members' Senate of Pakistan.
- vi. Any other item with permission of the chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| 1) | Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate | Chairman |
| 2) | Senator Raja M. Zafar-ul-Haq | Member |
| 3) | Senator Aitzaz Ahsan | Member |
| 4) | Senator Saleem Zia | Member |
| 5) | Senator Islamuddin Shaikh | Member |
| 6) | Senator Saeed Ghani | Member |
| 7) | Senator Iqbal Zafar Jhagra | Member |
| 8) | Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi | Member |
| 9) | Senator Nauman Wazir | Member |
| 10) | Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed | Member |
| 11) | Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo | Member |
| 12) | Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar | Member |
| 13) | Senator Mir Israr Ullah Khan Zehri | Member |

14)	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
15)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
16)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
17)	Sheikh Aftab Ahmed,	Ex-officio Member
		MOS for Parliamentary Affairs
18)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 01:10 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Saeed Ghani. The meeting started consideration of the agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS DATED 5TH JUNE AND 15TH JUNE, 2015, RESPECTIVELY.

5. Committee confirmed the minutes of previous meeting dated 5th June and 15th June, 2015 without any amendments.

AGENDA ITEM NO. ii:

COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

6. Secretary Senate gave detailed account of implementation status of earlier decisions of the Committee.

7. Secretary Senate, while briefing the members on status of decision of the Committee regarding provincial visits, apprised that a permanent mechanism is being put in place in this regard.

8. Regarding the matter of pending business which was referred by the Committee to SFPR on 9th April, 2015, the Committee decided that the forum may be requested to expedite the matter.

9. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee that an interim report of the Sub-committee, constituted to prepare recommendations regarding examine and propose measures for enhanced use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Parliamentary business and communications and other IT initiatives in the Senate, was submitted in the meeting of the Business Advisory Committee dated 5th June, 2015. After which, the matter regarding submission of e-notices with respect to legislative and non-legislative business is still pending. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, Convener of the Sub-Committee, apprised the Committee that a meeting of the sub-committee in this regard will be held on 8th July, 2015.

10. Regarding the matter of constitution of 'Committee on Ethics' and 'Codification of

Parliamentary Privileges' which was referred to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges for consideration and report, Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah requested that the Secretariat may provide research support regarding international practices with regard to Committees on Ethics. With regard to codification of Parliamentary Privileges, the Hon'ble member proposed that provincial legislation, in this regard, may be shared with the Members. The Committee acceded to both proposals of the hon'ble Member. The Committee desired that Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi and all Parliamentary Party Leaders may be invited in the meeting of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges to give their input on the subjects.

11. The Chairman Senate once again stressed and requested the Parliamentary Party Leaders to convey decision of the Business Advisory Committee to their respective members.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iii:

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE SESSION.

12. The Committee decided that legislative business, which is due to complete its constitutional period of ninety days, may be taken up during the ensuing session.

13. Timings of the Session shall be: 01:00 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.

14. Session will continue till Friday, 10th July, 2015.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iv:

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT BYE-LAWS FOR SENATE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND.

15. The Committee approved the draft bye-laws with the following amendments:-

- (i) that in clause 3 of the Draft Bye-Laws for Senate Emergency Relief, before the full stop (.) occurring at the end, the following words shall be added:- “affecting a section of the public at large”
- (ii) That in clause 8 of the Draft Bye-Laws for Senate Emergency Relief, for the words “Joint Secretary (Finance)”, the words “Joint Secretary (Admin)” shall be substituted.

AGENDA ITEM NO. v:

DEBATE ON MODE OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS' SENATE OF PAKISTAN.

16. The Committee decided that the Debate will take place during the next session of Senate, in the meantime, the paper on international practices regarding election of Members of the upper House of the Parliament, prepared by the Senate Research Directorate, shall be circulated amongst the Members of Senate.

AGENDA ITEM NO. vi:

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

17. Members raised the issue of non-receipt of hard copies of Parliamentary business (Committee agenda, working papers, etc.) in time on the non-session days. The Committee directed the senate secretariat to provide the documents through courier services during the non-session days.

18. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair at 03:00 p.m.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 7

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 3RD AUGUST, 2015

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 3rd August, 2015 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- I Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 6th July, 2015.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Business to be transacted during the Session.
- iv. Measures for provision of relief to people affected by recent floods in the country.
- v. Commemoration of Senate Founding Day on 6th August.
- vi. Consideration of draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, regarding Public Petitions.
- vii. Consideration of proposals regarding publication of Members' attendance on Senate website.
- viii. Any other item with permission of the chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate	Chairman
2)	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Dy. Chairman	Member
3)	Senator Raja M. Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
4)	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
5)	Senator Saeed Ghani	Member
6)	Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
7)	Senator Baz Muhammad Khan	Member
8)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member

9)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
10)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
11)	Senator Mir Israr Ullah Khan Zehri	Member
12)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
13)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 01:10 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Dy. Chairman. The meeting started consideration of the agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 6TH JULY, 2015.

5. The Committee confirmed the minutes, as no objection was raised by any member.

AGENDA ITEM NO. ii:

COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

6. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee regarding status of earlier decisions of the Committee, which included following important issues:-

Deduction of an amount of Rs. 2000/- from Members' salaries for the Senate Relief Fund.

7. Members requested that the Secretariat may be asked to once again provide the proforma developed by in this regard for taking consent of the members.

8. Provincial visits by the Business Advisory Committee. The Committee was apprised that the Chairman Senate and Senate Secretariat is working on creating permanent linkages between the Senate and the federating units. The Committee decided that provincial visits shall be carried put after the completion/establishment of linkages, as being conceived by the Chairman Senate.

9. Matter of Pending Business. The Committee directed the Senate Secretariat to coordinate with the SFPR for convening a meeting of the Forum, at the earliest, in order to finalize the report of sub-committee of SFPR (comprising of one member i.e. former Senator Anwar Bhinder) regarding the pending business.

10. Report of the Sub-committee of Business Advisory Committee constituted to prepare recommendations regarding examine and propose measures for enhanced use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Parliamentary business and communications and other IT initiatives in the Senate Secretary Senate briefed that the Committee has prepared recommendation,

however, there are certain modalities which need to be worked out. The Chairman Senate desired to hold a meeting with the sub-Committee along with the Leader of the House and the Secretary Senate.

11. Debate on Mode of Elections of Members' Senate. Secretary Senate briefed that as desired by the Committee in its last meeting, a paper encompassing international practices regarding elections to the upper Houses of the Parliament, has been circulated amongst the members. The Committee decided that Debate will take place during the ensuing session.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iii:

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE SESSION.

12. The Committee decided as under:-

1. Debate on admitted Adjournment Motion regarding Proposal for taking over land of NARC by CDA, shall be taken on priority
2. Report on NFC Award shall be clubbed with the Admitted Adjournment Motion regarding Distribution formula of NFC Award for discussion purposes.
3. Meeting of the Committee of Whole may be convened on Saturday, the 8th August, 2015.
4. Advisor on Foreign Affairs shall come to the House and apprise regarding the 2+1+2 talks.
5. Senate Sitting will be held at: 3:00 p.m. except Friday

AGENDA ITEM NO. iv:

MEASURES FOR PROVISION OF RELIEF TO PEOPLE AFFECTED BY RECENT FLOODS IN THE COUNTRY.

13. The Committee decided to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Chitral who have been worst hit by recent flood. The Committee approved Total amount of two million rupees for food items and medicines to be handed over to the local administration of Chitral.

AGENDA ITEM NO. v:

COMMEMORATION OF SENATE FOUNDING DAY ON 6TH AUGUST.

14. The Committee approved all activities pertaining to commemoration of Senate Founding Day and passed following additional instructions:-

- a. Booklet containing historic documents regarding first sitting of Senate held on 6th August, 1973, being prepared and published by the Senate Secretariat, shall be sent to the families of former senators of 1973.
- b. Possibility of publishing material regarding this historical day in the print media.

- c. Students from 2-3 colleges/universities shall be invited.

AGENDA ITEM NO. vi:

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012, REGARDING PUBLIC PETITIONS.

15. The Committee approved the draft amendments regarding public petitions and consequential amendments regarding the Functional Committee on Devolution Process.

AGENDA ITEM NO. vii:

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS REGARDING PUBLICATION OF MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE ON SENATE WEBSITE.

16. All Members vehemently supported the proposal regarding publication of Members' attendance as well as information regarding Pays and allowances of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Senators on the Senate website and categorized it as a positive step towards transparency and openness.

AGENDA ITEM NO. viii:

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

17. After extensive discussions on various issues, which resulted in following decisions:-
- d. Rates of Senate cafeteria shall also be given on the website.
 - e. Details of medical facilities/medicines taken during a month shall be sent to the Member for information purposes.
18. The Chairman Senate Chairman shared the proposal regarding withdrawal of NOC to use the name of Senate for the Senate Cooperative Housing Society and deferred the matter till the next meeting.

19. In juxtaposition, the Committee decided as under:-

- 1. The Secretariat may once again provide the proforma for deduction of Rs. 2000/- for Senate Emergency Relief Fund for taking consent of the members.
- 2. Provincial visits shall be carried put after the completion/establishment of linkages, as being conceived by the Chairman Senate.
- 3. The Senate Secretariat to coordinate with the SFPR for convening a meeting of the Forum, at the earliest, in order to finalize the report of sub-committee of SFPR regarding pending business.
- 4. A meeting of the sub-Committee of Business Advisory Committee shall be organized with the Chairman Senate, Leader of the House and the Secretary Senate, to finalize the recommendations.

5. During the ensuing session:-
 - a. Debate on Mode of Elections of Members' Senate
 - b. Debate on admitted Adjournment Motion regarding Proposal for taking over land of NARC by CDA, shall be taken on priority
 - c. Report on NFC Award shall be clubbed with the Admitted Adjournment Motion regarding Distribution formula of NFC Award for discussion purposes.
 - d. Meeting of the Committee of Whole may be convened on Saturday, the 8th August, 2015.
 - e. Advisor on Foreign Affairs shall come to the House and apprise regarding the 2+1+2 talks.
 - f. Senate Sitting will be held at: 3:00 p.m. except Friday.
 6. Regarding the commemoration of Senate Founding Day:-
 - a. Booklet containing historic documents regarding first sitting of Senate held on 6th August, 1973, being prepared and published by the Senate Secretariat, shall be sent to the families of former senators of 1973.
 - b. Possibility of publishing material regarding this historical day in the print media.
 - c. Students from 2-3 colleges/universities shall be invited.
 7. The Committee approved draft amendments regarding public petitions and consequential amendments regarding the Functional Committee on Devolution Process.
 8. Members' attendance as well as information regarding Pays and allowances of the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Senators shall be published on the Senate website.
 9. Rates of Senate cafeteria shall be published on the website.
 10. Details of medical facilities/medicines taken during a month shall be sent to the Member for information purposes.
 11. Proposal regarding withdrawal of NOC to use the name of Senate for the Senate Cooperative Housing Society will be taken up during the next meeting of the Committee.
20. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair at 02:45 p.m.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)
Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)
Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 8

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 14th SEPTEMBER, 15

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 14th September, 2015 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 3rd August, 2015.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Duration and Business to be transacted during 119th and Requisitioned Sessions.
- iv. Disposal of Pending Business based on recommendations of SFPR.
- v. Consideration of proposal regarding debate on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the House.
- vi. Any other item with permission of the chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator MianRazaRabbani, Chairman Senate	Chairman
2)	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Dy. Chairman	Member
3)	Senator AitzazAhsan	Member
4)	Senator Saleem Zia, Chief Whip	Member
5)	Senator Islamuddin Shaikh, Chief Whip	Member
6)	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
7)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
8)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
9)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member

10)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
11)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
12)	Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh,	Ex-officio Member
		MOS for Parliamentary Affairs
13)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 01:10 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Dy. Chairman. The meeting started consideration of the agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO.i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 3RD AUGUST, 2015.

5. The Committee confirmed the minutes, as no objection was raised by any member.

AGENDA ITEM NO.ii:

**COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

6. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee regarding status of earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee with particular reference to pending business, letter to the Speaker National Assembly about the Public Accounts Committee, report of the Sub-committee of Business Advisory Committee, Publishing of Members' attendance as well as information regarding Pays and allowances, Briefing by Advisor on Foreign Affairs, Humanitarian assistance to the people of Chitral from Senate Emergency Relief Fund and status of deduction of amount of Rs. 2000/- from Member's Salary for the Fund.

7. Regarding the matter of constitution of Committee on Ethics, which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Rules of Procedure, Secretary informed that the Report of the Committee has been received. The Committee, in principle, adopted the report of the Committee and decided as under:-

- i. As a point of initiation, the House Business Advisory Committee will act as Committee on Ethics. A Motion for this will be brought in the House
- ii. During the first meeting, the HBAC will finalize the Rules of Procedure for the working of the Committee, whereas, in the second meeting, the Committee will draft

AGENDA ITEM NO.iii:

DURATION AND BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING 119TH AND REQUISITIONED SESSIONS.

8. The Committee decided as under:-

- (i) 119th Session will be prorogued on 18th September, 2015
- (ii) 120th Session will take place from 5th October, 2015 till 9th October, 2015
- (iii) In case of none withdrawn of requisition, the Chairman Senate, in terms of clause 3 of Article 54, Constitution 1973, will requisition the Senate Session immediately after the prorogation of 119th Session.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iv:

DISPOSAL OF PENDING BUSINESS BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF SFPR.

9. The Committee extensively discussed each and every recommendations made by SFPR regarding the disposal of pending business and decided as under:-

I. Recommendations at Sl. No. 1 of the Working Paper (working paper annexed)

Reminder may be issued to the Committee

II. Recommendations at Sl. No. 2, 8 and 10 of the Working Paper

The Bills may be circulated to the existing Members and if any Member is desirous of adopting the same and moving a motion for consideration then these Bills may be proceeded accordingly

III. Recommendations at Sl. No. 3 of the Working Paper

The Bills may be sent to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs in order to obtain their stance on the same

IV. Recommendations at Sl. No. 4 & 5 of the Working Paper

Reminders may be sent to the Standing Committees to obtain the present position of the Bills.

V. Recommendations at Sl. No. 6 of the Working Paper

These Bills may be treated as withdrawn in view of the directions of the Hon'ble Chairman.

VI. Recommendations at Sl. No. 7 & 11 of the Working Paper

The Bills may be circulated to the Members concerned to obtain their point of view that whether they want to withdraw these Bills or still want to press the same.

