

SESSION JOURNAL 272nd session



SITTING HOURS AND ATTENDANCE	
Session summoned on	22 January 2018
Session prorogued on	26 th January 2018
Number of working days	5
Number of actual sittings	5 days
Maximum attendance	79
Minimum attendance	58
Average attendance	68.2 percent
Total hours of sittings	21 hours 9 minutes
Maximum hours of sitting	5 hours and 55 minutes
Minimum hours of sitting	2 hours and 44 minutes

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS

- 1. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah.
- 2. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.
- 3. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq.

Starred Questions

Received	537
Admitted	512
Disallowed	07
Lapsed	18
Admitted but lapsed	0
Replied	146
Referred to standing committee	03
Carried forwarded	363

Un-starred questions		
Received	03	
Admitted	03	
Replied	03	

	Resolutions
Received	43
Admitted	33

Disallowed	04
Under suspense	02
Passed by the house	04
Dropped by the house	02
Withdrawn by the house	04
Under process	04
Withdrawn by the house	01
Carried forwarded	26

Motions under rule 218

Received	47
Admitted	40
Disallowed	07
Discussed in the house	05
Convert into adjournment Motion	01
Discussed in the house	05
Carried forwarded	32

	Motions under rule 60		
Received	01		
Disallowed	02		

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Admissibility of following adjournment motions was determined in this session;

Serial. Subject of adj. motion Direction of chairman no

Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah moved Adj. Motion No. 1(1-272/2018-M), to discuss various mental and Physical issues being faced by the children under fourteen years of age in Pakistan which are 35.5 % of total population as per recent census. Moreover, as per the National Management Information System, which is a subsidiary of the Ministry

of Education, 22.6 % children are out of

After hearing the Member, the Chairman held the Motion out of order and suggested the Mover to raise the issue through Motion under rule 218

2 2. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi moved Adj. Motion No. 2(2-272/2018-M,

schools.

to discuss the inadequate supply of natural gas to the domestic users of Islamabad.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman suggested the Member that since the matter has come under discussion on number of occasions, therefore, he may withdraw his motion as it would not be admissible under rule 87(d) of the Rules.

The Member withdrew his motion, however, keeping in view the urgency of the issue, the Chairman directed to send the issue for ministerial response 3 Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, Syed Shibli Faraz, Nauman Wazir Khattak and

Mohsin Aziz moved Adj. Motion No. 3(3-272/2018-M), to discuss the issue of FATA

Reforms and its merger into Khyber Pakhtunkhwa which is being delayed by the

Government.

After hearing the Mover, the Chairman held the Motion out of order under Rule 87(k) of the Rules

4. Senator Saleem Mandviwala on his behaf and on behalf of Senators Karim Ahmed

Khawaja, Baz Muhammad Khan, Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz and Mohammad

Azam Khan Swati moved Adj. Motion No. 4-272/2018-M) to discuss the severe water

problems affecting agriculture and marine.

Since the matter has already been discussed through some other tools,

therefore, the Members did not press the Motion which was disposed of

accordingly

5. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi on his behalf and on behalf of Senators

Liaqat Khan Tarakai, Mohammad Azam Khan Swati and Sirajul Haq moved Adj. Motion Nos. 5, 6 and 14-272/2018-M to discuss the recent increase in the prices of petroleum products by the Government.

The Motion was opposed by the Minister for Petroleum, however, after hearing the arguments, the Chairman held the Motion in order for two hour

discussion.

6. Senator Sherry Rehman on her behalf and on behalf of Senators Syed Shibli Faraz,

Nauman Wazir Khattak, Mohsin Aziz, Liaqat Khan Tarakai, Sehar Kamran, Mohammad

Azam Khan Swati and Sirajul Haq moved Adj. Motion No. 7, 9, 10 and 15-272/2018-M

the recent threatening statements by the US President and his administration and leveling

of various allegations against Pakistan.

After hearing the Members, the Chairman held the Motion out of order.

Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja moved Adj. Motion No. 8-272/2018-M to discuss the

illegal hunting of rare species of birds and animals by the royal hunters in violation of

Wildlife Laws of Pakistan

7.

The Motion was held out of order by the Chairman

8 Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Rubina Khalid,

Ilyas Ahmed Bilour, Naseema Ehsan moved Adj. Motion No. 11-272/2018-M to

discuss the issue of identity of Kalash people facing extinction

The Motion was held out of order by the Chairman

No. 18-272/2018-M to discuss incident of killing of two real brothers namely Dileep Maheshwari and Chandur Maheshwari in broad day light at Mitthi, Sindh.

Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar moved Adj. Motion

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After hearing the Member, the Chairman held the Motion out of order

10 **Adj. Motion No.19-272/2018-M,** notice given of by Senator Sherry Rehman to discuss the trade deficit of the country which has soared to 18 billion dollars during the first half of the current Fiscal Year was dropped due to absence of the Member

11 Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Sardar

Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel and Gul Bashra moved Adj. Motion No. 21-

272/2018-M to discuss the passage of Bill by the National Assembly regarding the

extension of jurisdiction of Supreme Court of Pakistan and Peshawar High Court to

FATA.

The Motion was held out of order by the Chairman as the Committee of the

Whole is already seized of the matter

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Following reports were presented in the House during this session.

- Senator Nasreen Jalil on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Narcotics Control, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Auditor-General's (Functions, Powers and Terms and Conditions of Service) Ordinance, 2001 [The Auditor-General's (Functions, Powers and Terms and Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Bill, 2017]
- Senator Hidayat Ulla on behalf of Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to amend the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad, Act, 2013 [The Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad (Amendment) Bill, 2017].
- Senator Hidayat Ullah on behalf of Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 62, asked by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 26th October, 2017, regarding the number of female officers in BPS-17 and above working in the Federal Secretariat and other Government Departments in Islamabad Capital Territory with province wise and district wise break up.
- Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (Amendment of Article 153), introduced by Senators Barrister Murtaza Wahab and Saleem Mandviwala on 23rd October, 2017.
- Senator Nehal Hashmi on behalf of Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman Standing Committee on Privatization and Statistics, presented report of the Committee for the period from August, 2017 to November, 2017 under rule 193 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail on behalf of Senator Baz Muhammad Khan, Chairman, Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Industrial Relations Act, 2012 [The Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill, 2017] introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati on 6th November, 2017.
- Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi on behalf of Senator Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, Advocate, Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 113, asked by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 15th September, 2017, regarding the case of nonapproval for deputing the Motorway Police personnel at Kuchlak-Zhob and Saranan-Chaman Highway.
- Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Defence, presented report of the Committee on the point of public importance raised by

- Senator Farhatullah Babar on 17th November, 2017, regarding the appointment of ex-cadre officer as head of the Military Land and Cantonment Services Department, due to which the regular cadre officers of the said Service Group never get an opportunity to head the Department.
- Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the issue raised by Senator Rubina Irfan on 18th September, 2017 regarding the incident of dacoity took place at her residence in Balochistan and the mishandling of the case by the Baluchistan Police despite knowing about the culprits.
- Senator Nisar Muhammad, Convener, Special Committee on Marginalized Segments of Society, presented 8th interim report of the Special Committee on Marginalized Segments of Society.
- Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan Ordinance, 1979 [The Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2017].
- Senator Taj Haider, Chairman, Committee on Delegated Legislation, presented seventh quarterly report of the Committee as required under sub-rule (3) of rule 172E of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- Senator Osman Saifullah Khan, Chairman, Standing Committee on Science and Technology, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to set up National University of Technology at Islamabad [The National University of Technology Bill, 2017].
- Senator Abdul rehman malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja, on 21st August, 2017.
- Senator Abdul rehman malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 [The Anti-Terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senators Barrister Murtaza Wahab and Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz, on 23rd October, 2017.
- Senator Abdul rehman malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, presented report of the Committee on the report of the Standing Committee on National Food Security pertaining to fertilizers and movement of Urea in Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, presented in the House on 15th December, 2017.
- Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah on behalf of Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of

the Committee on the breach of privilege of the House due to inappropriate reply by the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Interior, in response to a Calling Attention Notice moved by Senators Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, Farhatullah Babar, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, which was set down for the sitting of the Senate held on 1st November, 2017.

- Senator Khuashbakht Shujat on behalf of senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presented report of the Committee on the point of public importance raised by Senator Samina Saeed on 24th November, 2017, regarding ATR Plane crashed during the flight from Chitral to Islamabad.
- Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad shahi, Chairman, Functional Committee on Devolution, presented report of the Committee on a Public Petition referred by the Office of Chairman Senate on 17th November, 2017, regarding "implementation of 18th Constitutional Amendment in the Higher Education Sector confining role of Federal HEC in formulation of standards and enhancing legitimate role of Provincial Governments especially in funding and implementation of Higher Education Policy".

INCIDNET OF MURDER OF MINOR GIRL ZAINAB IN KASUR

Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman Standing Committee on Interior made statement about the proceedings of the Committee while considering the incident of Kasur. He informed the House that the Committee has unanimously drafted a Bill proposing some amendments in PPC and Cr.P.C to hang the culprits of child abuse in public. He urged the Treasury Benches to introduce the Bill as Government Bill and get the same passed expeditiously.

