

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	31st August, 2018 (FRIDAY)
Commenced at	11:00 A.M.
Adjourned at	12:50 P.M.
Presided by	Acting Chairman Senate
Attendance	80
Total Working Hours	1 hour 50 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 127, 129, 133, 137, and 140 were replied in the House. Question Nos. 126, and 140 were referred to the concerned Committees. Question Nos. 130, and 139 were deferred. Replies to Question Nos 35, 128, 134, 136, and 138 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of Members concerned.

During the Question Hour, the Chairman acknowledged and welcomed the presence of 101 students from Army Public College, Chinar Campus, Murree, seated in the Galleries.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF
ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved his **Adj. Motion No. 1 (3-281/2018-M)** regarding the cases of human rights abuses especially against women and children during the recent weeks in the country.

After hearing the Member on admissibility, the Acting Chairman referred the subject matter of the Motion to the relevant Standing Committee.

2. **Adj. Motion No. 2 (6-281/2018-M)**, notice given by Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, regarding the whopping current account deficit of Pakistan which has soared upto 17.994 billion USD till the end of Fiscal Year, 2018 was dropped due to Absence of Member.
3. Senator Sherry Rehman moved her **Adj. Motion No. 3 (7-281/2018-M)** regarding the the disconcerting increase of 44.7% as compared to year 2017 in current account deficit of Pakistan which has soared upto 17.994 billion USD.

After hearing the Member on admissibility, the Acting Chairman held the Motion in order for discussion.

MOTION
[Under Rule 194(1)]

- Senator Fida Muhammad, Chairman, Standing Committee on Power, 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 a point of public importance regarding load shedding in the area of Sanghar, raised by Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen on 15th May, 2018, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 31st August, 2018.

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

- Senator Sitara Ayaz, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Climate Change, to move 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 a point of public importance regarding Juniper forests at

district Ziarat, raised by Senator Sana Jamali on 11th April, 2018, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 30th August, 2018.

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

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, Sherry Rehman Dr. Sikandar Mandhro, drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the demands raised by a delegation of Financial Action Task Force (FATF) during their recent visit regarding expeditious implementation of the recommendations agreed by Pakistan and the implications of FATF Report on Pakistan's Grey listing.

Mr. Asad Umer, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs made statement in this regard, hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of accordingly.

ORDINANCE TO BE LAID

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, on behalf of Mr. Zaheer-ud-Din Babar Awan, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Parliamentary Affairs, laid before the Senate the Elections (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 (Ordinance No. XIII of 2018), as required by clause (2) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Since, the Ordinance was first laid in the Senate, therefore, under the Constitution, it was treated as a Bill introduced in the Senate. The Bill as introduced was referred to the standing Committee for consideration and report.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, drew attention of the Minister for Kashmir Affairs and Gilgit Baltistan towards the law and order situation in Gilgit Baltistan with special reference to recent attacks on police and a Session Judge and torching of schools and the ongoing tensions in the Diamer District.

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, made statement in this regard, hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of accordingly.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Sitara Ayaz raised a point of public importance regarding describing of various Pashtun tribes as Taliban on different media outlets.

The Minister for Human Rights, Dr. Shireen Mazari, made a statement in this regard.

2. Senator Kalsoom Perveen pointed out the circulation of spurious medicines across Pakistan along with doctors possessing fake degrees due to inefficiencies of regulating authorities.
3. Senator Javed Abbasi raised an issue of public importance regarding the lodging of illegal FIR against Senator Shamim Afridi. Senator Javed Abbasi commented that this action against Senator Afridi may result in defamation. Leader of the Opposition, Senator Raja Zafar-ul-Haq, also addressed the Chairman on the matter and demanded immediate action should be taken.

The Acting Chairman deliberated to take up the matter with the IG himself and referred the matter to Standing Committee on Interior.

4. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif pointed out the misuse of parliamentary tools and suggested to amend the rules accordingly..

The Acting Chairman proposed to the Senator to bring an amendment to the Rules on the floor of the House.

5. Senator Nighat Mirza pointed out the non-availability of telephone facility at new Islamabad Airport.

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Aviation.

6. Senator Faisal Javed pointed out the need to establish daycare centers at workplaces to facilitate the female employees.

7. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar raised a point of public importance regarding the kidnapping of Haji Abdullah and his brother in Peshawar which was previously raised by him in the House.

The Acting Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Interior.

8. Senator Usman Khan Kakar raised a point of public importance regarding the deteriorating condition of offices in the Basement affecting the health of the employees in the Parliament House.

The Acting Chairman stated that the matter will be taken up in Senate House Committee.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The House started discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi on 30th August, 2018, regarding the issue of rigging in General Elections, 2018, however, the same was deferred.

At 12:50 p.m. the Deputy Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 3rd September, 2018 at 03:00 p.m.

Islamabad,

The 31st August, 2018.