

**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:-

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, MOS for Parliamentary Affairs	Ex-officio Member
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 Privilege., 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