Members of the house spoke on the issue. After discussion, the Chairman referred the matter of proposed legislation to the Standing Committee on law and Justice with the direction to report back during the session. The Chairman further directed that the Members of Standing Committee on Interior and the Functional Committee on Human Rights may also be invited in the meeting

DIRECTIONS OF CHAIRMAN

- The Chairman Senate directed the Chairman Standing Committee on Interior and the Chairperson Functional Committee on Human Rights to visit the place of occurrence of the incident of rape and murder of minor girl Zainab in Kasur, and submit a detailed report to the House regarding the incident and the investigation status so far by Friday the 26th January, 2018
- At the end of discussion on the incident of police action on Pakhtoon and Bloch students of Punjab University Lahore Chairman asked the Leaders of the House and the Opposition to speak to the Chief Minister Punjab to get the issue resolved. On suggestion

of the Leader of the Opposition, the Chairman stated that he will himself speak to the Chief Minister as well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

- Chairman also explained the steps taken by the Senate towards the curbing of the menace of child abuse I the country and the legislation made in this regard.
- The Chairman criticized the Government for not establishing the Commission for the rights of the child and directed the Government to immediately establish the Commission and inform the House by Friday the 26th January, 2018
- The Chairman welcomed the newly appointed Minister of Law and Justice and the Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs in the House
- The Chairman informed the Members about the establishment of Senate Museum in order to preserve the parliamentary history
- The Chairman acknowledge the presence of Chief Executive CPA UK Branch and the Manager Asia Pacific Region who were present in the galleries to witness the proceedings.
- The Chairman took the House into confidence about his proposed meeting with the Chief Justice of Pakistan in the Supreme Court Building on 24th January, 2018 to discuss the judicial reforms issue with the CJP.
- On January 24 Chairman apprised the House about the agenda of his meeting held with the Chief Justice of Pakistan in the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Leader of the House showed his pleasure on the meeting of the Chairman with the CJP.

RULING OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman announced his detailed ruling on 23rd of January 2018, about the interpretation of Article 172(3) of the Constitution of Pakistan.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

Secretary Senate made the following announcements:-

- Secretary informed the house of the House that written responses as per directions of the Chairman Senate on the following points of public importance raised by the Members have been received to the Secretariat which are being placed on the Tables of the concerned Members for their information:-
 - 1. Written reply from the Ministry of Water Resources regarding the point raised by Senators Karim Ahmed Khawaja and Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz about the nomination of Member IRSA from Sindh
 - 2. Written reply from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the point raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar about the problems being faced by some Pakistani families having been stranded in Libya.
 - **3.** Written reply received from the National Commission for Human Rights regarding the Point raised by Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak about the missing of a young boy whose

- old aged mother was roaming around the Parliament House holding pamphlets of missing of her son.
- Secretary Senate announced that on 13th February, 2017, Senate passed a unanimous Resolution No. 305 regarding the enhancement of role and powers of the Senate of Pakistan to protect the rights of the federating units and provide a meaningful participation to the provinces and other territories in the affairs of the Federation.

The Resolution was communicated to the Ministry of Law and Justice for necessary action. The Ministry of Law and Justice through correspondence dated 16th January, 2018 has now informed that the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister, Mr.Zafarullah Khan gave a detailed presentation on the Resolution in the Cabinet meeting dated 3rd January, 2018. However, the Cabinet did not approve the Constitutional amendments proposed by the Senate of Pakistan through its Resolution No. 305. The Chairman observed that in the next session we will take up what the Senate is now to do after its unanimous resolution have been rejected by the Cabinet.

Motion under rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012,

Serial	Mover	Subject	Status
no.			
1	Senator Nasreen Jalil on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue,	The time for presentation of report of the Committee on the subject matter of Calling Attention Notice moved by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 22nd November, 2017, regarding the thirty	The motion was put to the house and the requisite extension granted.
	Economic Affairs and	promotional posts of Custom Inspectors lying	

Narcotics Control, moved

vacant in the Customs Collectorate of Quetta,

under sub-rule

(1) of rule

be extended for a period of thirty working days with

194 of the Rules of

Procedure and

Conduct of

effect from 22nd January,

Business in the Senate, 2012,

2018

2

The time for

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

Senator Syed

presentation of report of Muzafar

the Committee on **Hussain Shah** Privilege Motion on behalf of No.1(269-2017)-M, moved

Senator Dr. by

Jehanzeb

Jamaldini,

Senator Syed Muzafar

Hussain Shah, regarding Chairman, non-provision of reports by Committee on

the PIA management Rules of

Procedure and

Privileges, moved under sub-rule (1) of

rule

to the Senate Special Committee on the performance of PIA,

pertaining to three specific

incidents, may be extended

194 of the for a further period of Rules of thirty working days with

Procedure and

Conduct of

Business in the

Senate, 2012,

effect from 6th

February, 2018.

