

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and day	16 th February, 2018 (Friday)
Commenced at	10: 06 a.m.
Prorogued at	12:00 noon
Presided by	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi for question hour and Chairman Senate for rest of the sitting
Attendance	46
Total working hours	01 hours and 54 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

- Questions were taken up during the question hour.
- Question Nos. 55(Def.), 25 (Def.), 104, 105, 111 and 118 were asked and replied in the House. Replies to Question Nos. 114(Def.), 105(Def.), 102, 103, 108 and 110 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Questions Nos. 106, 107, 112, 115 and 117 were deferred. Remaining printed questions and their replies were treated as laid on the Table of the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The motion for admissibility of the following Adjournment Motion was dropped due to member's absence:-

Senator Sherry Rehman was to move Adj. Motion No. 6-273/2018-M, regarding rapid decline in the foreign reserves of Pakistan.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

SENATOR MUHAMMAD USMAN KHAN KAKAR, Chairman, Functional Committee on Problems of Less Developed Areas, presented report of the Functional Committee on problems of Less Developed Areas for the period from 12th March, 2015 to 9th February, 2018.

Report stood laid.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:
[Under Rule 166(7)]

SENATOR NUZHAT SADIQ, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs presented report of the committee on the scrutiny of proposed PSDP of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Financial Year 2018-19, as required by sub-rule (7) of rule 166 of the Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

Report stood laid.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:
[Under Rule 166(4)]

SENATOR NUZHAT SADIQ, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, presented report of the committee on mid-year review of budget of Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Financial Year 2017-18, in terms of sub-rule (4) of rule 166 of the Rules of Procedure and conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

Report stood laid.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

1. SENATOR RAHILA MAGSI, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the committee on the Bill further to amend the Federal universities ordinance, 2002 [The Federal Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 23rd October, 2017.

Report stood laid.

2. SENATOR RAHILA MAGSI, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, was to present report of the committee on the Bill further to amend the Area study centres Act, 1975 [The Area Study centres (Amendment) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah on 18th December , 2017.

Chairman did not permit to lay the report and sent the bill back to Standing Committee with the direction to either accept, reject or amend the bill, and if any assistance from Ministry of Law and Justice or Ministry of Parliamentary Affair is needed, summon them.

3. SENATOR RAHILA MAGSI, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to amend the Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2013 [The Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2016], introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 19th December,2016.

Report stood laid.

4. SENATOR BAZ MUHAMMAD KHAN, Chairman, Standing Committee on Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 220, asked by

Senator Ahmed Hassan on 9th November, 2017, regarding number of residential colonies constructed for workers by the Workers Welfare Board, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and subsequent Supplementary Question asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh.

Report stood laid.

MOTIONS
[Under Rule 194(1)]

1. SENATOR ABDULREHMAN 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, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for remedy and payment of compensation to those who are convicted as a result of miscarriage of justice [The Miscarriage of Justice (compensation) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 21st August, 2017, may be extended till 6th March, 2018, with effect from 23rd February, 2018.

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

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

SENATORS KARIM AHMED KHAWAJA AND MUKHTIAR AHMED DHAMRAH @ AAJIZ drew attention of the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony towards the difficulties being faced by the Kalash Community, who are the only pagan minority residing in Chitral.

Deferred due to absence of the Minister on the request of Leader of the House.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

Minister of State for capital Administration and Development Division explained delay of each and every day from 23^d January to 14th February, 2018, in laying of the capital Development Authority (Amendment) ordinance, 2018 (Ordinance No. I of 2018).

Chairman did not find the reasons of delay provided by the Minister satisfactory and put the motion before the House to condone. Condo nation was not granted by the House.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

SENATOR HIDAYAT ULLAH, drew attention of the Minister for Interior towards the delay of payments to Frontier corps personnel who took part in Zarb-e-Azb Operation.

Muhammad Talla Chaudry, Minister of State for Interior Affairs made statement on the Calling Attention Notice.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

[PRIME MINISTER ZERO HOUR]

Senator Kalsoom Perveen raised the issue regarding the purchase of land by Chinese in Pakistan under CPEC (especially in the province of Balochistan).

She further pointed out the recent marriage ceremony of a girl being held in a jail in the province of Sindh.

Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi pointed out the need for convening the meeting of Committee of Whole on FATA reforms.

Chairman stated that the meeting can be scheduled in same Senate session if attendance of members is ensured.

Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi raised the issue of increase in pollution due to cement factories situated along the motorway.

He further stated that there is a need to constitute a committee which can monitor the progress made by the provinces with respect to the subject that have been transferred to the provinces after the 18th constitutional amendment

Senator Farhatullah Babar stressed the need for the members to be able to discuss FATA related legislative business irrespective of the convening of the meeting of Committee of Whole.

He further pointed out the recent statement being issued by ISPR recently regarding the deputation of Pakistani soldiers in Saudi Arabia. He added that in view of the evolving strategic environment the Middle East, this decision is in stark contrast with the resolution being passed in the joint sitting of the Parliament

Chairman Senate directed the Minister of Defense to appear before the House and make a statement about this matter on Monday, 19 February, 2018.

Senator Hidayat Ullah pointed out the lack of human resource in the schools and hospitals in FATA.

Senator Samina Saeed pointed out the discontinuation of Pakistan International Airline's route to New York.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman announced that the meeting scheduled by Statistics Division, the meeting of Pakistan Bureau of Statistics on 16 February, 2018 has been cancelled as per the direction of Chairman Senate. He further directed Leader of the House to convene a meeting with Senator Taj Haider and the Statistics Division on the said matter.

- **At 12:00 noon the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 19th February, 2018 at 03:00 p.m.**

Islamabad,
The 16th February, 2018.