VII. Recommendations at Sl. No. 9 of the Working Paper

Reminders may be issued to the Select Committees

VIII. Recommendations at Sl. No. 12 of the Working Paper

The Committee may be directed to convene a Special meeting for disposal of the pending P. Motions

IX. Recommendations at Sl. No. 13 & 14 of the Working Paper

The Committee may be directed to convene a special meeting and categorize the P. Motions according to the following categories:-

- Personal matters.
- Trivial matters.
- Cases of breach of privilege of whole House.

The Committee may also be directed to look into the matter that whether the Members are required to be invited in the meetings or not.

X. Recommendations at Sl. No. 15 & 16 of the Working Paper

The Committee may be directed to convene a special meeting for disposal of these items

XI. Recommendations at Sl. No. 17 of the Working Paper

The Committee may be asked to prioritize the matters

XII. Recommendations at Sl. No. 18 of the Working Paper

The Committee may be directed to convene a special meeting for disposal of these items.

XIII. Recommendations at Sl. No. 19, 21, 23, 24, 28 & 30 of the Working Paper

Matter is alive, may be brought in the House

XIV. Recommendations at Sl. No. 20, 22, 25, 27 & 29 of the Working Paper

Matter may be disposed off by bringing in the House

XV. Recommendations at Sl. No. 26 of the Working Paper

May be withdrawn by the Chairman Senate

XVI. Recommendations at Sl. No. 31 of the Working Paper

Matter may remain pending till the decision of Islamabad High Court.

10. The Committee directed the Senate Secretariat to bring an appropriate amendment in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, in order to avoid such pendency in future.

AGENDA ITEM NO.v:

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL REGARDING DEBATE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) IN THE HOUSE.

11. The Committee approved the Proposal.
12. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair at 02:30 p.m.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 9

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HOUSE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER, 2015

A meeting of the House Business Advisory Committee was held on 5th October, 2015 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 14th September, 2015.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Duration and Business to be transacted during 120th Session.
- iv. Consideration of draft amendment to the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- v. Initiative of Intra Institutional Dialogue (IID)
- vi. Developing Linkages with Federating Units.
- vii. Publication of HBAC's Minutes on the Senate website
- viii. Any other item with permission of the chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| 1) | Hon'ble Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate | Chairman |
| 2) | Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq | Member |
| 3) | Senator Saleem Zia, Chief Whip | Member |
| 4) | Senator Farhatullah Babar | Member |
| | (In place of Senator Saeed Ghani) | |
| 5) | Senator Iqbal Zafar Jhagra | Member |
| 6) | Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak | Member |
| 7) | Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed | Member |

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| 8) | Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo | Member |
| 9) | Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar | Member |
| 10) | Senator Hidayat Ullah | Member |
| 11) | Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh, | Ex-officio Member |
| | | MOS for Parliamentary Affairs |
| 12) | Mr. Amjed Pervez | Secretary Senate |

4. Meeting started at 01:10 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq, Leader of the House. The meeting started consideration of the agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO.i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 14TH SEPTEMBER, 2015.

5. The Committee confirmed the minutes, as no objection was raised by any member.

AGENDA ITEM NO.ii:

COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

6. Secretary Senate presented compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee. Members showed satisfaction regarding the actions taken for implementing decisions of the House Business Advisory Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iii:

DURATION AND BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING 120TH SESSION.

7. The committee took following decisions:-

- i. Duration of 120th Session will be 5th October, till 13th October, 2015.
- ii. Meeting of Committee of Whole constituted to examine and report on a matter referred by the House regarding "provision of inexpensive and speedy justice in the country" will be held during the session.
- iii. Motion of thanks on presidential address will be taken up in the 121st session of the Senate, wherein, two days will be allocated for the discussion and winding up / adoption of the Motion.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iv:

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012.

8. The Committee approved the proposed amendment i.e. insertion of new rule 212A in the

Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 with the condition that following proviso shall be added in the proposed new rule:-

“Provided that a Private Members' Bill passed by the Senate and transmitted to National Assembly shall not lapse”

AGENDA ITEM NO.v:

INITIATIVE OF INTRA INSTITUTIONAL DIALOGUE (IID).

9. The Chairman Senate briefed the Committee that the Senate of Pakistan is taking an initiative of establishing the linkages between the state institutions in order to initiate Intra Institutional Dialogue (IID) between the pillars of the State which can result in strong and sustainable federation. All Members endorsed the initiative and appreciated the efforts being taken by the Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

AGENDA ITEM NO.vi:

DEVELOPING LINKAGES WITH FEDERATING UNITS.

10. Consideration of the instant agenda item was deferred till next meeting of HBAC. However, the Members endorsed the proposals regarding provincial visits by the House Business Advisory Committee and stressed that Senate being the House of Federation represents the federating units and there is need for a permanent institutional linkage and frequent interaction among the provincial legislatures and Senate of Pakistan as well as Chief Ministers and Ministers of the departments which have been devolved, both for knowledge/experience sharing and coordination besides a proper theoretical and physical framework.

AGENDA ITEM NO.vii:

PUBLICATION OF HBAC'S MINUTES ON THE SENATE WEBSITE.

11. The Committee approved the proposal regarding publication of HBAC's minutes of the Senate website and termed it as another milestone towards accountability.

AGENDA ITEM NO.viii:

ANY OTHER ITEM.

12. The Chairman Senate apprised the Committee that a letter from the Auditor General of Pakistan, addressed to the Secretary Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Copy to the Senate Secretariat, has been received for laying the Report of the Auditor General and appropriation accounts for the year 2014-15. The matter was placed before the Committee for seeking a way

forward in the wake of 18th Constitutional amendment and letter written by the Chairman senate to the Speaker national Assembly regarding the composition of the Public Accounts Committee. The Committee decided that it is appropriate if a Joint Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts examine the Report of the Auditor General, however, if said Committee is not constituted, the report may be referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Finance for consideration and report.

13. Members raised issue of management/closure of Parliamentary cafeteria. The Chairman Senate directed the Secretariat to arrange a meeting in this regard with the CDA, which will be attended by Acting Speaker/Deputy Speaker National Assembly, representative of National Assembly Secretariat and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs.

14. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair at 02:15 p.m.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 10

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 2ND NOVEMBER, 2015

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 2nd November, 2015 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 5th October, 2015.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Duration and Business to be transacted during 121st Session.
- iv. Recent earthquake which affected a large part of the country.
- v. Relations between Senate and Provinces.
- vi. Parliamentary Education Programme.
- vii. Disassociation of Senate with the Senate Employees Cooperative Housing Society.
- viii. Intra Institutional Dialogue (IID).
- ix. Any other item with permission of the chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| 1) | Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate | Chairman |
| 2) | Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq, | Member |
| 3) | Senator Aitzaz Ahsan | Member |
| 4) | Senator Saeed Ghani | Member |
| 5) | Senator Iqbal Zafar Jhagra | Member |
| 6) | Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi | Member |
| 7) | Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour | Member |
| 8) | Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak | Member |
| 9) | Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood | Member |
| 10) | Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar | Member |
| 11) | Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini | Member |

12) Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh,

Ex-officio Member

MOS for Parliamentary Affairs

13) Mr. Amjed Pervez

Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 01:15 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq. The Committee started consideration of the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO.i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 5TH OCTOBER, 2015.

5. The Committee confirmed the minutes, as no objection was raised by any member.

AGENDA ITEM NO.ii:

COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

6. Secretary Senate brief the Committee about the compliance report on the following earlier decisions of the Committee.

i. The HBAC approved/endorsed the concept of the Intra Institutional Dialogue (IID) for establishing linkages between the State institutions.

The Secretary Senate stated that various Delegations used to visit the Senate of Pakistan especially a high level delegation of 45th PN Staff Course participants of Pakistan Navy including the officers from other countries visited the Senate of Pakistan on 26th October, 2015.

At this stage, Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak pointed out that a mechanism for evaluating the impact/outcome of such activities and interventions shall be developed and shall also be brought on record.

ii. The Committee approved the proposal regarding publication of the HBACs minutes on the Senate website.

The Secretary Senate apprised the Members that the minutes of the BAC from 12th March, 2015 onward have been uploaded on the Senate website.

iii. Issues regarding management and closure of Parliament Cafeteria and other administrative issue.

The Secretary Senate informed the Members that as a stop gap arrangement, the management of Cafeteria has been given to M/S Olive Garden who is presently providing service in both the cafeterias and in the meanwhile tenders will be floated in the press. The Secretary further informed the Members that he in consultation with the Secretary National Assembly would try to resolve other administrative

issues of Parliament building.

- iv. Sending of details of medical facility availed by the Members to the Members.
- Secretary Senate apprised the Members that the Medical Officer deputed in the Parliament dispensary has showed the concern regarding lack of staff with her. Senators Saeed Ghani and Nauman Wazir Khattak proposed that if they do not have the staff then someone from the staff of Senate Secretariat may be deputed to work with them in this regard.
- The Chairman directed the Secretary Senate to depute an official in the dispensary to keep record of the medicines/facilities availed by the Members.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iii:

DURATION AND BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING 121ST SESSION.

7. The Committee took the following decisions:-
- i. Duration of 121st session will be from 2nd November, 2015 to 13th November, 2015. The sessions will be in the morning.
- ii. Meeting of the Committee of the Whole constituted to examine and report on a matter referred by the House regarding “provision of inexpensive and speedy justice in the country” will be held during the Session.
- iii. Meeting of the Committee on ethics will also be held during the session.
- iv. Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs stated that the Board of Bait-ul-Maal is incomplete so a Bill in this regard will be brought before the House during the session. The Minister requested the Members for favorable consideration of the Bill. The Chairman advised the Minister to have a consultative meeting with the Leader of the Opposition and the Leader of the House before bringing the Bill so that the sense of the House may prevail.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iv:

RECENT EARTHQUAKE WHICH AFFECTED A LARGE PART OF THE COUNTRY.

8. At the very outset, the Chairman apprised the Members that he had written a letter to the Minister concerned to come in the House on first sitting of the Session and made brief statement relief work and other subsequent steps taken by the Government in the wake of earthquake of 26th October, 2015.

Shaikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs stated that at present the portfolio of Minister of Climate Change is not with anyone but he will make statement in the House after taking briefing from the officials of the Ministry.

AGENDA ITEM NO.v:

RELATIONS BETWEEN SENATE AND PROVINCES.

9. This agenda item was deferred on request of the Members on the stance that it requires detailed scrutiny/examination.

AGENDA ITEM NO.vi:

PARLIAMENTARY EDUCATION PROGRAMME.

10. Secretary Senate briefed the Members about the Parliamentary Education Programme and stated that the Secretariat has obtained the syllabus of schools from all the provinces.

Mr. Chairman also highlighted some glaring irregularities and omissions in the curriculum wherein many constitutional steps are missing.

The Committee appreciated and approved the said initiative.

AGENDA ITEM NO.vii:

DISASSOCIATION OF SENATE WITH THE SENATE EMPLOYEES COOPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY.

11. Secretary Senate briefed the Members regarding the background and non-involvement of Senate Secretariat in the affairs of the Senate Cooperative Housing Society.

Almost all the Members of the Committee showed their consent on withdrawal of NOC to use the name of Senate for the Senate Cooperative Housing Society.

The Chairman deferred further consideration of the agenda item with the direction to circulate the report of a Committee which was previously made to probe into the issues of the Society.

AGENDA ITEM NO.viii:

INTRA INSTITUTIONAL DIALOGUE (IID).

12. The Chairman apprised the Members about the idea and stated that such an Intra Institutional Dialogue process will strengthen the Institutes. He informed the Members that for the first time in the parliamentary and political history of Pakistan the Chief Justice of Pakistan would be attending/addressing the Committee of the Whole of the Senate which is leap forward towards the Intra Institutional Dialogue process.

AGENDA ITEM NO.ix:

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR

(a) One page report by Members after return of foreign official visits

13. Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour pointed out that the Members who go to foreign countries with delegations should give more time to their official engagements and only those Members should be nominated for such visits who can actually make some contribution.

14. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak suggested that it should be obligatory for every Member to submit a one pager report on his activities/engagements during the visit and his learning/input during the same.

15. The Chairman suggested that as per previous practices all the Members of delegation should travel together in one and the same flight so that the unity can be observed by other nations as well as the members can share the ideas with each other during the transit.

16. The Chairman directed that all the Members may be conveyed that whenever any Member will go on an official foreign visit, he/she will submit a report to the Secretariat after their return about the engagement, input and learning during the visit and delegations will travel through same flight schedule.

(b) Live coverage of the proceedings of the House

17. Senator Saeed Ghani spoke on the live coverage of House proceedings.

18. The Chairman informed the Members that the Minister for Information and Broadcasting has made commitment that the question hour of the Senate will be telecasted live on PTV National channel whereas recording of the remaining proceedings will be reported/broadcasted later after approval of the Senate. The Minister has also further assured that equal time will be provided to the Treasury and Opposition Benches.

(c) Less projection in the media of senate's achievements

19. Senator Talha Mehmood showed his concerns over less projection of the achievements of the Senate and its Committees.

20. The Chairman issued direction to the Director (Media) of Senate Secretariat to make arrangements for occasional interviews of Chairman Standing Committees of the Senate to highlight the working and achievements of the Committees. The Chairman further directed that a quarterly report on important issues taken up by the Standing Committees shall also be prepared for the use of print and electronic Media.

(d) Separate seats for the Ministers in the House

21. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood pointed out that separate seats for the Ministers may be arranged. The Secretariat informed that the limited number of seats in the House do not allow separate seats for Ministers

22. The Chairman directed the Secretary to look into the matter.

23. In juxta position, the Committee issued the following directions:-

- i. **The Chairman directed the Secretary Senate to depute one official from Senate Secretariat to work in the Parliament dispensary to keep record of the medical**

facility availed by the Members from the dispensary.

ii. The Chairman directed the Secretariat to communicate to all the Members that whenever, any Member will go on a foreign official visit he/she will submit a report regarding his participation/activities during the visit on his/her return to the Secretariat and the Members of the delegations should travel on one flight.

iii. The Chairman directed to circulate the report of the Committee which was previously made to probe into the issues of the Society Cooperative Housing Society.

iv. The Chairman directed the Director (Media) of Senate Secretariat to make arrangements for occasional interviews of Chairman Standing Committees of the Senate to highlight the working and achievements of the Committees. The Chairman further directed that a quarterly report on important issues taken up by the Standing Committees shall also be prepared for the use of print and electronic Media.

24. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair at 02:50 p.m.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 11

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2015

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 14th December, 2015 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 2nd November, 2015.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Duration and Business to be transacted during 122nd Session.
- iv. Amendments in the Rules of Procedures and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, regarding:-
 - a. Relations between Senate and Provinces.
 - b. Mechanism for convening meetings of the Standing Committee.
 - c. Committee on delegated legislation.
 - d. Submission of Notices via e-mail.
- v. Absence of Members during question hour.
- vi. Disassociation of Senate with the Senate Employees Cooperative Housing Society.
- vii. Any other item with permission of the chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman	Chairman
2)	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Dy. Chairman	Member
3)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq,	Member
4)	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
5)	Senator Saleem Zia, Chief Whip	Member
6)	Senator Saeed Ghani	Member

7)	Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
8)	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
9)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member
10)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
11)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
12)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
13)	Senator Dr. JehanzebJamalini	Member
14)	Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh,	Ex-officio Member MOS for Parliamentary Affairs
15)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 01:15 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Maulana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Deputy Chairman Senate. The Committee started consideration of the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO.i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 2ND NOVEMBER, 2015.

5. The Committee confirmed the minutes, as no objection was raised by any member.

AGENDA ITEM NO.ii:

COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

6. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee about the compliance report on the following earlier decisions of the Committee.

i. The HBAC directed the Secretary Senate to depute one official from Senate Secretariat to work in the Parliament dispensary to keep record of the medical facility availed by the Members from the dispensary.

The Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that a Data Entry Operator has been deputed to work in the Dispensary to keep the record of the medical facility availed by the Members from the dispensary

ii. The HBAC directed the Secretariat to communicate to all the Members that whenever, any Member will go on a foreign official visit he/she will submit a report regarding his participation/activities during the visit on his/her return to the Secretariat and the

Members of the delegations should travel on one flight while proceeding on official visit, however, they can take separate flight on their way back, without causing financial repercussion on the Senate Secretariat.

The Secretary Senate apprised the Members that a notification in this respect has been issued for information of Members and all concerned.

iii. The HBAC directed to circulate the report of the Committee which was previously made to probe into the issues of the Senate Employees Cooperative Housing Society.

The Secretary Senate informed the Committee that the report has been circulated to all the Members on 10th November, 2015.

iv. The HBAC directed the Director (Media) of Senate Secretariat to make arrangements for occasional interviews of Chairman Standing Committees of the Senate to highlight the working and achievements of the Committees. The Chairman further directed that a quarterly report on important issues taken up by the Standing Committees shall also be prepared for the use of print and electronic Media.

Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that the work is under progress and the Secretariat is also working on the inclusion of social media in the mass media.

v. Issue pertaining to e-submission of notices in respect of legislative and non-legislative business has been raised time and again by the members in the meetings of the HBAC.

The Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that draft amendments in the Rules have been prepared for perusal and approval of the Committee. However, the Committee unanimously agreed that initially the facility of e-notices shall be given only in respect of notices for Questions, Calling Attention Notice and Adjournment Motions.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iii:

DURATION AND BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING 122ND SESSION.

7. The Committee took the following decisions:-

- i. Duration of 122nd session will be from 14th December to 23rd December, however, if required, the same can be stretched to next week starting from 28th December as well.
- ii. Meeting of the Committee of the Whole constituted regarding “provision of

inexpensive and speedy justice in the country” will be held on 15th December, 2015 for laying the report and again after one week for finalization of said report.

- iii. Meeting of the Committee on ethics will also be held during the session.
- iv. Sittings will be held at 3:00 p.m. except Friday.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iv:

**AMENDMENTS IN THE RULES OF PROCEDURES AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS
IN THE SENATE, 2012..**

8. The proposal for the following amendments was approved by the Committee:-
- 1. Amendment in rule 43 concerning furnishing of notice of a question by the Members through e-mail,
 - 2. Amendment in rule 65 concerning furnishing of notice of a Calling Attention Notice by the Members through e-mail,
 - 3. Amendment in rule 86 concerning furnishing of notice of an adjournment motion by the Members through e-mail,
 - 4. Insertion of new rules 172C, 172D and 172E concerning the Committee on delegated legislation,
 - 5. Amendment in rule 184,
 - 6. Amendment in rule 198,
 - 7. Insertion of new rules 205A, 205B, 205C and 205D concerning relationship between the Federation and the Provinces; and

AGENDA ITEM NO.v:

ABSENCE OF MEMBERS DURING QUESTION HOUR.

9. The Chairman urged all the Parliamentary Party leaders to sensitize the Members of their parties to remain present during the question hour as it conveys very bad message to the outside world.

Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood suggested to include the provision of authorizing any other Member on behalf of the absentee Member to ask questions.

Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, agreed the suggestion of nomination of some other Member on behalf of the absentee member.

Further consideration of the agenda item was deferred by the Chair with the direction to the Members to firm up their suggestions.

AGENDA ITEM NO.vi:

DISASSOCIATION OF SENATE WITH THE SENATE EMPLOYEES COOPERATIVE HOUSING SOCIETY.

10. Additional Secretary (Admin) apprised the Members about the meetings conducted by him in this respect with the Cooperative Societies Department. He also produced copy of letter No. 2844/CR/ICT/B dated 9-12-2015 of the Circle Registrar, cooperative Societies Department, ICT, Islamabad, the contents of which are reproduced as under:-

1. "Please refer to your letter No. 1(7)/2012-COM-I dated 11-11-2015 on the subject noted above.
2. This requisite information/ report is as under:-
 - i This office has not objection to the withdrawal of NOC by the Senate Secretariat granted for registration of Senate (Sectt.) Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad.
 - ii. Under Section 14 of the Cooperative Societies Act, 1925 change of name of a Society can be made with the approval of Annual General Body Meeting with majority of votes but this shall create legal repercussions and liabilities because the Senate (Sectt.) Employees Cooperative Housing Society, Islamabad has purchased a lot of land under its title, issued allotment letters and executed heavy financial transactions. Therefore, change of its name at this stage shall incur a lot of liabilities i.e. all revenue record pertaining to the Society shall have to be changed, allotment letters shall also be revised and all court cases under its title shall also be affected.
3. This issues with the approval of the Director (Dev & Fin)/Registrar Cooperative Societies, ICT, Islamabad."

AGENDA ITEM NO.vii:

ANY OTHER ITEM.

11. Senator Hasil Bizenjo drew attention of the Committee towards the discrimination by the Commercial Banks while opening Bank Accounts of the family Members of the Senators. He shared his personal experience in this respect when a Bank refused to open bank account of his daughter on the pretext that he being her father fell in the category of Politically Exposed Persons.

The Chairman apprised the Members that the Senate Standing Committee on Finance has already taken up this issue and the Governor SBP has also issued a notice to all the Banks in this respect. The Chairman directed the Members to raise the issue in the House.

12. In juxta position, the Committee issued the following directions:-

- i. The Committee approved the proposed amendment in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 as mentioned in agenda item No. iv.**
- ii. The Committee directed to withdraw the name of Senate from the Senate Employees Cooperative Housing Society.**
- iii. The Chairman directed the Members to raise the issue of discrimination by banks in the House.**
- iv. Facility of e-notices shall be given in respect of questions, calling attention notices and adjournment motions after obtaining authenticated e-mails from the Members and the Rules amendment.**
- v. Duration of 122nd session will be from 14th December to 23rd December, however, if required, the same can be stretched to next week starting from 28th December as well.**
- vi. Meeting of the Committee of the Whole constituted regarding “provision of inexpensive and speedy justice in the country” will be held on 15th December, 2015 for laying the report and again after one week for finalization of said report.**
- vii. Meeting of the Committee on ethics will also be held during the session.**
- viii. Sittings will be held at 3:00 p.m. except Friday.**

13. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair at 02:05 p.m.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 12

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 11TH JANUARY, 2016

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 11th January, 2016 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 14th December, 2015.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Business to be transacted during the Session.
- iv. Approval of Rules of the Special Committee on Ethics and Code of Conduct and debate in House.
- v. Amendment in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- vi. Programs to mark completion of Parliamentary year from 10-12 March, 2016
- vii. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| 1) | Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate | Chairman |
| 2) | Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, | Member |
| 3) | Senator Saeed Ghani | Member |
| 4) | Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi | Member |
| 5) | Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood | Member |
| 6) | Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed | Member |
| 7) | Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar | Member |
| 8) | Senator Iqbal Zafar Jhagra | Member |
| 9) | Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi | Member |

(On behalf of Senator Hidayat Ullah)

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| 10) | Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi
(on behalf of Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo) | Member |
| 11) | Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh | Ex-officio Member
MOS for Parliamentary Affairs |
| 12) | Mr. Amjed Pervez | Secretary Senate |

4. Meeting started at 01:28 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Saeed Ghani. The Committee started consideration of the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO.i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 14TH DECEMBER, 2015.

5. The Committee confirmed the minutes, as no objection was raised by any member.

AGENDA ITEM NO.ii:

COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

6. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee about the compliance report on the following earlier decisions of the Committee.

- i. Amendments in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

The Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that amendments relating to the E-Notices, former Members Business and Committee on subordinate Legislation have been approved whereas two amendments are on hold.

- ii. Issue pertaining to e-submission of notices in respect of legislative and non-legislative business has been raised time and again by the members in the meetings of the HBAC.

The Secretary Senate apprised the Members that the proformas for collecting authenticated e-mail addresses from the Members have been circulated to all the Members but so far only 21 Members have returned the same back to the Secretariat. Secretary Senate further stated that presently the lists of admitted questions as well as the lists of admitted resolutions and motions under rule 218 along with the ballot results are being placed on the Senate website and e-mail to facilitate the Members as well as the Ministry/Divisions.

- iii. Withdrawal of the name of Senate from the Senate Employees Cooperative Housing Society.

The Additional Secretary (Admin) informed the Committee about the latest development in the matter and stated that since the copies of the minutes of the meetings of the society were still being sent to the Senate, therefore, he has categorically conveyed to the Circle Registrar Cooperative Societies that the Senate of Pakistan has got no concern whatsoever with the Society so there is no need to send the minutes of the meetings to the Senate.

- iv. The Chairman directed the Members to raise the issue of discrimination by banks in the House.

Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that the Secretariat has written letter to the Minister for Finance requesting him to make statement in the House on the issue as the Members have reported some complaints in this respect.

- v. Communication Strategy: The HBAC as well as other Committees/Members have been increasingly asking for better and effective communication strategy including live telecast/broadcast, use of social media etc.

The Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that the media and IT Directorates are working on it but there are capacity/HR limitations. Orders of the BAC are required to engage professional individuals/firms.

At this stage, the Chairman Senate observed that there is no need to hire the professionals rather the same should be dealt by the Media Directorate of the Secretariat itself. The Chairman stated that he will look into the matter personally to set out the modalities.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iii:

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE SESSION.

7. The Committee took the following decisions:-

- i. Duration of 123rd session will be from 11th January, 2016 to 22nd January, 2016.
- ii. Meeting of the Committee of the Whole constituted to consider the FATA reforms will be held during the Session.
- iii. Discussion on the following issues will be made during the session:-
 1. Report/answers to be presented by the Minister for Interior on the specific points raised by Members during the statement of the Minister on implementation of National Action Plan.
 2. Discussion on the statement made by Minister for Defence on recent visit of COAS to Kabul.

3. Discussion on the report of the Council of Islamic Ideology.
4. Briefing on the current status of the Economy of Pakistan by the Minister for Finance.
5. Discussion on the Rules of the Ethics Committee and Code of Conduct for the Members.
6. Discussion on the discrimination by banks against the Politically Exposed Persons.
- iv. Introduction of private members' Bills
The draft Bills as proposed by the Committee of Whole on speedy and inexpensive justice will be introduced in the House for passage during the session.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iv:

APPROVAL OF RULES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND CODE OF CONDUCT AND DEBATE IN HOUSE.

8. The Committee deliberated upon the agenda item with particular reference to the role and powers of the Chairman Senate in the Committee on Ethics and Code of conduct of the Members.

Following Members participated in the discussion:-

1. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq.
2. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed.
3. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
4. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
5. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood.

Since, the Committee had a divided opinion on the role and powers of Chairman Senate in the draft rules of Committee on Ethics and Code of conduct of the Members, therefore, the Chairman decided the issue shall be discussed in the House to arrive at a conclusion.

The Chairman directed that the draft rules be circulated to all the Members of the House.

AGENDA ITEM NO. v:

AMENDMENT IN THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012.

9. The proposed amendment in rule 173(1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 were approved by the Committee. The Chairman further sensitized the Committee about the proposed rules amendment in rule 257 concerning the publication of summary of the Business transacted by the House during each session as well as for publication of annual performance report of the Senate.

The Chairman directed the Secretariat to prepare the draft rules amendment in this respect.

AGENDA ITEM NO.vi:

PROGRAMS TO MARK COMPLETION OF PARLIAMENTARY YEAR FROM 10-12 MARCH, 2016.

10. The Committee approved the proposed plan and schedule of events with addition of commemoration of International Women's Day on 8th March, 2016.

11. In juxta position, the Committee issued the following directions:-

- i. The Chairman decided to take up the matter of Communication Strategy himself.
- ii. The Committee decided to introduce the draft bills proposed by the Committee of the Whole for speedy and inexpensive justice during the current session for passage. The Chairman directed the Secretariat to obtain signatures of all the Parliamentary party leaders as well as of the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition on the notices for introduction of the draft Bills
- iii. The Chairman directed to circulate the draft rules of the Committee of Ethics and the Code of Conduct of the Members to all the Members of the House for the purpose of having discussion in the House.
- iv. The Committee approved the rules amendment in rule 173(1) and 257 of the Rules.
- v. The Sessions timings will be in evening except Friday.
- vi. Meeting of the Committee of the Whole on FATA reforms will be held during the session.

12. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair at 02:30 p.m.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 13

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2016

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 10th February, 2016 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 11th January, 2016.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Business to be transacted during the 124th Session.
- iv. Proposals to mark the completion of Senate Parliamentary Year in befitting manner.
- v. Report of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges on the matter of codification of privileges.
- vi. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate	Chairman
2)	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Dy. Chairman	Member
3)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
4)	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
5)	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
6)	Senator Saeed Ghani	Member
7)	Senator Iqbal Zafar Jhagra	Member
8)	Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
9)	Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour	Member
10)	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
11)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member
12)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
13)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member

14)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
15)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
16)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
17)	Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh,	Ex-officio Member MOS for Parliamentary Affairs
18)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 01:55 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran by Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Dy. Chairman Senate. The Committee started consideration of the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO.i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 11TH JANUARY, 2016.

5. As no objection was raised by any member, therefore, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting dated 11th January, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO.ii:

COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

6. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee about the compliance report on the following earlier decisions of the Committee.