Senator Syed Muzafar

The time for

The motion was put to the house and the

3

Hussain Shah presentation of report of requisite extension

on behalf of the Committee on Senator Dr. Privilege Motion

Jehanzeb No.2(269-2017)-M, moved

Jamaldini, by

Chairman, Senator Syed Muzafar
Committee on Hussain Shah, regarding
Rules of non-implementation of the

Procedure and recommendations of

Privileges,
moved under
the Committee on the performance of PIA.

sub-rule (1) of performance of PIA, by the Aviation Division, after

the lapse of seven

194 of the

Rules of months, which were adopted by the House on

Conduct of
Business in the

16-3-2017, may be extended for a further

Senate, 2012, period of

thirty working days with effect from 6th February,

2018.

4 Senator Syed

Muzafar Hussain Shah on behalf of Senator Dr.

Jehanzeb

Jamaldini,

Chairman,

Committee on Rules of

Procedure and Privileges,

moved under

sub-rule (1) of

The time for presentation of report of the Committee on the breach of privilege of the House by the Legal Consultant, Petroleum

Division for drafting a controversial provision in

the Bill, may be extended for a period of thirty

working days with effect from 14th February, 2018.

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

rule

194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012,

5 Senator Abdul

Rehman Malik,

Chairman,

Standing

Committee on Interior, moved

under

sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the

Rules of

Procedure and Conduct of

Business in the Senate, 2012,

The time for presentation of report of the Committee on the issue raised by

Senator

Muhammad Ali Khan Saif, regarding action being taken against the Turk

citizens living in

Pakistan having valid and legal visa, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 29th

January, 2018

The motion was put to the house and the requisite extension

6 Senator Syed

Muzafar

Hussain Shah

on behalf of Senator Dr.

Jehanzeb

Jamaldini,

Chairman, Committee on

Rules of

The time for

presentation of report of

the Committee on Privilege Motion

No.1(268-2017)-M, moved

by

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, regarding

non-provision of relevant

The motion was put to the house and the

requisite extension

Procedure and

Privileges,

moved under sub-rule (1) of

rule

to development work carried out in NA-21 since 2013 by Pak-PWD, Hazara

Division, asked for

documents relating

194 of the

Rules of

Procedure and Conduct of

Business in the

Senate, 2012,

that

by the mover, may be extended for a further

period of thirty working days with effect from 6th

February, 2018.

7 Senator

khuashbakht

shujat on behalf

of senator

Muhammad

talha mahmood,

Chairman,

Standing

Committee on

Cabinet

Secretariat. moved under

sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the

Rules of

Procedure and

Conduct

of Business in

the Senate,

2012, that

The time for presentation of report of the Committee

on the Bill to establish the

Real Estate Regulatory Authority for regulation

and promotion

of the real estate sector and

for matters connected

therewith [The Real Estate

(Regulation

and Development) Bill,

2017], introduced by Senator Mohsin Aziz, on

21st August, 2017,

may be extended for a

further period of twenty working days with effect

from 6th

February, 2018.

Motion was put to the House and the requisite extension was granted

8	Senator khuashbakht shujat on behalf of senator Muhammad talha mahmood, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that	The time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the prevention and management of conflicts of interest and to establish clear conflict of interest principles for Public servants in the Federal Government and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto [The Prevention and Management of Conflict of Interest Bill, 2017], introduced by Senators Barrister Murtaza Wahab and Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz, on 23rd October, 2017, may
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Motion was put to the House and the requisite extension was granted

9 Senator
muhammad
javed abbasi,
Chairman,
Standing
Committee on

The time for presentation of report of the Committee

February,

2018.

on the matter referred by the House on 24th January, 2018 regarding whether an Motion was put to the House and the requisite extension was granted

Law amendment would be required in the Pakistan and Justice, Penal Code for provision moved under of penalty of sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the death by hanging publicly Rules of in view of rule 354 of the Procedure and Prisons Rules, 1978, may Conduct be of Business in extended for a period of the Senate, thirty working days with 2012, that effect from 26th January, 2018 Senator syed the time Motion was put to the House and the muzafar requisite extension was granted for presentation of report hussain shah, of the Committee to convener, examine the Annual Special Report of FPSC for Committee to the Year 2015, may be examine the extended for a period of Annual Report thirty working days with of FPSC for the effect from 9th year 2015, moved under February, 2018 sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that

The time for presentation

of report of the Committee

Motion was put to the House and the

requisite extension was granted

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11.

