

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN  
HOUSE OF FEDERATION**



**Report No. 5 of the Committee**

**REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE ON  
"THE PAKISTAN CLIMATE CHANGE BILL, 2017"**

**PRESENTED BY**  
**SENATOR MIR MUHAMMAD YOUSAF BADINI**  
**CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE**

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

**Subject:- REPORT ON THE "THE PAKISTAN CLIMATE CHANGE BILL, 2017"**

I, Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini, Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change have honour to present, on behalf of the Committee, the report on "The Pakistan Climate Change Bill, 2017" referred by the House to the Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2017 for consideration and report.

2. The agenda before the Committee was as under

- i. Consideration of "The Pakistan Climate Change Bill, 2017" referred by the House on 14th Feb, 2017.

3. The composition of the Committee is as under:-

i.	<b>Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
ii.	Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar ul Haq	Member
iii.	Senator Ms. Sitara Ayaz	Member
iv.	Senator Ms. Nighat Mirza	Member
v.	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq	Member
vi.	Senator Mst. Gul Bashra	Member
vii.	Senator Pervaiz Rasheed	Member
viii.	Senator Kamran Michael	Member
ix.	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
x.	Senator Ahmed Hassan	Member
xi.	Senator Ms. Samina Abid	Member
xii.	Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed	Member
xiii.	Minister for Climate Change	Ex-Officio Member

4. Accordingly, the issue was discussed in the meeting of the Standing Committee on Climate Change held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. The following Members attended the meetings.

i.	Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini	Chairman
ii.	Senator Mst. Gul Bashra	Member
iii.	Senator Ahmed Hassan	Member
iv.	Senator Ms. Samina Abid	Member
v.	Mr. Zahid Hamid	Ex-Officio Member

Federal Minister for Climate Change

5. The Committee thoroughly discussed the objectives as well as the draft of the Bill. The Federal Minister for Climate Change, Mr. Zahid Hamid briefed the objectives of the Bill. He informed that Pakistan is the 7<sup>th</sup> most affected country in the world in respect of climate change,

while in terms of contribution to greenhouse gases Pakistan is ranked 135<sup>th</sup> in the world. The Committee supported the spirit of the Bill, and applauded the hard work of the Federal Minister for Climate Change. So, the Committee recommended that the House may pass “The Pakistan Climate Change Bill, 2017” as passed by the National Assembly.



**(Malik Arshad Iqbal)**  
Secretary Committee



**(Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini)**  
Chairman Committee

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

Subject:- MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

A meeting of the Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change was held under the Chairmanship of Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2017 at 02:00 P.M. in Committee Room No. 4, Parliament House, Islamabad.

2. The following members of the Committee attended the meeting:-
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| i.   | Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini | Chairman          |
| ii.  | Senator Mst. Gul Bashra            | Member            |
| iii. | Senator Ahmed Hassan               | Member            |
| iv.  | Senator Ms. Samina Abid            | Member            |
| v.   | Mr. Zahid Hamid                    | Ex-Officio Member |
- Federal Minister for Climate Change

3. The agenda of the meeting was as under:-
- i. Consideration of "The Pakistan Climate Change Bill, 2017" referred by the House on 14th Feb, 2017.
  - ii. Any other item with permission of the Chair.

4. The meeting commenced with recitation of the Holy Quran by Secretary Ministry of Climate Change. Thereafter, the Chairman Committee, Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini welcomed, Mr. Zahid Hamid, Federal Minister for Climate Change, Secretary Ministry of Climate Change, Addl. Draftsman, Ministry of Law and Justice and other officers and officials who attended the meeting.

5. The Federal Minister for Climate Change, Mr. Zahid Hamid briefed the objectives of the Bill. He apprised the Committee that as per CoP 21 (Conference of Paris 21), it was decided that \$ 100 billion would be available for climatically affected countries in the world. He further informed that Pakistan is the 7<sup>th</sup> most affected country in the world in respect of climate change, while in terms of contribution to greenhouse gases Pakistan is ranked 135<sup>th</sup> in the world. So, in his view Pakistan could claim major chunk of the available money by submitting project highlighting the above factual position coupled with melting glaciers, fierce monsoon rains and changed climatic patterns. He further elucidated that the said amount could only be claimed when there is a

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proper project and executing institutions. So, by dint of this law both the purposes would be served, and above all precious lives could be saved.

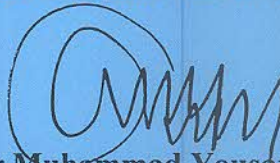
6. While discussing the clauses of the Bill, the Committee questioned the Members of Pakistan Climate Change Council, and suggested that there should be equal representation of all the provinces. The Chairman Committee also objected that local people would know better of their areas and would have deep insight into the local problems/areas. Mr. Zahid Hamid, Federal Minister for Climate Change, replying to the objection stated that the Council will only devise plan while the implementation would be through the provinces. He also ensured that Members would be selected on non-political basis and it includes representatives of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, non-governmental organizations concerned with Climate Change, scientists, researchers, technical experts and educationists concerned with Climate Change. The Committee supported the spirit of the Bill, and applauded the hard work of the Federal Minister for Climate Change. So, the Committee recommended that the House may pass "The Pakistan Climate Change Bill, 2017" as passed by the National Assembly.

### Recommendations

7. After detailed discussion/ deliberation the Committee recommended as follows:-
- i. The Committee recommended that the House may pass "The Pakistan Climate Change Bill, 2017" as passed by the National Assembly.
8. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.



(Malik Arshad Iqbal)  
Secretary Committee



(Senator Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini)  
Chairman Committee