- i. The Committee decided to introduce the draft bills proposed by the Committee of the Whole for speedy and inexpensive justice during the current session for passage. The Chairman directed the Secretariat to obtain signatures of all the Parliamentary party leaders as well as of the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition on the notices for introduction of the draft Bills.
Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that the Bills have been transmitted to the National Assembly Secretariat after their passage by the Senate on 18th January, 2016.
- ii. The Chairman directed to circulate the draft rules of the Committee of Ethics and the Code of Conduct of the Members to all the Members of the House for the purpose of having discussion in the House.
Secretary Senate apprised the Members that the draft rules have been circulated to the Members of the House and debate was held on 14th January, 2016.
- iii. Issue pertaining to e-submission of notices in respect of legislative and non-legislative business has been raised time and again by the members in the meetings

of the HBAC.

Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that Internal Mechanism/ SOPs for receiving E-Notices in respect of Questions, Calling Attention Notices and Adjournment Motions, has been approved and prescribed E-Mail address of Senate Secretariat has been operationalized. However, authenticated E-Mail addresses have not been received from all Members so far.

The Committee approved the SOPs and the Chairman directed the Secretariat to provide the proformas and SOPs to the parliamentary party leaders and also circulate the same in the House.

- iv. Letter to the Speaker National Assembly regarding the Public Accounts Committee. Secretary Senate apprised the Members about the background of the issue. The Chairman also gave his point of view over the issue.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iii:

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE 124TH SESSION.

7. Since, the Session was a requisitioned session with particular points referred in the requisition by the Members; therefore, the Members raised the question about the mode of conducting business/proceedings during the session.

The Committee concluded with consensus that the matter will be raised at the very outset of the House proceedings which will subsequently be settled by the Chairman through his ruling on the issue.

The routine business will be taken up accordingly.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iv:

PROPOSALS TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF SENATE PARLIAMENTARY YEAR IN BEFITTING MANNER.

8. Chairman Senate apprised the Members of the Committee that some of the proposed activities have been dropped due to financial constraints.

AGENDA ITEM NO.v:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND PRIVILEGES ON THE MATTER OF CODIFICATION OF PRIVILEGES.

9. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini, Chairman Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, apprised the Members about the contents of the report and stated that the Committee has unanimously reached the conclusion that it is more appropriate to leave the matter of privileges and action to be taken in cases of breach of privileges to the Chairman and the House and the Chairman Senate and the House should decide that which action cause breach of privilege and what and how

the action should be taken in such cases. The Committee adopted the recommendations of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges.

AGENDA ITEM NO. :

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

10. Following items were taken with the permission of the Chairman:-

i. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, pointed out Article 66(3) of the Constitution regarding privileges of the Members and stated that clause (3) of Article 66 obligates the Parliament to make laws regarding privileges.

The Chairman desired Senator Aitzaz Ahsan to draft a law in this respect which will further be examined by the Committee.

Senator Aitzaz Ahsan acceded to the task.

ii. Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour pointed out the policy of the Government not to issue blue passport to the spouses of the parliamentarians which causes great hardship during any family visit abroad.

The Chairman observed that the relevant Act needs to be amended for this purpose.

The Chairman desired the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs to initiate the process of such amendment in the relevant law.

11. In juxta position, the Committee decided as under:-

i. **The Committee approved the SOPs for E-notices and the Secretariat was directed to provide the proformas and SOPs to the parliamentary party leaders and also circulate the same in the House.**

ii. **The Committee concluded with consensus that since the rules are silent regarding mode of conducting business during requisitioned session, therefore, the matter will be settled by the Chairman through his ruling on the issue.**

iii. **The Committee adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges that it is more appropriate to leave the matter of privileges and action to be taken in cases of breach of privileges to the Chairman and the House and the Chairman Senate and the House should decide that which action cause breach of privilege and what and how the action should be taken in such cases.**

iv. **The Chairman desired Senator Aitzaz Ahsan to draft a law in terms of clause**

(3) of Article 66 of the Constitution.

- v. The Chairman tasked the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs to initiate the process of introducing amendments in the relevant law concerning issuance of official passports to the spouses of the Members.**

12. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair at 02:30 p.m.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 14

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 18TH FEBRUARY, 2016

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 18th February, 2016 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Business to be transacted during the 125th Session.
- ii. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| 1) | Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate | Chairman |
| 2) | Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq | Member |
| 3) | Senator Aitzaz Ahsan | Member |
| 4) | Senator Saleem Zia | Member |
| 5) | Senator Islamuddin Shaikh | Member |
| 6) | Senator Saeed Ghani | Member |
| 7) | Senator Iqbal Zafar Jhagra | Member |
| 8) | Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi | Member |
| 9) | Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour | Member |
| 10) | Senator Syed Shibli Faraz | |
| 11) | Senator Mohsin Aziz | |
| 12) | Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood | Member |
| 13) | Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed | Member |
| 14) | Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar | Member |
| 15) | Senator Mir Israr Ullah Khan Zehri | Member |

16) Senator Hidayat Ullah

Member

17) Mr. Amjed Pervez

Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 01:55 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Committee started consideration of the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO.i:

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE 125TH SESSION.

5. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, apprised the Members about the main purpose of the summoning of the session i.e. consideration and passage of the Bill to provide for setting up of the Pakistan International Airlines Corporation into a public limited company [The Pakistan International Airlines Corporation (Conversion) Bill, 2015], as passed by the National Assembly.

The Members suggested that the Bill should be referred to the Committee as per practice in the Senate.

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, raised no objection on the suggestion but he requested the Chair to stipulate a time period for report back by the Committee.

Committee decided to take up other routine business, Calling Attention Notices, Questions, Motions, Adjournment motions etc. as per routine.

AGENDA ITEM NO.ii:

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

6. Following other items were discussed with the permission of the Chair:-

i. The Members of the Committee asked the Chairman to provide them the written replies to the questions raised by them during the debate on implementation of National Action Plan.

Secretary Senate stated that the Secretariat has already sent the written replies to the Members.

The Chairman directed the Secretariat to re-issue the written replies to the Members.

ii. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, pointed out the sad demise of Mr. Hussain Haikal, a famous anti-imperialist writer of Egypt.

The Chairman suggested the raise the matter in the House for the purpose of offering of Fateha and saying of few words as tribute to the departed soul.

- iii. Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour requested the Chair to allow bringing of a motion for adoption of report of the Committee on GIDC Bill.

The Chairman stated that Chairman of the Committee or any other Member may give notice of the Motion for bringing the same in the House during the next session.

7. In juxta position, the Committee issued the following directions:-

- i. **The Committee decided that the Bill to provide for setting up of the Pakistan International Airlines Corporation into a public limited company [The Pakistan International Airlines Corporation (Conversion) Bill, 2015], as passed by the National Assembly, shall be referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.**
- ii. **The Committee directed the Secretariat to re-issue the written replies to the questions on implementation of NAP having been received from the NACTA.**
- iii. **The Committee decided to bring a motion in the House during next House regarding adoption of the report of the Committee on GIDC Bill.**

8. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair at 02:30 p.m.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 15

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 29TH FEBRUARY, 2016

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 29th February, 2016 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 10th and 18th February, 2016.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Business to be transacted during the 126th Session.
- iv. Proposal for the amendment is Rules 184 and 210 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- v. Events and Publications to mark the completion of Senate Parliamentary Year.
- vi. Planned changes to be introduced at the commencement of new parliamentary year
- vii. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| 1) | Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate | Chairman |
| 2) | Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq | Member |
| 3) | Senator Aitzaz Ahsan | Member |
| 4) | Senator Islamuddin Shaikh | Member |
| 5) | Senator Saeed Ghani | Member |
| 6) | Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi | Member |
| 7) | Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak | Member |
| 8) | Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood | Member |
| 9) | Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo | Member |
| 10) | Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar | Member |

11)	Senator Mir Israr Ullah Khan Zehri	Member
12)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
13)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 01:00 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Committee started consideration of the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO.i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 10TH AND 18TH FEBRUARY, 2016.

5. As no objection was raised by any member, therefore, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meetings dated 10th and 18th February, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO.ii:

COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

6. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee about the compliance report on the following earlier decisions of the Committee.

i. E-submission of notices in respect of Questions, Adjournment Motions and Calling Attention Notices.

Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that all the formalities have been completed and the Secretariat has also received first ever e-notice that is of a question by Senator Farhatullah Babar. The Members who have provided the Secretariat their authenticated e-mail addresses now can send notices for questions, Calling Attention and Adjournment Motion through e-mail.

ii. Circulation of written replies to the questionnaire sent by NACTA.

Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that the Secretariat has once again transmitted the written replies furnished by NACTA to the Members at their local as well as permanent addresses.

iii. Secretary Senate further apprised the Committee about the infrastructural changes inside the House. He stated that CDA has not made any breakthrough in this respect however; the Secretariat has taken the National College of Arts on board in this regard who will submit their proposal for major changes inside and outside the Hall without damaging the prestige of the Parliament.

Senator Saeed Ghani pointed out the sequential arrangement of mikes which causes problem in addressing the Chair.

Senator Talha Mehmood pointed out that separate chairs for the Ministers should be in place as some times the Ministers sit on the allotted chairs of the Members which causes hindrance.

The Chairman said that seats are limited in the House and in case of any such eventuality the Member can request the Minister to vacate his chair.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iii:

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE 126TH SESSION.

7. The Chairman apprised the Members about the receiving of normal business likely to be transacted during the session i.e. Private Members' Bills, Calling Attention Notices, Adjournment Motion, Questions.

The Chair particularly referred to a private Member Bill of Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja regarding re-habilitation of un-attended orphans. The Chairman stated that the Bill in its present form do not fulfill its very objective, therefore, the Secretariat has proposed a slight amendment regarding the parentage column of the un-attended orphans i.e. the name of the President of Pakistan may be written in the parentage column.

The Members deliberated upon the idea and finally concluded that the Bill may be deferred for next Private Members Day and meanwhile the best international practice to meet with such type of situations may be seen.

The Chairman requested Senator Aitzaz Ahsan to take on board Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja in this regard and directed the Secretariat to look into the best international practice in this respect and convene a meeting of the Business Advisory Committee before next private Members' Day to settle the issue.

The Chairman further apprised the Committee that during the Session the Ministers for Defence, Interior and Finance will give briefings to the House and the House will also debate upon the reply by the Cabinet Division in response to recommendations of the Special Committee on Devolution process that all policy and administrative boards, councils, bodies etc. constituted under various Acts of Parliament or established by an executive order, shall be reconstituted in order to ensure that equal representation is given to all the provinces.

Meeting of the Committee of the Whole on revival of students unions will also be held during the session.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iv:

**PROPOSAL FOR THE AMENDMENT IS RULES 184 AND 210 OF THE RULES OF
PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012**

8. Secretary Senate apprised the Committee about the objective of the proposed amendments regarding re-insertion of the words “but a Committee may not sit without the leave of the Chairman at a time when the Senate is sitting” in rule 184 which were previously inadvertently omitted while amending rule 184 and insertion of “during a session of the Senate” in rule 210.

The Committee unanimously approved the proposed amendments.

AGENDA ITEM NO.v:

**EVENTS AND PUBLICATIONS TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF SENATE
PARLIAMENTARY YEAR.**

9. Secretary Senate apprised the Committee about the launching of the following books:-

- (i) Book launching on “Fundamentals Rights of the citizens of Pakistan”.
- (ii) Launching of first annual report of the Senate of Pakistan containing the activities and business transacted by the House during the year.
- (iii) Launching of Compendium of Pakistani Laws.

The Committee appreciated the idea and the efforts of the Secretariat in this regard.

The Chairman apprised the Members that the initial idea of arranging a cultural evening has now been cancelled due to paucity of funds.

AGENDA ITEM NO.vi:

**PLANNED CHANGES TO BE INTRODUCED AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF NEW
PARLIAMENTARY YEAR.**

10. Secretary Senate and the Chairman shared some new ideas with the Committee i.e. designing of the ceiling of the House, overall layout plan of the House, color schemes, sitting arrangements, uniforms of the official performing their duties in the Hall, sitting arrangements of interns inside the Hall, color schemes for the documents to be tabled.

The Committee approved the idea and design of the ceremonial.

The Chairman shared the idea of having a procession of the Chairman at the start of every sitting, to which the Committee desired that the matter may be deferred for the time being.

AGENDA ITEM NO.vii:

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

11. The Secretary Senate stated that arrangements are being made to purchase furniture and

crocery in order to cut short the cost of the food items and other ancillary expenses for holding official lunches/dinners

The Committee agreed the suggestion.

12. The Chairman shared with the Committee a constraint under the rules that the Chairman has to issue a tender in case of making a transaction worth more than Rs. 100,000/=. The Chairman stated that the Secretariat is desirous of printing 1500 copies each of the books on the Human Rights and the Annual Report of the Senate which may cost more than Rs.100,000/= but we have no time to issue tender in this regard.

The Chairman sought approval of the Committee to make this transaction without issuing the tender keeping in view the time constraints.

The Committee issued approval to make the transaction.

13. The Chairman shared the idea of construction of a monument in memory of the unsung heroes of the democracy and constitution. The Committee agreed the idea. The Chairman stated that he is in consultation with the Speaker National Assembly in this respect who has principally agreed the idea which will be finalized later.

14. In juxta position, the Committee decided as under:-

- 1. Confirmed the minutes dated 10th and 18th February, 2016.**
- 2. Approved the proposed amendments in rules 184 and 210 of the Rules.**
- 3. Approved the printing of 1500 copies each of the books on the Human Rights and the Annual Report which will cost more than Rs. 100,000/=**
- 4. The Committee approved the idea and design of the ceremonial mace.**
- 5. The Committee approved the documentation policy at the commencement of new parliamentary year.**

15. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair at 02:30 p.m.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)
Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)
Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 16

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 14TH APRIL, 2016

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 14th April, 2016 in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Acting Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- ii. Business to be transacted during the 127th Session.
- iii. Proposal for the amendments in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 regarding electronic voting and introduction of Standing Orders.
- iv. Planned changes to be introduced at the commencement of new parliamentary year
- v. Review / amendments in the Senate (Finance Committee) Rules, 1973 and Senate Secretariat (Recruitment) Rules, 1973, in line with the constitutional scheme.
- vi. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	Acting Chairman
2)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
3)	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
4)	Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
5)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member
6)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
7)	Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi	
8)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
9)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
10)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member

11) Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh,

Ex-officio Member

Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs

12) Mr. Amjed Pervez

Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 03:15 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Committee started consideration of the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO.i:

COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

5. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee about the compliance report on the earlier decisions of the Committee upon which the Committee showed satisfaction.

AGENDA ITEM NO.ii:

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE 127TH SESSION.

6. Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that the following business is likely to be taken up during the session:-

- Calling Attention Notices.
- Adjournment Motions.
 - Six adjournment motion on the issue of PANAMA Leaks.
 - Five adjournment motions on the situation arising out of the arrest of a spy of RAW by the Intelligence Agencies of Pakistan.
 - Three adjournment motions on the loss of lives and properties in recent flood and land sliding in Gilgit Baltistan and KPK.
 - Two adjournment motions on the sit-in at D-Chowk by an unlawful mob.
 - Two adjournment motions on the tragic incident of bomb blast at Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park Lahore.
- Three Privilege Motions
- Question Hour, Motions under rule 218, Resolutions:
- Introduction of Private Members' Bills
- Government Bills passed by the National Assembly and transmitted to the Senate.
- Meeting of the Committee of the Whole on the FATA likely to be held during the session.

The Committee unanimously agreed that discussion on the issue of PANAMA Leaks will be made by way of a Motion under rule 218. The Committee agreed that the discussion will commence

from 15th April, 2016. For other matters especially on the arrest of spy of RAW by intelligence agencies, the matter will be taken up under the different tools as submitted by the Members.

While discussing the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Bill, 2016, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs requested the Committee that since the PMDC Ordinance will lapse on 25th of April, 2016, therefore, there is an urgency of passing of this Bill which has already been passed by the National Assembly.

Senator Aitzaz Ahsan suggested that keeping in view the time constraints the Opposition may not oppose this Bill in the Committee however, there are some amendments which are required to be incorporated in this Bill so if the Government gives assurance that those amendment will be allowed in future then the Opposition may support the Government in passage of this Bill as passed by the National Assembly. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq stated that he will take up the matter with the concerned Minister and hopefully Government will not oppose the subsequent amendments of the Opposition. It is decided that the Bill will be referred to the Committee and the limited time will be given to the Committee to submit report.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iii:

PROPOSAL FOR THE AMENDMENTS IN THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012 REGARDING ELECTRONIC VOTING AND INTRODUCTION OF STANDING ORDERS.

7. The Committee approved the proposed amendment in rule 89 regarding incorporation of automatic voting facility, however, the Committee suggested that the mock exercise in the House may be made before incorporation the real time voting.
8. The Committee also approved the idea of Standing Orders to govern the day to day business of the Secretariat. The Committee also directed the Secretariat to prepare headnotes of all the Rulings of the Chairman.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iv:

PLANNED CHANGES TO BE INTRODUCED AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF NEW PARLIAMENTARY YEAR.

9. Secretary Senate apprised the Committee about the planned changes to be introduced on the commencement of new Parliamentary year which included the documentation policy (the Orders of the Day, Bills and reports of the Committee on Bills will be printed on coloured papers) and a ceremonial Mace containing all elements of the Senate emblem i.e. the symbols of the Federating Units besides different infrastructure changes in the Hall and Galleries as well as change of colour of

uniform. It is said that before introduction of the ceremonial Mace it may be shown to the Members of the Committee in a special meeting.

The Committee expressed full support for the new initiatives including establishment of a constitutional history gallery.

AGENDA ITEM NO.V:

REVIEW/AMENDMENTS IN THE SENATE (FINANCE COMMITTEE) RULES, 1973 AND SENATE SECRETARIAT (RECRUITMENT) RULES, 1973, IN LINE WITH THE CONSTITUTIONAL SCHEME.

10. The Committee reviewed the two sets of Rules and approved the amendments required in the two to bring them in line with the scheme of constitutional independence and autonomy and trichotomy of powers. The Committee approved that the title of the Senate Secretariat (Recruitment) Rules, 1973 be changed as Senate Secretariat (Recruitment and Condition of Service) Rules and the same along with the Senate Finance Committee Rules may be placed in the House for approval during current Session.

AGENDA ITEM NO.VI:

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

11. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi inquired from the Secretary about the validity of the reports published by the PILDAT about the Parliament. Secretary Senate informed the Committee that at the end of every Parliamentary year PILDAT and other reporting agencies seek information/facts & figures from the Secretariat, however, this year the Secretariat did not provide any information to them since the Senate of Pakistan has launched its annual report which contain all sort of information.

12. In juxta position, the Committee decided as under:-

- 1. Discussion on the PANAMA Leaks issue will be made by way of a Motion under rule 218.**
- 2. The Committee decided that the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Bill, 2016 will be referred to the concerned Committee as per tradition but the concerned Committee will be asked to report back to the House within the limited time keeping in view the time constraints in this case.**
- 3. The Committee approved the amendment in rule 89 regarding automatic voting system.**
- 4. The Committee approved the idea of Standing Orders with the direction to**

prepare headnotes of the rulings of the Chairman as well.

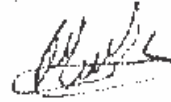
5. The Committee approved some amendments in the Senate (Finance Committee) Rules, 1973 and Senate Secretariat (Recruitment) Rules, 1973 and decided that both the rules be placed in House for approval.

13. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair at 04:00 p.m.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri)

Acting Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 17

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 19TH APRIL, 2016

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 19th April, 2016, at 02:00 p.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 29th February and 14th April, 2016.
- ii. Planned changes to be introduced in the new parliamentary year.
- iii. Constitutional scheme with regard to the Upper House of the Parliament and Constitutional aberration – continuity/numbering of Senate Sessions.
- iv. Proposed amendment in Rule 165 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- v. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

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| 1) | Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate | Chairman |
| 2) | Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri | Member |
| 3) | Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq | Member |
| 4) | Senator Aitzaz Ahsan | Member |
| 5) | Senator Islamuddin Shaikh, Chief Whip, PPP | Member |
| 6) | Senator Saeed Ghani | Member |
| 7) | Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour | Member |
| 8) | Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood | Member |
| 9) | Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed | Member |
| 10) | Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar | Member |
| 11) | Senator Mir Israr Ullah Khan Zehri | Member |
| 12) | Senator Siraj ul Haq | Member |

13)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
14)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
15)	Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh,	Ex-officio Member
	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs	
16)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 02:00 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Committee started consideration of the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 29TH FEBRUARY AND 14TH APRIL, 2016.

5. As no objection was raised by any member, therefore, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meetings dated 29th February, 2016 and 14th April, 2016, however, Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, while pointing to some contents of para No. 6 of the minutes, stated that although it was decided in the previous of the HBAC dated 14th April, 2016 that keeping in view the time constraints the Opposition may not oppose the PMDC (Amendment), Bill, if the Government gives assurance that amendments will be allowed in future then the Opposition may support the Government in passage of this Bill as passed by the National Assembly. However, the Opposition benches are of that the Government will not abide by its commitments.

AGENDA ITEM NO. ii:

PLANNED CHANGES TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE NEW PARLIAMENTARY YEAR.

6. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee regarding the documentation policy, which includes printing of Orders of the Day, Bills and Reports of the Committees on colored papers and informed that announcement in this regard will be made in the House.

7. Secretary Senate also informed the Committee that Electronic voting system has been operationalized and in future option of electronic voting will be available.

8. The Committee appreciated and approved the concept of ceremonial mace.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iii:

CONSTITUTIONAL SCHEME WITH REGARD TO THE UPPER HOUSE OF THE PARLIAMENT AND CONSTITUTIONAL ABERRATION – CONTINUITY/NUMBERING OF SENATE SESSIONS.

9. All Members unanimously endorsed that Senate Sessions shall be numbered in the true spirit of Constitutional scheme i.e. continuity of Senate and decided that a resolution will be brought in

the House correcting the factual error and the existing Session will be numbered 247.

10. The Chairman Senate requested that Senate Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition to draft the said Resolution.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iv:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT IN RULE 165 (1) OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012.

11. The Committee approved amendment in rule 165 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, with a variation that minimum number of Members of Committee shall be fixed at ten instead of eight.

12. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 18

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 9TH MAY, 2016

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 9th May, 2016, at 12:30 p.m. in Committee Room No.4, Parliament House Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 19th April, 2016.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Business to be transacted during the 248th Session.
- iv. Proposal of Committee day during the Session for improved attendance.
- v. Finances required for technical and infrastructure support to the Members and Committees.
- vi. Discussion on the Senate Forum for Policy Research (SFPR).
- vii. Proposed amendments in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- viii. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate	Chairman
2)	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri	Member
3)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
4)	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
5)	Senator Saleem Zia, Chief Whip, PML (N)	Member
6)	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
7)	Senator Saeed Ghani	Member
8)	Senator Col (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
9)	Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour	Member
10)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member

11)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
12)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
13)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
14)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
15)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
16)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 12:45 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Committee started consideration of the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 19TH APRIL, 2016.

5. As no objection was raised by any member, therefore, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meetings dated 19th April, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO. ii:

COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

6. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee about the compliance report on the earlier decisions of the Committee upon which the Committee showed satisfaction.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iii:

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE 248TH SESSION.

7. The Chairman apprised the Members about the business likely to be transacted during the session. It was informed that other than the routine Private Members' business some government bills are likely to be introduced. It was further decided that meeting of the Committee of the Whole on Senate Elections may be held on 12th May, 2016.

On the proposal that the House may pass resolution in favour of Mr. Sadiq Khan on his election as Mayor of London, it was agreed that Members may speak on the issue on floor of the House.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iv:

PROPOSAL OF COMMITTEE DAY DURING THE SESSION FOR IMPROVED ATTENDANCE.

8. The agenda item was exhaustively discussed by the Committee. The Chairman showed serious concerns over the lack of quorum in the Committee meetings. The Chairman shared the International practice of dedicating a specific day for Committee meetings, during the sessions of the parliament.

Most of the members liked the idea while some others were of the view that it may not solve the problem. However, it was decided that second Wednesday during the current Session will be observed as Committee Day on experimental basis. The Committee further directed that all the Members of the House may be informed through letters to ensure better participation in the Committee meetings.

The Committee further deliberated upon the method through which the Members could be tempted to attend the Committee meetings.

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, suggested that the Members whose attendance would be higher in committee meetings should be preferred for the foreign tours, however, the Committee could not arrive at a conclusion in this respect.

AGENDA ITEM NO. v:

FINANCES REQUIRED FOR TECHNICAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT TO THE MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES.

9. Secretary Senate briefed about the background of the agenda that some of the members and Chairpersons of the Committees have been raising this issue and wanted to bring it in the House or take up with the Senate Standing Committee on Finance. The Secretary said in view of the constitutional and legal position the matter does not pertain to the Standing Committee on Finance as the House can decide on the advice of its Finance Committee. However perks and privileges for members and Committees are determined by Acts of Parliament which need to be amended.

The Parliamentary Party Leaders and Members also raised the demand for provision of suitable offices. They were of the view that they will be able to contribute more effectively in the House business if suitable office place is provided to them. The issue of funding some of the activities of the Parliamentary Friendship Groups was also raised. The Chairman said that he will look into the matter. The Committee was of unanimous opinion that the funds of the Secretariat should be enhanced in order to facilitate the Members.

The Chairman explained the Members the efforts made by him and the Secretariat in increasing office space in the C-Block / former US-AID Building and said that he was hopeful that in the coming financial year the problems would be resolved by and large. It was further decided that the Secretariat will ensure budgeting required amount for increased Parliamentary and Committee activities for effective functioning.

AGENDA ITEM NO. vi:

DISCUSSION ON THE SENATE FORUM FOR POLICY RESEARCH (SFPR).

10. The Committee was informed about the background of the creation of the Forum and some of its recent decisions as well as its working which required a review. Further discussion in the matter

was deferred.

AGENDA ITEM NO. vii:

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012.

11. The Committee discussed the agenda item at length and decided that the substantive amendments in the rules may formally be made whereas the typographical/grammatical/patent errors in the text of the rules may be rectified by the Secretariat at its own.

Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi suggested to refer the amendments to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges but the Committee did not agree the suggestion.

12. In juxta position, the Committee decided as under:-

- 1. The minutes of the meeting dated 19th April, 2016 were confirmed.**
- 2. The Committee decided that before deciding Wednesday falling during the sessions as Committee Day, the second Wednesday during the current Session be used on experimental basis.**
- 3. The Committee decided to write letters to all the Members informing them about the Committee Day and also to sensitize them to attend the Committee meetings.**
- 4. The Committee approved that the substantive amendments in the rules may formally be made whereas the typographical/grammatical/patent errors in the text of the rules may be rectified by the Secretariat.**

13. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)
Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)
Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 19

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 19TH MAY, 2016

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 19th May, 2016, at 10:15 a.m. in Committee Room No. 3, Parliament House Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 9th May, 2016.
- ii. Consideration of "The Un-attended Orphans (Rehabilitation and Welfare) Bill, 2013".
- iii. Placement of interns with the Members.
- iv. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate	Chairman
2)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
3)	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
4)	Senator Saleem Zia, Chief Whip, PML (N)	Member
5)	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
6)	Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour	Member
7)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
8)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
9)	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
10)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
11)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 10:15 a.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Committee started

consideration of the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 9TH MAY, 2016.

5. As no objection was raised by any member, therefore, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meetings dated 9th May, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO. ii:

COMPLIANCE CONSIDERATION OF “THE UN-ATTENDED ORPHANS (REHABILITATION AND WELFARE) BILL, 2013”.

6. Joint Secretary (Legislation) briefed the Committee about the background and the phases through which the Bill passed through. She also explained the necessary amendments in the Bill suggested by the House Business Advisory Committee. Copies of the Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of Pakistan passed in a similar H.R case No. 22607 of 2011 were also distributed to the Members.

7. The Committee held extensive deliberations and while considering the matter regarding parentage of abandoned children for registration for the purposes of Computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) and Child Registration Certificate (CRC), also considered the judgment of Supreme Court in Human Rights Case No. 22607-S of 2011 dated 29-05-2014, wherein, the apex court reviewed orphanage registration policy prepared by NADRA and considered it satisfactory. Relevant para of the said judgment is reproduced as under:-

3. *On 02-12-2013, NADRA through Civil Miscellaneous Application No. 167 of 2013 submitted a detailed report which inter alia includes the Orphanage Registration Policy framed by NADRA wherein an elaborate procedure has been laid down for registration of orphan children. The said procedure is as under:-*

4. *to implement the above mentioned provision, in compliance of relevant rules and Court Order, NADRA has formulated a procedure for Registration of Orphan Children.*

a. REQUIREMENT FOR ORPHANAGE

- (1) Registration of Orphanage with NADRA alongwith complete record of all previously held children. Sample registration form attached as per F/A.
- (2) It is mandatory that the orphanage is registered and certified by the provincial authority/ federal authority designated for this purpose under the law.