Senator

muhammad

mohsin khan on

leghari on

on the subject matter of

behalf of Calling Attention Notice

moved by Senator Hidayat

Senator saleem Ullah regarding pending

mandviwala, approval of

Chairman,

Standing
Committee on

7500 sanctioned new posts
(SNEs) for FATA which

Finance, have already been approved by the

Revenue,

Economic
Affairs and
Narcotics

FATA Secretariat and the
Ministry of SAFRON,
referred to the Committee

Control, moved on 21st

Control, move

under September, 2017, may be

sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the extended for a further period of thirty working

Rules of days with effect

Procedure and

Conduct of Business in the

Senate,

2012, that

from 10th February, 2018.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Following calling attention notices were drawn during the session.....!

• Senator col. (r) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi drew attention of the minister for capital administration and development Division towards the non-functioning of Liver Transplant Center of Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences (PIMS) due to lack of trained Liver Transplant Surgeon, Hepatologist, Anesthetist and Intensive Care Specialists.

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, the Minister for Capital Administration Development

Division, made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice. Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

• Senator Hidayat Ullah drew attention of the Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs towards the delay in issuance of annual second quarter development fund to FATA.

Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, Minister for Finance made statement on the CAN which was disposed of accordingly

 Senator Abdul Rehman Malik on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Saleem Mandviwala, Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, Farhatullah Babar and Islamuddin Shaikh drew attention of the Minister-in-Charge of the Aviation Division towards the delay in opening of New Islamabad International Airport.

Shaikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division, made statement and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

• Senators barrister Murtaza Wahab, Nauman Wazir Khattak, Kamil Ali Agha, Saleem Mandviwala And Ilyas Ahmed Bilour drew attention of the Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs towards the issuance of SRO No. 47(I)/2018, dated 23rd January, 2018, whereby one particular company has been exempted from payment of Sales Tax and Federal Excise Duty. Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs made statement on the Calling Attention Notice. Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms also made statement on the Calling Attention Notice.

After hearing the Members and the Ministers, the Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Finance for consideration and report in next session of the Senate in February.

• Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz drew attention of the Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs towards the promotion policy 2016-17 of the National Bank of Pakistan causing great unrest among the employees of the Bank. Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs made statement on the Calling Attention Notice.

After hearing the Minister, the Chairman referred the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice to the Standing Committee on Finance for consideration and report back within one month.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Following bills were passed during the session

- 1. The Bill to amend the National Commission on the Status of Women Act, 2012 [The National Commission on the Status of Women (Amendment) Bill, 2017] was passed.
- 2. The Bill further to amend the Auditor-General's (Functions, Powers and Terms and Conditions of Service) Ordinance, 2001 [The Auditor-General's (Functions, Powers and Terms and Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Bill, 2017] was passed.
- **3.** Bill to amend the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad, Act, 2013 [The Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University, Islamabad (Amendment) Bill, 2017] was passed.
- **4.** Bill further to amend the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan Ordinance, 1979 [The Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2017] Was passed.
- **5.** Bill to set up National University of Technology at Islamabad [The National University of Technology Bill, 2017] was passed.

RESOLUTIONS

Following resolutions were passed during the session;

- Resolution "This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to control the lowering of Water Table in the country." moved by senator muhammad Talha mahmood was passed.
- Resolution "This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to
 provide the supply of natural gas to areas adjoining gas fields in the province of Sindh on
 priority basis." moved by senator Mukhtiar ahmed dhamrah @ aajiz Was passed.
- Resolution "This House recommends that the Government should include "Aqeedae-Khatm-e-Nabuwat" in the syllabus being taught in all educational institutions under the administrative control of the Federal Government moved by senator maulana hafiz

hamdullah was passed. The House recommends that the Government should include "Aqeedae- Khatm-e-Nabuwat" for Muslim students in the syllabus being taught in all educational institutions under the administrative control of the Federal Government."

 Unanimous Resolution moved by Senator Nasreen Jalil to condemn the use of pallet guns and daily atrocities committed by Indian Forces in Indian Occupied Kashmir was passed.

Following bills were introduced and referred to standing committees for consideration and report during this session.

- 1) Bill further to amend the Pakistan Penal Code, 1860 and Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2017] which upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.
- 2) Bill to repeal the Federal Investigation Agency Act, 1974 and to enact a new law for the establishment of Federal Investigation Commission [The Federal Investigation Commission Bill, 2017] which upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.
- 3) Bill further to amend the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890 [The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Bill, 2018] which upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.
- **4)** Bill to provide for and promote Civic Education and create awareness relating to fundamental rights and obligations of citizens [The National Civic Education Commission Bill, 2017] which upon introduction stood referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.
- 5) Bill to upgrade the status of National Institute of Science and Technical Education, Islamabad into National Skills University [The National Skills University Islamabad Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.
- 6) The Bill to extend the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and the Peshawar High Court to the Federally Administered Tribal Areas [The Supreme Court and High Court (Extension of Jurisdiction to Federally Administered Tribal Areas) Bill, 2018], as passed by the National Assembly, was referred to the Committee of Whole on FATA reforms for consideration and report.

