

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

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Date and Day	14 th November, 2018 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	02:30 P.M.
Adjourned at	04:55 P.M.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	66
Total Working Hours	2 hours 25 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

- At the commencement of the question hour, the Opposition staged **walkout** as protest against non-presence of the Ministers.
- **The Chairman Senate took notice of the matter and directed the Secretariat to apprise the Prime Minister to direct the Ministers to be present in the House when any business relating to their Ministries is taken up in the House.**
- At 2:40 p.m. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood pointed out the quorum. Count was made but the House was not in quorum. Therefore, the bells were rung for five minutes, thereafter, re-count was made and the House was in quorum.
- Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, appreciated the cooperation extended by the opposition to start with the questions pertaining to the Ministries of Privatization, Planning and Science and Technology in order to save the time of the House.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 130 (Deferred), 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50 were asked and replied in the House. Question Nos. 44 and 45 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Member concerned. The remaining printed questions and their replies placed on the Table of the House were taken as read.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

PRIVILEGE MOTION

Senator Professor Sajid Mir moved a Privilege Motion regarding breach of the Privilege of the mover arising out of the alleged misconduct by the PIA cabin crew with the mover during PIA flight from Lahore to Islamabad, in July, 2018.

After hearing the mover, the Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

- The Chairman acknowledged the presence of a group of 40 students along-with 2 faculty members of the National Defence University, Islamabad, in the Visitors' Gallery to witness the proceedings of the House.
- The Chairman acknowledged the presence of Mr. Hamal Kalmati, Member Provincial Assembly of Balochistan (from Gwadar), in the Gallery to witness the proceedings of the House.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

1. Senator Sherry Rehman, on behalf of Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan, Chairman, Standing Committee on Aviation, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Nighat Mirza on 18th September, 2018, regarding change of software in PIA leading to problems in bookings.
2. Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman, Standing Committee on Petroleum, presented the following reports of the Standing Committee:
 - (i) report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi on 30th August, 2018, regarding low gas pressure in district Charsada.
 - (ii) report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 30th August, 2018, regarding sending of four gas bills in one month to the consumers in Rawalpindi.

- (iii) report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafiq Tareen on 30th August, 2018, regarding accidental compensation to coal mine workers in Balochistan.
- (iv) report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel on 18th September, 2018, regarding implementation of 6 % employment quota of Balochistan in Gas Companies.

M O T I O N
[Under Rule 194(1)]

Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, Member, Standing Committee on Defence, 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 Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 18th September, 2018, regarding non-reinstatement of four persons belonging to Balochistan in the Survey of Pakistan, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 18th November, 2018.

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

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senators Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel and Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi drew attention of the Minister-In-Charge of the Aviation Division towards the slow pace of work on Quetta Airport which was to be completed in December, 2017.

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, made a statement and hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of accordingly.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER

Mr. Fawad Ahmed, Minister for Information and Broadcasting made a statement regarding misappropriation of funds in the country particularly in the Province of Balochistan, during the previous Governments. The Minister also requested the Chairman to constitute a Committee of the House to probe into the issue of foreign debts and its utilization by the Government.

At this stage the Opposition staged **walkout** as protest against some the remarks of the Minister for Information and Broadcasting.

The Chairman announced that after consultation with the Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate and Speaker, National Assembly, a Parliamentary Committee will be constituted to probe into the issue of foreign debts.

ORDINANCE TO BE LAID

Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, laid before the Senate the Federal Public Service Commission (Validation of Rules) Ordinance, 2018 (Ordinance No. XII of 2018), as required by clause (2) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, was to draw attention of the Minister for Interior towards the lack of platform for addressing legitimate grievances and claims of the locals affected by the anti-encroachment campaign and lack of any mechanism for their settlement elsewhere. **However, the Calling Attention Notice was dropped due to absence of the Member.**

MOTION OF THANKS

Discussion on the following motion moved by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Science and Technology on behalf of Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, on 9th November, 2018:-

"This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both the Houses assembled together on 17th September, 2018."

Discussion on the motion was, deferred.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan raised a point of public importance regarding the Gas tariff imposed on the Nan-Bais.

Senator Mushtaq Ahmed, raised a point of public importance regarding kidnapping of Mr. Muhammad Tahir Khan Dawar, Superintendent of Police, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, from Islamabad and reportedly his assassination in Jalal Abad, Afghanistan.

Senator Sherry Rehman, also raised the issue regarding kidnapping of Mr. Muhammad Tahir Khan Dawar.

Mr. Fawad Ahmed, Minister for Information and Broadcasting assured the House that after getting the detailed authentic information from the Ministry of Interior he will apprise the House by tomorrow.

Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini raised point of public importance regarding excluding the name of the senior most Officer of the National Bank of Pakistan, belong to the Province of Balochistan and presently working as the Acting President of the National Bank of Pakistan, from the short listed candidates for the post of the President of the National Bank of Pakistan. The Honourable Senator also raised the matter regarding the misappropriation in the NTS especially with the candidates belonging to the Province of Balochistan.

Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani, also spoke on the issue of NTS.

The Chairman referred the issue of the appointment to the post of the President of the National Bank of Pakistan, to the Minister for Finance for Ministerial response.

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, responded the issue relating to the NTS.

Senator Nighat Mirza raised a point of public importance regarding dilapidated condition of the PIA aircrafts.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee concerned.

Senator Aurangzeb Khan raised a point of public importance regarding appointment of staff for the safety of the solar tube wells installed in FATA.

The Chairman directed to obtain report from the Ministry concerned.

Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh raised a point of public importance regarding illegal Money Changers in the country and smuggling of Dollars from Pakistan.

RULING OF THE CHAIR

The Chairman announced a ruling which was earlier reserved on 10th April, 2018, during 276th session, regarding promulgation of Ordinances after the summoning of both or any of the House of the Parliament and delay in laying of the Ordinances before the Parliament.

At 4:55 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 15th November, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.

Islamabad,
The 14th November, 2018.