- (3) the governing authority of each orphanage will for purposes of NADRA designated a guardian for the Children. The name, CNIC No. and designation with specimen signature will be officially sent to NADRA and the same guardian will be considered as head for issuance of CNIC/CRC to orphans.
- (4) attestation duly attested by Class-I officer as permissible under section 9 of NADRA Rules 2002.

b. ISSUANCE OF CNIC/ CRC TO THE “GROWN UP” ORPHANS AT ORPHANAGE.

- (1) An affidavit @ Rs. 20 (Registration Certificate) by the provider of the CNIC stating that particulars of the applicant are correct as per Orphanage record.
- (2) submission of the record (attested copies) held by orphanage to NADRA when the child was first registered with Orphanage (copy of register page, birth certificate – if any, any other document etc.)
- (3) In case of Unknown parentage of the child, any un-specified name of the parents as recorded by the Orphanage will be entered in the database i.e. it is responsibility of Orphanage to give any supposed name to the Un-Known parents of the Child, but these names should not be fixed names like Edhi, Abdulllah, Adam or Eve.

c. ISSUANCE OF CNIC/ CRC TO THE “NEW ENTRANTS” ORPHANS AT ORPHANAGE.

- (1) For every new entrant, it will be mandatory for Orphanage to report to NADRA about the baby child.
- (2) In order to preempt the future claims for the child, DNA test of the child be conducted by the Orphanage (If possible and not costly).”

8. The Committee, on the basis of legal acumen of the apex court and deliberations of the Members, recommended as under:-

That in the Un-attended Orphans (Rehabilitation and Welfare) Bill, 2013, as reported by the Standing Committee,-

- i. “In clause 2,
 - a. paragraph (a) shall be omitted and remaining paragraphs shall be re-lettered accordingly;

- b. in existing paragraph (e) after the word “child”, the commas and words “below the age of fifteen years” shall be inserted.”
- ii. That in clause 3, in sub-clause (2), the word “etc.” shall be substituted with the words “and other organizations”.
- iii. That clause 5 shall be substituted with the following,-
 - “5. Record to be maintained.- The Government shall maintain a record of all the un-attended orphans.”
- iv. That after clause 5, as substituted, the following new clauses 6 & 7 shall be added and existing clauses 6, 7 & 8 shall be re-numbered accordingly,-
 - “6. Responsibility of the Government.- The Government shall, for the welfare of unattended orphans,-
 - (i) provide free of cost education to every unattended orphan;
 - (ii) provide books, writing materials, clothes, uniforms and other relevant articles free of cost to every unattended orphan;
 - (iii) provide, free of cost, healthcare facilities to every unattended orphan;
 - (iv) take custody of every un-attended orphan identified by the Government in such manner as may be prescribed;
 - (v) send every identified un-attended orphan to the Child Abode;
 - (vi) provide vocational training and gainful employment ,if required, to every unattended orphan; and
 - (vii) take such other measures as may be necessary for the rehabilitation and welfare of an un-attended orphan.
 - 7. Registration of unattended orphans.-
 - (1) Every unattended orphan shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of the National Database and Registration Authority Ordinance, 2000 (ORDINANCE VIII OF 2000).
 - (2) For the purposes of registration, every Child Abode established under this Act or prior to this Act and every orphanage established in the private sector shall be registered with the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA).
 - (3) The governing authority of a child Abode or orphanage shall, for purposes of registration as provided in sub-clause (1), designate a guardian for the children. The name, computerized National Identity Card (CNIC) Number and designation with

specimen signature of the guardian shall be sent to NADRA and the same guardian will be considered as head for issuance of CNIC/Child Registration Certificate (CRC) to unattended orphans.

(4) The guardian shall submit all record, duly attested, held by Child Adobe/Orphanage to NADRA when the child was first registered with the same.

(5) In case of Unknown parentage of the child, any un-specified name of the parents shall be randomly selected through software application by NADRA.”

9. The Committee recommended that the “The Un-attended Orphans (Rehabilitation and Welfare) Bill, 2013”, as reported by the House Business Advisory Committee may be passed by the Senate and issued instructions that report of the Committee, in this regard, shall be laid before the House on the same day i.e. 19th May, 2016.

10. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, suggested that recognizing the Resolution No. 1/40-ICHAD of the OIC, the Senate of Pakistan should also pass a Resolution suggesting the Government to celebrate 15th of Ramadan every year as Day of Orphans and abandoned children. The Chairman as well as the Committee appreciated the suggestion and agreed the same.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iii:

PLACEMENT OF INTERNS WITH THE MEMBERS.

11. Secretary Senate apprised the Members about the availability of the interns through the Prime Minister's National Internship Program. He explained the engagement of the existing internees with various Standing Committees as well as with the Legislation Branch. The Members appreciated the working of the interns.

Secretary Senate further stated that a cohort of 60 interns will be provided to the Senate under the Prime Minister's National Internship Program. However, initially a group of 13 to 15 interns has been placed at the disposal of the Senate Secretariat.

The Committee deliberated upon the placement of the above referred interns. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, suggested that until receipt of full cohort of interns, the existing internees may be deputed with the Parliamentary party leaders and the remaining if any to the Chairmen Standing Committee.

The Committee agreed the suggestion with further suggestion that efforts should be made to provide an internee to every Member of the Committee as their input is very useful for the Members.

The Committee also suggested that the Members should positively utilize the skills of the internees. The Committee agreed that a suggestion paper should be circulated amongst the

Members to sensitize them that how to utilize the interneers positively.

The Chairman directed to bring the Code of Ethics and ancillary rules in the next meeting of House Business Advisory Committee.

12. In juxtaposition, the Committee decided as under:-

- 1. The minutes of the meeting dated 9th May, 2016 were confirmed.**
- 2. The Committee approved “The Un-attended Orphans (Rehabilitation and Welfare) Bill, 2013”, with amendments.**
- 3. The Committee decided to bring a resolution in the House suggesting the Government to celebrate 15th of Ramadan every year as Day of Orphans and abandoned children.**
- 4. The Committee decided to depute the existing available interns with the Parliamentary party leaders and also to circulate a suggestion paper to the Members sensitizing them that how to utilize the services of the interns positively.**
- 5. The Committee directed to bring the Code of Ethics and ancillary rules in the next meeting of House Business Advisory Committee**

13. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 20

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 31st MAY, 2016

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 31st May, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 19th May, 2016.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Business to be transacted during the Budget Session (249th session).
- iv. Discussion on urgent important matter.
- v. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate	Chairman
2)	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haider	Member
3)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
4)	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
5)	Senator Saeed Ghani	Member
6)	Senator Saleem Zia, Chief Whip, PML (N)	Member
7)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
8)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
9)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
10)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed	Member
11)	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
12)	Shaikh Aftab Ahmed	Ex-Officio Member
		Minister for Parliamentary Affairs
13)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 6:40 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Committee started consideration of the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 19TH MAY, 2016.

5. As no objection was raised by any Member, therefore, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meetings dated 19th May, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO. ii:

**COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

6. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee about the compliance report on the following earlier decisions of the Committee.

- i. Decision of the Committee not to hold session of the Senate on every Wednesday falling during the sessions and declaring the same as Committee Day for holding committee meetings.

Secretary Senate informed the Members that Committee day was observed on 18th May, 2016. Five Standing Committees and three other Committees meetings were scheduled and held on that day.

- ii. Approval of the substantive amendments in the rules including the authorization to the Secretary to rectify the typographical/grammatical/patent errors in the text of the rules.

Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that the amendments were passed by the House on 19th May, 2016.

- iii. Approval of "The Un-attended Orphans (Rehabilitation and Welfare) Bill, 2013", with amendments.

Secretary Senate informed the Committee that the report of the Committee was presented in the House on 19th May, 2016 and the Bill was considered and passed by the House on 20th May, 2016.

- iv. Decision of the Committee to bring a resolution in the House suggesting the Government to celebrate 15th of Ramadan every year as Day of Orphans and abandoned children.

Secretary Senate reported that the Resolution was moved by Senator Raja

Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House on 20th May, 2016 which was unanimously passed by the House.

- v. The decision of the Committee to depute the existing available interns with the Parliamentary party leaders and also to circulate a suggestion paper to the Members sensitizing them that how to utilize the services of the interns positively.
The Secretary informed the Committee that the interns have been deputed as per instruction of the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iii:

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE BUDGET SESSION (249TH SESSION).

7. The Committee extensively discussed the agenda item and concluded that only the Legislative Business, Adjournment Motions and Calling Attention Notices shall be taken up during the Budget Session.
8. The Committee also took the following further decisions regarding the holding of proceedings during the Budget Session:-
 - i. While discussing the proposal of the Ministry of Parliament Affairs regarding the prorogation of 249th session on 2nd June and summoning of Budget Session on 3rd June, 2016, the Committee unanimously decided that it would be inappropriate to summon and prorogue the session on the same day, therefore, the 249th session shall continue.
The Chair directed the Secretariat to convey the decision to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.
 - ii. The Committee decided that the time limit for speeches during the Budget Session on the Finance Bill, 2016 shall be as under:-
 - Parliamentary Party Leaders shall speak for up to 25 minutes.
 - Other Members shall speak for up to 15 minutes.
 - iii. The Committee decided that during the Holy month of Ramadan, the timings of the session shall be from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the interval of Zohar prayer.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iv:

DISCUSSION ON AN URGENT IMPORTANT MATTER.

9. The discussion on the agenda item was held in-camera. The Leader of the House, Leader of

the Opposition, Deputy Chairman and Parliamentary Party Leaders belonging to Opposition and Government Benches were of the view that an important constitutional matter has been prolonged and delayed for over 10 months and Chairman/Senate had all the right to decide and act either way but in view of the national circumstances and conditions a decisive action in the constitutional matter may be withheld till 2 weeks after full resumption of functions by the Prime Minister/Leader of the House in the National Assembly.

AGENDA ITEM NO. v:

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

10. The Minister for Parliamentary Affairs shared the proposed tentative schedule of the National Assembly Sessions during its 4th Parliamentary Year (1st June, 2016 to 31st May, 2017) and requested that parliamentary calendar of Senate Sessions for the Parliamentary Year 2016-17 may be compared with the tentative schedule of National Assembly in order to bring harmony in the Sessions of Senate and National Assembly.

11. The Committee decided that since the Parliamentary calendar of Senate session have been prepared earlier in time, in consultation with the Chairman Senate and keeping in view the international and national commitments, and the same is in implementation stages, therefore, it will not be feasible to amend the same. Furthermore, the Government is in the process of preparing the schedule of the National Assembly Sessions, therefore, if required, it will be more appropriate if the said schedule is prepared, keeping in view the Senate Parliamentary calendar.

12. *In juxtaposition, the Committee decided as under:-*

- 1. The minutes of the meeting dated 19th May, 2016 were confirmed.**
- 2. The current session will not be prorogued on 2nd June rather the same will continue. The Chair directed the Secretariat to convey the decision to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs.**
- 3. Time limit for speeches during the Budget Session on the Finance Bill, 2016 shall be for Parliamentary Party Leaders up to 25 minutes and for other Members up to 15 minutes.**
- 4. Timings of the session during the Holy Month of Ramadan shall be from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the interval of Zohar prayer.**
- 5. During the Budget Session only the Legislative Business, Adjournment Motions and Calling Attention Notices shall be taken up.**

6. The Government may, if required, prepare the schedule of the National Assembly Sessions keeping in view the Senate Parliamentary calendar.
 7. In view of the national circumstances and conditions a decisive action in the constitutional matter may be withheld till 2 weeks after full resumption of functions by the Prime Minister/Leader of the House in the National Assembly.
13. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 21

The House Business Advisory Committee

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 7TH JUNE, 2016

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 7th June, 2016, at 3:45 p.m. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of meeting dated 31st May, 2016.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Laying of Senate Budget before the House in the spirit of transparency and openness.
- iv. Operationalization of Committee on Ethics.
- v. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate	Chairman
2)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
3)	Senator Saeed Ghani	Member
4)	Senator Saleem Zia, Chief Whip, PML (N)	Member
5)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
6)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed	Member
7)	Senator Sirajul Haq	Member
8)	Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini	Member
9)	Senator Samina Abid in place of Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak.	Member
10)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 3:45 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Committee started

consideration of the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 31ST MAY, 2016.

5. As no objection was raised by any Member, therefore, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meetings dated 31st May, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO. ii:

**COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

6. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee about the compliance report on the following earlier decisions of the Committee.

- i. Decision of the Committee regarding the proposal of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs to prorogue the current session on 2nd June and re-summon the Budget session on 3rd June.

Secretary Senate informed the Committee that the decision of the Committee to continue the current session from 2nd June onward till the conclusion of Budget debates and submission of recommendations to the National Assembly was duly conveyed to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and the minutes of the Committee were also transmitted to them.

- ii. The proposal of the Parliamentary Affairs to re-schedule the calendar of sessions of the Senate for Parliamentary year 2016-17 according to the parliamentary calendar of session of National Assembly.

Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that letter has been written to the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs advising them to adjust the schedule of the National Assembly sessions according to the approved Senate calendar of sessions as the calendar of sessions of the Senate has already been approved by the Prime Minister.

- iii. Withholding of decisive action in the constitutional matter for two weeks till resumption of functions by the Prime Minister/Leader of the House in the National Assembly.

Secretary Senate stated that the matter has been kept pending till resumption of functions by the Prime Minister/Leader of the House in the National Assembly.

The Chairman also explained the trend of the Members during budget speeches in this regard.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iii:

LAYING OF SENATE BUDGET BEFORE THE HOUSE IN THE SPIRIT OF TRANSPARENCY AND OPENNESS.

7. The Chairman explained the Members the idea behind the agenda item and apprised the Members that under the existing constitutional scheme and rules of procedure the Budget of the Senate is approved by the Senate Finance Committee and the House has nothing to do with the same but keeping in view the spirit of transparency and openness, it is proposed that the Budget of the Senate may also be laid in the House for information of the Members and other stakeholders.

8. The Members exhaustively deliberated upon the idea and there was a split opinion of the Committee in this regard. Senators Mushahid Hussain Syed, Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Saleem Zia, Samina Abid and Saeed Ghani were of the view point that the Budget of the Senate should be laid before the House whereas Senators Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, Sirajul Haq and Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini were of the view that since the House Business Advisory Committee has membership of parliamentary leaders of all the parties, therefore, it would be suffice to lay the budget before the Business Advisory Committee only.

9. After detailed deliberations, the Committee decided that the Budget of the Senate of the current Financial Year, as approved by the Finance Committee, and the expenditure incurred during the last four Financial Years shall be laid before the House and from the next year, the Budget of the Senate, as approved by the Finance Committee, will be got approved by the House before inclusion of the same in the Federal Budget.

AGENDA ITEM NO. v:

OPERATIONALIZATION OF COMMITTEE ON ETHICS.