- 7) Bill further to amend the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 [The Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, The was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report within a period of one month.
- 8) Bill further to amend the Private Power and Infrastructure Board Act, 2012 [The Pakistan Power and Infrastructure Board (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

ANNUAL REPORTS TO BE LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

- 1. Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, Minister of State for Finance and Economic Affairs, laid before the Senate the Annual report of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan for the Financial year 2015-16, as required under sub-section (6) of Section 25 of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan Act, 1997 (XLII of 1997)
- 2. Shaikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, laid before the Senate the reports on Biometric Verification Machines (BVMs) and Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) Pilot Project in Bye Elections of constituencies (NA-120 Lahore-III and NA-4 Peshawar-IV) as required by Section 103 of the Elections Act, 2017.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE RULES (Under Rule 278)

- Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House and Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition, proposed insertion in rule 255 of said rules after seeking leave under sub-rule (4) of rule 278 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012. That was put to the house and adopted accordingly.
- Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House and Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition, **proposed insertion in rule 79, 81, of said rules after seeking** leave under sub-rule (4) of rule 278 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012. That was put to the house and adopted accordingly.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS

[Under Standing Order No.4.3]

Insertion of the following new Chapter X and Standing Order No. 1.65, after the existing Chapter IX and Standing Order No. 1.64 was placed before the House and adopted.

PERIODICAL REPORT

(Under Rule 265A)

- Minister for Law and Justice made report under rule 265A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, on the status of implementation of the Recommendations contained in the report of the Standing Committee on Law and Justice on the issue of corruption in the Federal Government Departments. (Adopted by the House on 06-10-2015).
- 2. Minister for Petroleum made report under rule 265A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Committee on twenty four demands made by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Demand Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 and 11). (Adopted by the House on 16-03-2017)
- 3. Minister for Power Division made to report under rule 265A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Committee on twenty four demands made by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Demand No. 22). (Adopted by the House on 16-03-2017)
- 4. Minister for Water Resources was to make report under rule 265A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Committee on twenty four demands made by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Demand Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 20). (Adopted by the House on 16-03-2017)

The Chairman took serious notice of the continuous absence of the Minister from the House and deferred the matter.

- 5. Minister for Human Rights made reports on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the following reports of the Functional Committee on Human Rights Regarding the matter referred by the House to discuss the incidents of burning alive of the women folk in the country and to suggest mechanism for curbing this menace by providing provision in the chapter "Offences against Women" in the Pakistan Penal Code (Adopted by the House on 29-07-2016) and Regarding the longstanding issue of peasants of Okara Farms. (Adopted by the House on 29-07-2016.)
- 6. Minister for States and Frontier Regions made report under rule 265A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions regarding transfer of Political Agents in various Agencies of FATA. (Adopted by the House on 18-07-2016) After the statement by the Minister, the Chairman observed that he is still not clear that what role does the provinces play in this because FATA is a federally administered area then how the provincial Government is involved in the transfer posting of political agents.

The Chairman ruled that he is not disposing of the matter as he is not satisfied. He directed the Secretariat to provide him a detailed working paper as how these postings are initiated and what is the business in which these are routed.

7. Minister for Railways to report under rule 265A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, on the status of implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Special Committee on twenty four demands made by the Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (Demand No. 24) (Adopted by the House on 16-03-2017). Since, the Ministry has already sent the compliance report to the Committee, Therefore, the matter was disposed of accordingly.

MOTIONS (Under Rule 203)

1. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House, moved under sub-rule (2) of rule 203 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that Senators Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari, Atta Ur Rehman, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Sajjad Hussain Turi, Muhammad Zafarullah Khan Dhandla, Najma Hameed,

Farhatullah Babar, Osman Saifullah Khan, Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, Rubina Irfan, Khushbakht Shujat and Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, Advocate as nominated by the Chairman Senate in consultation with the Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition in the Senate for constituting the Select Committee to consider the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Amendment of Article 228), may be elected by the House. The Chairman Senate be authorized to make changes in the composition of the Committee as and when deemed necessary. The Committee shall elect its Chairman in its first meeting and the report of the Committee shall be presented not later than forty five days from the date of notification of the Chairman of the Committee.

Motion was put to the House and adopted.

2. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House, moved under sub-rule (2) of rule 203 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that Senators Pervaiz Rashid, Kamran Michael, Professor Sajid Mir, Rahila Magsi, Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah, Saleem Mandviwala, Sassui Palijo, Mohsin Aziz, Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail, Nighat Mirza and Baz Muhammad Khan as nominated by the Chairman Senate in consultation with the Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition in the Senate for constituting the Select Committee to consider the Islamabad Restriction on Employment of Children Bill, 2017, may be elected by the House. The Chairman Senate be authorized to make changes in the composition of the Committee as and when deemed necessary. The Committee shall elect its Chairman in its first meeting and the report of the Committee shall be presented not later than forty five days from the date of notification of the Chairman of the Committee.

Motion was put to the House and adopted.

MOTIONS [Under Rule 218]

Following Motions under rule 218 were discussed during the session:-

Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood moved motion to discuss the overall performance
of National Highway Authority with particular reference to its ongoing projects of
Motorways and National Highways in the country. Senator Muhammad Talha
MahmoodSenator Saeedul Hassan MandokhailSenator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @

- AajizSenator Kalsoom Parveen spoke on the issue Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs wound up the debate.
- 2. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini moved that this House may discuss the issues arising out of establishment of coal based power plants in the country with particular reference to its effects on environment and human population. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, and Senator Mohsin Khan Leghari spoke on the issue and Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan, Minister for Climate Change wound up the debate.
- 3. Senator Sehar Kamran moved that the House may discuss the importance of extracurricular activities in academic institutions and the facilities provided in institutions under the administrative control of the Federal Government. Senator Sehar Kamran Senator Khushbakht Shujat and Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah .Minister for IPC wound up the debate.
- 4. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi moved that this House may discuss the steps being taken by the Government to protect the water reservoirs affected by climatic changes in the country. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan, Minister for Climate Change wound up the debate.
- 5. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati moved that this House may discuss the present status of Polio virus in the country. Members spoke on the issue and Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq, Focal Person for Prime Minister's Polio Programme wound up the debate.
- 6. Senator Sherry Rehman was to move that this House may discuss the alarming rise in child abuse cases in the country. The Motion was dropped due to Absence of Member.
- 7. The House started discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Mohsin Aziz on 20th December, 2017, regarding the devastating effect of the recent devaluation of rupee by over 10% on the already crippled economy with huge financial burden of payments; and Motion under rule 218 moved by Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood on 22nd January, 2018, regarding the present position of economy of the country. Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs made Statement on the Motions.

REFERENCE BACK OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DEFENCE

A report of the Standing Committee on Defence was presented in the House on 22nd February, 2018 on the point of public importance raised by Senator Farhatullah Babar on 17th November, 2017, regarding the appointment of ex-cadre officer as head of the Military Land and Cantonment Services Department, due to which the regular cadre officers of the said Service Group never get an opportunity to head the Department. However, the mover of the issue Senator Farhatullah Babar raised some concern over the report. The Chairman after discussing the issue with the Chairman of the Committee referred the report back to the Standing Committee on Defence with the direction to re-consider the matter in view of the new facts

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

[Zero Hour]

Following points of public importance were raised during this session.

- 1. Senator Sassui Palijo pointed out the international media campaign regarding "Free Karachi" which is highly condemnable and the Government should take action on it.
- 2. Senator Saud Majeed expressed his concerns over the non-apprehension of the culprits involved in cases of child abuse. Chairman announced that any Member may bring any case of child abuse which is pending investigation. The General public may also bring such cases into the notice of the Senate through mechanism provided in Public Petition System which will be referred to the Committee concerned for consideration.
- 3. Senator Farhatullah Babar spoke about the contents of the report presented by the Standing Committee on Defense. Chairman directed the Member not to discuss the contents of the report and stated that he will speak to the Chairman Committee.
- **4.** Senator Farhatullah Babar further spoke about the insulting remarks made by some parliamentarian about the Parliament during a public procession. Chairman observed that since the remarks were made by the Members of the other House so under the parliamentary norms it cannot be discussed on the floor of the House however, the Members may discuss the issue without naming any one as a general issue.