10. The Chairman explained the background of the agenda item and the amendments made by the Secretariat in the draft rules in view of the speeches of the Members in the House.

11. The Committee principally agreed on the operationalization of the Committee on Ethics, however, the agenda item was deferred till next meeting of the Committee with the direction to circulate the amended draft to all the Members of the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. vi:

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

12. Senator Saeed Ghani pointed out non-receipt of the detail of medicines availed by the Members from the Dispensary in the Parliament House despite the fact that an official was deputed in the dispensary to take record of the each Member.

The Chairman directed the Secretary to look into the matter.

13. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini spoke about the enhancement of salaries of the Members. Senator Saeed Ghani shared the opinion of the Minister for Finance in a meeting in this regard that the allowances should reasonably be enhanced gradually.

The Chairman suggested the Members that since the Government is already working on this matter, therefore, the Members should not show a hurry in this regard rather they should wait and see.

14. Senator Sirajul Haq requested the Chairman to give a break in the House proceedings for Zohar prayer.

The Chairman and the Committee agreed with the suggestion.

15. In juxtaposition, the Committee decided as under:-

- 1. The minutes of the meeting dated 31st May, 2016 were confirmed.**
- 2. The Committee decided that the Budget of the Senate for the current Financial Year, as approved by the Finance Committee, and the expenditure incurred during the last four Financial Years shall be laid before the House. The Budget of the Senate, as approved by the Finance Committee, will be got approved by the House in future before inclusion of the same in the Federal Budget.**
- 3. The Committee principally agreed on the operationalization of the Committee on Ethics.**
- 4. The Committee decided to have break for Zohar prayer during the Budget Session.**
- 5. The Committee directed the Secretariat to compile record of medicine facility availed by the Members from the Dispensary and convey to Member.**

16. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 22

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 18TH JULY, 2016

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 18th July, 2016 at 02.00 p.m. in committee Room No.4, First Floor, Parliament House, Islamabad.

2. Agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of the meeting dated 7th June, 2016.
- ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decision of the Business Advisory Committee.
- iii. Paying tributes to late Abdul Sattar Edhi and Senate contribution to Edhi Fund / Cause.
- iv. Business to be transacted during the 250th Session.
- v. Commemoration of Senate Founding Day.
- vi. Operationalization of Committee on Ethics.
- vii. Proposed amendments in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 (Public Accounts Committee).
- viii. Powers and Role of Senate.
- ix. Any other item with permission to the Chair.

3. The following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate	Chairman
2)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
3)	Senator Saeed Ghani	Member
4)	Senator Col.® Tahir H. Mashhadi, MQM	Member
5)	Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour, ANP	Member
6)	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak, PTI	Member
7)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood, JUI-F	Member
8)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, PML	Member
9)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo, NP	Member
10)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, PKMAP	Member

11)	Senator Mir Israr Ullah Khan Zehri, BNP-A	Member
12)	Senator Hidayat Ullah, FATA	Member
13)	Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh,	Ex-Officio Member
		Minister for Parliamentary Affairs
14)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting started at 2:14 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Committee started consideration of the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 7TH JUNE, 2016.

5. The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting dated 7th June, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO. ii:

COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

6. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee about the compliance report on the following earlier decisions of the Committee.

- i. Decision of the Committee regarding the Budget of the Senate for the current financial year, as approved by the Finance Committee, and the expenditure incurred during the last four financial years shall be laid before the House. The Budget of the Senate, as approved by the Finance Committee, will be got approved by the House in future before inclusion of the same in the Federal Budget.

Secretary Senate informed the Committee that the budget of the Senate Secretariat for the financial year 2016-17 as approved by the Finance Committee was laid in the House on 13th June, 2016. Documents containing detailed information about the Budget estimates for financial year 2016-17 as well as expenditures for the last four financial years were placed in the House as well as distributed among the media persons in the Press Gallery. This initiative of the Senate, which is first of kind in Legislative history of Pakistan, has been well received and commented upon by the Media.

- ii. The Committee principally agreed on the operationalization of the Committee on Ethics. However, the Committee desired that the draft Code of Ethics and the Rules be circulated among the Committee members and the matter may be discussed and finalized in the next Committee meeting.

Secretary Senate explained the Committee that the draft code of Ethics was

circulated to all the Members of the Committee. The matter is placed on the agenda of this meeting or further guidance.

- iii. The Committee directed the Secretariat to compile record of medicine facility availed by the Members from the Dispensary and convey to Member.

Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that Senate Secretariat wrote a letter to the dispensary Incharge and also provided necessary staff/logistical support. The dispensary has provided a list showing the names and quantity of medicines issued to sitting and former Members of the Senate. Further action will be taken in line with the directions of the Business Advisory Committee.

After discussion, it was decided that monthly detail of medicines availed by the Members from dispensary of Parliament House will be sent to sitting Senators for their information.

- iv. In view of the national circumstances and conditions a decisive action in the constitutional matter maybe withheld till 2 weeks after full resumption of functions by the Prime Minister/Leader of the House in the National Assembly.

Secretary Senate briefed the Committee that in the Budget Session members belonging to all the political parties discussed this matter directly or indirectly. A petition signed by all parties' Members was also submitted to the Chairman for formation of Senate's own Public Accounts Committee. However, the Chairman, in view of the decision taken in the Business Advisory Committee, withheld any action/ruling as matter is being placed before the Committee.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iii:

PAYING TRIBUTES TO LATE ABDUL SATTAR EMDI AND SENATE CONTRIBUTION TO EMDI FUND/CAUSE.

7. The Committee decided to pass a Resolution to appreciate the services of Mr. Emdi (late) for the humanity. The Committee also decided that each Member of Senate will contribute Rs. 20,000 in order to purchase four ambulances for Provincial Emdi Centres and a proforma will be prepared by the Secretariat for taking the consent of the Senators for making contribution.

8. During the discussion it was also decided that resolutions for departed souls of brave Kashmiri who have been martyred in the recent days due to atrocities of Indian Forces and for the departed soul of Qawwal Amjad Sabri will be passed during the Session. The Committee approved the draft resolutions.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iv

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE 250TH SESSION.

9. Secretary Senate briefed the Committee regarding transaction of the business during the 250th Session, it was decided that debate will be held on the marginalized segments of the society including children, women, handicapped people, transgender on Tuesday, 26th July, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO. v

COMMEMORATION OF SENATE FOUNDING DAY.

10. In order to commemorate the forthcoming Founding Day, the Committee agreed on the following events/activities are being organized:-

- a. Special session of the Senate will be summoned on 5th August, 2016. Former Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen along with other guests will be invited to witness the Session.
- b. A special Seminar will be organized on 6th August, 2016 from 1100 – 1400 hours at Marriott Hotel Islamabad followed by lunch. The guests list will include all Senators, former Senators and representatives from Academia, Media and Civil Society etc.
- c. The Speakers at the Seminar will include
 - (i) Chairman Senate
 - (ii) Speaker National Assembly
 - (iii) Mr. Waseem Sajjad, Former Chairman,
 - (iv) Mr. Nayyar Hussain Bukhari, Former Chairman,
 - (v) Senator Farooq H Naek, Former Chairman,
 - (vi) Leader of the House
 - (vii) Leader of the Opposition
 - (viii) Speakers of four Provincial Assemblies.
- d. Special news supplements/advertisements will be published in daily DAWN, News, Jang, Express and Nawa-e-Waqt.
- e. Media Houses will be approached to highlight the significance of the day in their news programmes.
- f. Special articles will be published in Newspapers in connection with the Founding Day.

AGENDA ITEM NO. vi

OPERATIONALIZATION OF COMMITTEE ON ETHICS.

11. Secretary Senate explained the process of constituting a Committee on Ethics is spread over a period of more than one year and is at final stage and a number of steps have been taken in this regard. After detailed discussion and deliberation it was decided that draft code of conduct for

Members of the Senate of Pakistan will be laid in the House for information and feedback of Members before operationalization of Committee on Ethics, which is due to Commence from next session of Senate.

AGENDA ITEM NO. vii

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012 (PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE).

12. The Committee approved the draft rules, however, it was decided that as per earlier decision the Prime Minister has returned to Pakistan, therefore, two weeks' time is given to Government for conveying decision regarding joint Parliamentary Committee on Public Accounts.

AGENDA ITEM NO. viii

POWERS AND ROLE OF SENATE

13. Chairman asked the Members of the Committee that review the draft working paper regarding instant agenda item, the matter will be taken up in the next meeting of the Committee, hence the agenda item was deferred.

AGENDA ITEM NO. ix

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

14. Chairman Senate briefed the Committee regarding the practice of ringing of bells in the House of Lords and House of Commons, UK, Australia and other Parliaments in order to alert the Members five minutes before scheduled time. It was agreed by the Committee that this practice should also be started in the Senate of Pakistan.

Decisions of the Committee

15. The decisions taken by the Committee are as follows:-

- i) The minutes of the meeting dated 7th June, 2016 were confirmed.
- ii) Monthly detail of medicines availed by the Members from dispensary of Parliament House will be sent to sitting Senators for their information.
- iii) The Committee decided to pass a Resolution to appreciate the services of Mr. Edhi (late) for the humanity. The Committee also decided that each Member of Senate will contribute Rs. 20,000 in order to purchase four ambulances for Provincial Edhi Centres and a proforma will be prepared by the Secretariat for taking the consent of the Senators for making contribution.
- iv) A resolution will be moved by Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed for departed souls of brave Kashmiri who have been martyred in the recent days due to atrocities of Indian Forces.
- v) A resolution will be moved by Senator Saeed Ghani for the departed soul of Qawwal

Amjad Sabri.

- vi) Debate will be held on the issue of marginalized segments of the society including children, women, handicapped people and transgender on Tuesday, 26th July, 2016.
- vii) In order to commemorate the forthcoming Founding Day, the Committee agreed on the following events/activities:-
 - a. Special session of the Senate will be summoned on 5th August, 2016. Former Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen along with other guests will be invited to witness the Session.
 - b. A special Seminar will be organized on 6th August, 2016 from 1100 – 1400 hours at Marriott Hotel Islamabad followed by lunch. The guests list will include all Senators, former Senators and representatives from Academia, Media and Civil Society etc.
 - c. The Speakers at the Seminar will include (i) Chairman Senate (ii) Speaker National Assembly (iii) Mr. Waseem Sajjad, Former Chairman, (iv) Mr. Nayyar Hussain Bukhari, Former Chairman, (v) Senator Farooq H Naek, Former Chairman, (vi) Leader of the House (vii) Leader of the Opposition (viii) Speakers of four Provincial assemblies.
 - d. Special news supplements/advertisements will be published in daily DAWN, News, Jang, Express and Nawa-e-Waqt.
 - e. Media Houses will be approached to highlight the significance of the day in their news programmes.
 - f. Special articles will be published in Newspapers in connection with the Founding Day.
- ix) Draft code of conduct for Members of the Senate of Pakistan will be laid in the House for information and feedback of Members before operationalization of Committee on Ethics.
- x) Five minutes before the commencement of every sitting of Senate bells will be rung in order to alert the Members.

16. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 23

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 28TH JULY, 2016

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 28th July, 2016 at 01:30 p.m. in committee Room No.4, First Floor, Parliament House, Islamabad.

2. Agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Confirmation of Minutes of the meeting dated 18th July, 2016.
- ii. Powers and Role of Senate.
- iii. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. The following Members attended the meeting:-

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| 1) | Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate | Chairman |
| 2) | Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri,
Deputy Chairman Senate. | Member |
| 3) | Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq,
Leader of the House | Member |
| 4) | Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition, | Member |
| 5) | Senator Islamuddin Shaikh, Chief Whip, PPP-P | Member |
| 6) | Senator Col.(R) Tahir H. Mashhadi, MQM | Member |
| 7) | Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour, ANP | Member |
| 8) | Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, PML | Member |
| 9) | Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, NP
In Place of Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo | Member |
| 10) | Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, PKMAP | Member |
| 11) | Senator Siraj ul Haq | Member |
| 12) | Senator Hidayat Ullah, FATA | Member |
| 13) | Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, BNP-M | Member |
| 14) | Mr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh, | Ex-Officio Member |

Minister for Parliamentary Affairs

4. Meeting started at 01:30 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Committee started consideration of the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO. i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING DATED 18TH JULY, 2016.

5. The agenda item was deferred.

AGENDA ITEM NO. ii

POWERS AND ROLE OF SENATE

6. The Chairman shared with the Committee that after strenuous efforts made by the Senate, Prime Minister/Leader of the House in National Assembly has agreed with the proposal that Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the National Assembly will be made a Joint Committee and 06 Members from Senate will be included, 01 from each province and 01 from FATA and ICT. The Committee agreed that Senate Rules will be amended, during the current Session, to provide a provision regarding election of six Senators for the PAC. The Chairman appreciated the efforts of all the Members, the House and House Business Advisory Committee. The Chairman apprised the Committee that Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance, will formally make a statement on the floor of the House and convey the approval of the Prime Minister/leader of the House in the National Assembly in this respect. The Committee appreciated efforts made and support provided by Senator Muhammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance in this regard.

7. The Chairman apprised the Committee that the Members of the Senate of Pakistan representing the four Provinces/Federating Unites and Federal Territories had been demanding a review of the Constitutional scheme vis-à-vis the powers of the Upper House of Parliament. During the 249th / Budget Session this matter came up in the speeches of almost all the members wherein they asked for not only role of the Senate in passing Finance Bill but gave a number of suggestions and proposals to empower the Senate so that it can play its role more effectively as a House of Federation especially in the aftermath of 18th Constitutional Amendment.

8. All Members of Committee were of the view that there is need to adopt a robust strategy to enhance the role and powers of the Senate in order to live up to the expectation of the federating units and to ensure effective implementation of Constitutional Scheme attributed to the upper house regarding protection and representation of interests of federation, federating units and the citizens of Pakistan.