- **5.** Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif pointed out the incidents of extra judicial killings in Karachi by the police. Senator Ourangzaib Khan also spoke on the issue.
- 6. Senator Hari Ram spoke about the issues of provision of gas in Sindh. The Chairman referred the verbatim to the Minister concerned for ministerial response.
- 7. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi raised an issue regarding closing down of flights from Quetta to Dubai and Quetta to Turbat and Gwadar by the PIA. The Chairman referred the verbatim to the Minister concerned for ministerial response.
- 8. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak pointed out the irrelevant statements by the Minister
- 9. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed pointed out the incident of murder of a forest guard in the Margalla Hills Islamabad probably at the hands of timber mafia. Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for CADD made statement on the issue. The Chairman directed the Minister to keep the House informed about the incident.
- 10. Senator Nasreen Jalil pointed out a news published in a Urdu newspaper that during session of the Senate, the female Senators remain busy in discussing the fashion. Chairman expressed his concern over the news item and stated that the female senators are very active and serious about the proceedings of the House. The Chairman rebutted the news item.
- **11.** Senator Nasreen Jalil further spoke about the issue of non-release of funds to the local authorities which the provinces receive under the NFC Award.
- 12. Senator Mohsin Aziz stated that a Special Committee of the Senate was constituted to examine the dilapidated condition of Bacha Khan Airport. The Committee had decided to obtain a periodic compliance report of overall progress/development work from both the Ministries i.e. Ministry of Defense and the Aviation Division. The compliance report was due on 1st January, 2018 but no such report has been given to the Committee. The Member further expressed his concern over the slow pace of work at the airport. The Chairman observed that 18 special committees have been constituted during the parliamentary year and at the end of the parliamentary year i.e. on 11th March, 2018 all the Committees will come to an end. The Chairman directed that the concerned departments may be asked to send the compliance report directly to the Chairman Senate as the Special Committee will not be in existence after the end of parliamentary year.

- 13. Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour pointed out and condemned the police action against the Pakhtoons students of Punjab University Lahore. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi also spoke on the issue. The Chairman directed the Leader of the House to look into the matter.
- 14. Senator Farhatullah Babar pointed out the activities of the banned organizations which needs to be looked into. Chairman directed the Members to use some parliamentary tool to have proper discussion on the issue.
- 15. Senator Nasreen Jalil sought permission for the visit of the Committee of Human Rights to Mardan to see into the case of minor girl Asma. Chairman granted permission to the Committee to visit Mardan.
- **16.** Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi spoke about the cancellation of automatic weapon licenses by the Ministry of Interior. Senator Hafiz Hamadullah also spoke on the issue.
- 17. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz pointed out the issue of non-payment of Salaries to 156 employees of PCRWR. Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

Statements by the Ministers concerned on the following issues:-

1. Regarding the direction of the Chairman Senate to the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs for a Government Bill to address the issue of non-implementation of the recommendations of the Committees within a period of two months (direction was given on 26th October, 2017). Minister for Parliamentary Affairs made statement on the issue and sought some more time to submit draft Bill. The Chairman directed as follows:- "On 26th October, 2017 Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition, presented report of the Special Committee to examine the issue of non-implementation of the decisions of the House and the recommendations of the Committee. The Committee had recommended in its report that proper legislation may be made to address the issue, therefore, I directed the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs that the Government shall bring a Bill on this issue within a period of two months otherwise the Senate will take its own course of action to address the issue. Now the Government has sought some more time to bring the Bill, therefore, the Minister for Parliamentary Affairs is directed to bring

- the Bill latest by the first sitting of the next session which is likely to commence from 12th of February, 2018. The Secretariat is directed to prepare a parallel Bill on this issue so that in case of failure of the Government to bring the Bill by first sitting of next session, the Bill having been prepared by the Senate can be processed."
- 2. Regarding the issuance of Notification by the Federal Government in terms of subsection (3) of section 1 of the Costs of Litigation Act, 2017, raised through a public petition. (direction was given on 15th December, 2017). Minister for Law and Justice made statement on the issue. In view of the statement by the Minister, the Chairman directed to re-fix the issue for ministerial response after the holding of next Cabinet meeting.
- **3.** Regarding the increase in tendency of missing persons in the country with particular reference to missing of Mr. Raza Mehmood Khan from Lahore, on 2nd December, 2017. (raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 13th December, 2017).
- **4.** Regarding the media reports that 200 Pakistanis have been detained in Bagram prison Afghanistan and most of them have undergone their sentences but still detained in the jail. (raised by Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif on 13th December, 2017). Matter was deferred.
- 5. Regarding the closing down of PIA flights from Quetta to Dubai and Quetta to Turbat and Gwadar. (raised by Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi on 22nd January, 2018). Matter was deferred for complete reply.
- **6.** Regarding the non-supply of gas to Plejani area of Sindh. (raised by Senator Hari Ram on 22nd January, 2018). Matter was disposed of.
- **7.** Regarding the non-supply of natural gas to the domestic consumers of Islamabad. (raised by Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi on 23rd January, 2018). Matter was disposed of.
- 8. Regarding the direction given by the Chairman to the Government to immediately constitute the National Commission on the Rights of Child under intimation to the House. (Direction given on 22nd January, 2018). Matter was disposed of, however, the Chairman directed the Secretary Senate to get in touch with the Chief Secretaries Khyber Pakhtunkhwan, Punjab and Sindh to expedite the nomination process.