9. The HBAC, keeping in view the demands made by the Members at various times/forums, especially during the Budget Session and the voices being raised from the Provinces, recommended the following roadmap to enhance/increase the Role and Powers of the Senate of Pakistan:-

1. Recommendations regarding Money Bill and Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP)

- (i) Money Bill including Finance Bill as provided vide paragraphs (b) to (g) of clause (2) of Article 73 of the Constitution, 1973, shall also be passed by the Senate as in case of other Bills.
- (ii) Public Sector Development Programme (PSDP) be passed by the Senate as there are serious concerns, apprehensions and reservations of the Provinces especially smaller ones in proper distribution of development finances among Federating Units.
- (iii) Article 82 (Procedure relating to Annual Budget Statement), Article 83 (Authentication of schedule of authorised expenditure), Article 85 (Votes on account) and Article 86 (Power to authorise expenditure when Assembly stands dissolved) to include the Senate.
- (iv) Ordinances containing provisions dealing with all or any of the matters specified in clause (2) of Article 73, shall also be laid in the Senate (Amendment in Sub-para (i) of para (a) of clause (2) of Article 89 of the Constitution, 1973)

2. Recommendations of the Functional Committee on Devolution of the Senate

- (i) All policy and Administrative boards, councils, bodies, etc. envisaged under various Acts of Parliament or established/constituted by an executive order shall be reconstituted in order to ensure that equal representation is given to all provinces.
- (ii) The nominations shall be based on the following principles:-
 - a. All nominations shall be strictly based on merit;
 - b. The principles of 'conflict of interest' shall be strictly adhered to;
 - c. Professionals, subject specialists and relevant persons shall be nominated to the technical Boards, Councils, Bodies, etc.
- (iii) Senate shall constitute a permanent bipartisan committee to oversee and ratify nominations to such Boards, Councils, Bodies, etc.
- (iv) All nominations to various policy and Administrative boards, councils, bodies, etc., flowing or originating from subjects falling under Federal Legislative List Part-I in the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Pakistan, 1973, shall be placed, by the Government, before the Senate bipartisan

Committee for ratification.

- (v) All nominations to various policy and Administrative boards, councils, bodies, etc., flowing or originating from subjects falling under Federal Legislative List Part-II in the Fourth Schedule to the Constitution of Pakistan, 1973, shall be placed in the form of summary before the Council of Common Interests and after approval, shall be placed before the Senate bipartisan Committee for ratification.
- (vi) Permission of privatization of bodies in the Federal Legislative List Part I and II to be taken from the Senate.

3. Relating to Senate

- (i) Clause (8) of Article 53 of the Constitution, 1973, which provides that “when the National Assembly is dissolved the Speaker shall continue in his office till the person elected to fill the office by the next Assembly enters upon his office.” will be made applicable to the Senate.
- (ii) Paragraph (c) of clause (1) of Article 62 of the Constitution, 1973, shall be amended to provide that a person shall be qualified to be elected as a Member of Senate if he is a “resident of the Province concerned for not less than five years”.
- (iii) In clause (2) of Article 72 of the Constitution, 1973, the words “or Chairman Senate” shall be added in order to enable the Chairman Senate to preside a joint sitting of Parliament.

4. House of Federation—Protection and representation of Provinces

- (i) In clause (4) of Article 72, Constitution, 1973, which provides that “all decisions at a joint sitting shall be taken by the votes of the majority of the members present and voting”, the concept of equality of votes in the Senate and the National Assembly needs to be included i.e. according to the present strength 3.28 votes of the National Assembly will be equal 1 vote of the Senate. This concept of equality is essential for the following amongst other reasons;
 - a) That when a Federal and Provincial Government is dissatisfied with a decision of the CCI, then under clause (7) of Article 154, the same is referred to a Joint Sitting.
 - b) Similarly, a decision by the CCI in terms of Article 155 i.e. complaints as to interference with water supplies and Article 157 electricity, any decision of

the CCI can be referred to a Joint Sitting, where this imbalance in numbers will work to the determinant of the Provinces.

- (ii) In clause (4) after the 2 provisos, a third proviso shall be added in Article 91 of the Constitution, 1973, that a vote of confidence will be taken within 3 months from the Senate.
- (iii) Chief Ministers shall be given right to speak in the Senate (Article 57 to be amended) Clause (2) of Article 60 of the Constitution, 1973, shall be amended accordingly.
- (iv) Article 126 of the Constitution, 1973, (Power to authorise expenditure when Assembly stands dissolved), the Provincial Government will make a recommendation to the Senate for authorization of expenditures.
- (v) In clause (4) of Article 159 of the Constitution, 1973, ("if any question arises whether any conditions imposed on any Provincial Government are lawfully imposed, or whether any refusal by the Federal Government to entrust functions is unreasonable, the question shall be determined by an arbitrator appointed by the Chief Justice of Pakistan") the words "an arbitrator to be appointed by the Chief Justice of Pakistan", shall be substituted by the words "shall be referred to the Senate for adjudication".
- (vi) Article 160 of the Constitution, 1973, if NFC cannot be announced within constitutional period of five years, the Federal Government shall take the permission of the Senate to extend it for a period specified. (The Senate in case it gives permission, it may increase the overall NFC by 5%).
- (vii) Article 162 of the Constitution, 1973 to be amended to the extent that such a Bill shall originate in the Senate.

5. Enhanced Role / Powers to both Houses

- (i) Article 166 of the Constitution, 1973, any borrowing agreement entered into by the Federal Government shall be ratified by both Houses of Parliament.
- (ii) Ratification of International Treaties, except Cultural Pacts, by the Parliament.

AGENDA ITEM NO. iii

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

10. The Chairman Senate briefed the Committee regarding Senate Founding Day. He further stated that Senate Session will be requisitioned for 5th August, 2016 and a Seminar in this regard will be held on 6th August, 2016, at Marriot Hotel, Islamabad. Which will be attended by former Chairmen

Senate, Speakers of Provincial Assemblies, dignitaries from Academia, Civil Society, Vice Chancellors and former Senators. He further apprised that two publications will be launched and special supplements will be published in the newspapers containing messages of Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition, Chairman himself and all Chief Ministers of Provinces.

11. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar Ul Haq, Leader of the House, appreciated the Secretary Senate and his team on successful conduct of APA meetings.

12. Senators Ilyas Ahmed Bilour, Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini and Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi pointed out some security and maintenance issues being faced by the Members residing in the Parliament Lodges.

Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Deputy Chairman Senate, apprised the Members about the steps being taken by him being the Chairman of the House Committee, to address the concerns of the Members.

13. The decisions taken by the Committee are as follows:-

- i) The HBAC, keeping in view the demands made by the Members at various times/forums, especially during the Budget Session and the voices being raised from the Provinces, recommended a roadmap, reflected at para 9, to enhance/increase the Role and Powers of the Senate of Pakistan.**
- ii) The Senate Rules will be amended, during the current Session, to provide a provision regarding election of six Senators to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).**

14. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)
Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)
Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 24

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 5TH AUGUST, 2016

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 5th August, 2016 at 02.30 p.m. in committee Room No. 4, First Floor, Parliament House, Islamabad.

2. Agenda of the meeting was as under:-

- i. Senate's 44th Foundation Day.
- ii. Any other item with permission to the Chair.

3. The following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Chairman Senate	Chairman
2)	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Deputy Chairman	Member
3)	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition	Member
4)	Senator Saleem Zia, Chief Whip, PML (N)	Member
5)	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan, PML-N	Member
6)	Senator Saeed Ghani	Member
7)	Senator Col.(R) Tahir H. Mashhadi, MQM	Member
8)	Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour, ANP	Member
9)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood, JUI-F	Member
10)	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed, PML	Member
11)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, PKMAP	Member
12)	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, BNP-A-	Member
13)	Senator Hidayat Ullah, FATA	Member
14)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate

4. Meeting commenced at 2:32 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Committee started consideration on the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO.i:

SENATE'S 44TH FOUNDATION DAY

5. The Chairman briefed the Committee about the purpose behind requisitioning and summoning of the Session i.e. to commemorate the 44th Foundation Day of the Senate. He stated that the Hon'ble Speaker National Assembly, former Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen Senate, former Senators and other dignitaries have been invited to attend the session. The Chairman further shared with the Committee a draft Resolution regarding Senate's 44th Foundation Day which, if approved by the Committee, would be moved and passed by the House. The Committee after due deliberations approved the draft with certain amendments. The Committee decided that the Leader of the Opposition will move the resolution whereas Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan, Parliamentary Leader PML-N will open the debate which will be followed by other Parliamentary Party Leaders and the Members.

6. The Chairman apprised the Committee that Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House was not well so he could not attend the today's meeting as well as the session, however, he has met him in the hospital and the Leader of the House has extended his well wishes for the Senate and congratulated the House on commemoration of 44th Foundation Day of the Senate of Pakistan.

AGENDA ITEM NO. ii:

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRMAN

7. Secretary Senate apprised the Committee and the Chairman that many members belonging to all parties have not made their contribution so far to the fund created for purchase of ambulances for the Edhi Foundations. The Chairman urged the parliamentary party leaders to impress upon their Members to make the contribution at the earliest so that timely action for a good cause can be taken. The Parliamentary Party Leaders requested the secretariat to again provide them the proformas for distribution among the Members.

8. The meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)

Secretary Senate



(Mian Raza Rabbani)

Chairman Senate of Pakistan

Meeting No. 25

The House Business Advisory Committee



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th SEPTEMBER, 2016

A meeting of the Business Advisory Committee was held on 5th September, 2016, at 1:15 p.m. in Committee Room No. 3, Parliament House Islamabad under the Chairmanship of Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Acting Chairman Senate of Pakistan.

2. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-
 - i. Confirmation of Minutes of meetings dated 18th July, 28th July and 5th August, 2016.
 - ii. Compliance report regarding earlier decisions of the Business Advisory Committee.
 - iii. Business to be transacted during the 252nd Session.
 - iv. Finalization of Code of Conduct for the Members' Senate of Pakistan.
 - v. Deliberations on roadmap for enhancing Role and Powers of Senate and weightage/ equality of voting in the Joint Sitting of the Parliament.
 - vi. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

3. Following Members attended the meeting:-

1)	Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri,	Acting Chairman
2)	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq	Member
3)	Senator Aitzaz Ahsan	Member
4)	Senator Saleem Zia, Chief Whip, PML (N)	Member
5)	Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan	Member
6)	Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo	Member
7)	Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar	Member
8)	Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah	Member
9)	Senator Hidayat Ullah	Member
10)	Senator Taj Haider	Member
11)	Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak	Member
12)	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi	Member
13)	Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamalini	Member

14)	Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood	Member
15)	Mr. Amjed Pervez	Secretary Senate
16)	Shaikh Aftab Ahmed	Minister for Parliamentary Affairs

4. Meeting started at 1:15 p.m. with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The Committee offered Fateha for the victims of Quetta, Mardan and other incidents with special mention of son of Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamalini. The Committee also welcomed Senator Taj Haider, newly appointed parliamentary party leader PPP vice Senator Saeed Ghani. Thereafter, the Committee started consideration of the following agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM NO.i:

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS DATED 18TH JULY, 28TH JULY AND 5TH AUGUST, 2016.

5. As no objection was raised by any member, therefore, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meetings dated 18th July, 28th July and 5th August, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM NO.ii:

COMPLIANCE REPORT REGARDING EARLIER DECISIONS OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

6. The Secretary submitted compliance report on the earlier decisions/directions of the Committee. The Committee showed satisfaction on the compliance report. However, with the permission of the Committee the Secretary named the members whose contribution to the Fund established for contribution for purchasing ambulances for Edhi Foundation is still awaited. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood agreed that he will contribute an amount of Rs.200,000/= to the Fund.

The Committee directed the Secretariat to once again provide the proformas to the Parliamentary Party Leaders for their onward transmission to the Members of their respective parties whose contribution is still awaited.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iii:

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED DURING THE 252ND SESSION.

7. The Committee decided to take up the routine business of the Members during the Session. It was decided that a unanimous Resolution condemning the Quetta and Mardan incidents will be passed by the House and an extensive debate on the issue will be made. The Committee decided to club all the adjournment motions and resolutions of individual Members with the unanimous resolution.

8. Secretary Senate apprised the Committee that the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs had contacted his office as they want to lay a report on FATA Reforms in the House. The

Secretary apprised the Committee that the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs who also happened to be the Chairman of that Committee as well as the Minister for SAFRON also wanted to speak in the House on the report.

The Committee decided that after laying of the report, the Advisor on Foreign Affairs and the Minister for SAFRON may speak on the report, however, since the Committee of the Whole is already seized of the matter, therefore, the report of the Government will be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

9. The Committee also discussed the mechanism of debate in the House in case any resolution on the objectionable statement of Mr. Altaf Hussain would be moved in the House.

Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi suggested that if a unanimous resolution condemning the statement of Altaf Hussain would be moved, the MQM will support the same full heartedly.

AGENDA ITEM NO.iv:

FINALIZATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE MEMBERS' SENATE OF PAKISTAN.

10. The agenda item was deferred.

AGENDA ITEM NO.v:

DELIBERATIONS ON ROADMAP FOR ENHANCING ROLE AND POWERS OF SENATE AND WEIGHTAGE/ EQUALITY OF VOTING IN THE JOINT SITTING OF THE PARLIAMENT.

11. The agenda item was deferred.

AGENDA ITEM NO.vi:

ANY OTHER ITEM WITH PERMISSION OF THE CHAIR.

12. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar stated that the CDs of the Constitution Day, Senate Founding Day and such like other events may be provided to the Members for record purposes.

The Committee agreed that the recordings of such events should be provided to the Members on payment.

13. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan raised objection on the altering of approved calendar of session as it causes inconvenience to the Members who had already planned their activities according to the calendar of session. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan suggested that the Business of the Members who are outside the country may be deferred. The Acting Chairman also urged the Government that the approved calendar of sessions should not be altered, unless in case of extreme emergency.

Secretary Senate apprised the Members that the schedule of 252nd session was altered with due consultation by the Government with the Chairman Senate, however, in future in case of any such eventuality, the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition will also be taken on

board. The Committee directed the Secretariat to defer the business of the Members who are abroad.

14. The Secretary apprised the Committee about the opening ceremony of GALI-E-DASTOOR, an initiative of the Senate of Pakistan to recognize the efforts for the restoration of democracy and upholding of the Constitution. Members appreciated the idea and efforts of the Chairman Senate and Secretary Senate in this regard.

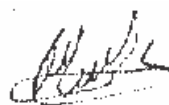
15. In juxta position, the Committee made the following decisions:-

- 1. The minutes of the meetings dated 18th July, 28th July and 5th August, 2016 were confirmed.**
- 2. The Committee decided that a unanimous resolution on Quetta and Mardan incidents shall be moved in the House and the House shall debate upon the issue.**
- 3. The Committee agreed that the report on FATA reforms, if laid by the Government, would be referred to the Committee of the Whole which is already seized of the matter.**
- 4. The Committee agreed that the recordings of the events like Constitution Day should be provided to the Members on payment.**
- 5. The Committee agreed that the approved calendar of sessions should not be altered except emergent situations and that too in consultation with the Chairman Senate, Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition.**

16. The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Amjed Pervez Malik)
Secretary Senate



(Abdul Ghafoor Haideri)
Acting Chairman Senate of Pakistan



Senate of Pakistan