

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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| Date and day | 24 th August,2017 (Thursday) |
| Commenced at | 03:00 p.m. |
| Adjourned at | 6:45 p.m. |
| Presided by | Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Deputy Chairman during question hour. Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan during rest of the proceedings. |
| Attendance | 68 |
| Total working hours | 3 hours and 45 minutes |

1. Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

- Questions entered in a separate list were asked and the replies were given. The questions remained unanswered were treated as laid on the table.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF
ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

1. Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions was determined:-

(i) Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved **Adj. Motion No. 1(5-266/2017-M)**, to discuss the Pak-Iran and TAPI gas pipeline projects and the future consequences of importing costly LNG from Qatar.

After hearing the Mover, the Chairman held motion in order for two hours discussion.

Since one Adjournment Motion is admitted by the Chairman, therefore, the remaining Adjournment Motions on the Orders of the Day were not taken up as provide in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

SENATOR MIAN MUHAMMAD ATEEQ SHAIKH drew attention of the Minister for Interior towards the sale of medicines in Al-Shifa International Hospital, Islamabad at 25% higher prices.

The Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Sheikh Aftab Ahmed made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice.

Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

COMMENCED DEBATE ON IMPORTANT NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUE (under directions of the Chairman Senate with clubbed Calling Attention and Adjournment Motion Notices)

Further discussion and winding up of debate on important national security issue regarding the US President's new strategy for South Asia and Afghanistan and remarks about Pakistan in 22nd August, 2017 announcement.

Following Members spoke on the reference:-

1. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah
2. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi
3. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi

[At this stage the Chairman directed the Secretariat to replace Senator Farhatullah Babar with Senator Sherry Rehman as Member of the drafting Committee due to the reason that Senator Sherry Rehman is proceeding abroad. The Secretariat informed the Chairman that the Committee has already concluded its recommendations. The Chairman directed that in that case the input of Senator Farhatullah Babar may also be obtained on the report.]

4. Senator Saleem Zia
5. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
6. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari
7. Senator Sirajul Haq
8. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
9. Senator Naseema Ehsan
10. Senator Osman Saifullah Khan
11. Senator Barrister Murtaza Wahab

Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Minister for Foreign Affairs wound up the debate.

The Chairman while addressing the Prime Minister stated that if the current Session may be extended till next week then the recommendations of the drafting Committee can be debated in the House and after adoption the same can be transmitted to the National Assembly for discussion either in the National Assembly Session or in Joint Session.

The Prime Minister welcomed the recommendations from the Senate and assured that the same will be considered either in the National Assembly Session or in Joint Session.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 194(1)]

1. SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, 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 question of breach of privilege of the Senate by the Ministry of Finance and National Bank of Pakistan by not acting upon the ruling of the Chairman Senate of dated 4th November, 2016, which was communicated to the concerned quarters vide this Secretariat letter No F. 31(1)/2016-legis on the same day, regarding taking action against the persons /officials of the National Bank of Pakistan and the Ministry of Finance who had drafted and approved the misleading answer to starred question No. 4, set down for answering on 6th September, 2016, for placing the same before the Parliament, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 5th September, 2017.

Motion was put to the house, Chairman suggested the mover to amend it for thirty days instead of sixty. Thereafter, extension was granted for thirty days.

2. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah on his behalf and on behalf of SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, 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 Privilege Motion No. 1(257)/2016-M, moved by Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, against the Chairman CDA for not implementing the recommendations of the Committee on National Food Security and Research on the matter of proposed conversion of 1400 acres of NARC land by CDA into residential / commercial plots, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 2nd September, 2017.

Motion was put to the house and extension was granted for thirty days.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

- 1. SENATOR RAHILA MAGSI**, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for making compulsory teaching of the Holy Quran to Muslim students in all educational institutions. [The Compulsory Teaching of the Holy Quran Bill, 2017].
- 2. SENATOR SYED MUZAFAR HUSSAIN SHAH**, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research, presented 16th follow up report of the Committee regarding proposed conversion of 1400 acres land of National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC) / Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) into residential/commercial plots.

MOTION (Under Rule 60)

SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ moved for discussion on the following matter of public importance arising out of the answer to starred question No. 97, replied on 13th April, 2017:-

“regarding performance of Privatization Commission and the outcome / results of their work during the last four years.”.

Motion was dropped due to the absence of Member.

AMENDMENT TO THE STANDING ORDERS [Under Standing Order No.4.3]

Placement and adoption of the amendment in the Standing Orders regarding insertion of new Standing Order No. 1.64, after the existing Standing Order No. 1.63, titled the “Dress code for the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Presiding Officer, Table Officers and other officers/officials performing duties in the House”.

(Standing Order No. 1.64 entered in a separate list to be adopted)

Motion was put to the house and standing order was adopted.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

SENATOR MIR KABEER AHMED MUHAMMAD SHAHI drew attention of the Minister for Information Technology and Telecommunication towards the removal of 86 cable guards serving in PTCL since 2001, in Balochistan.

The Minister of State for Information Technology and Telecommunication, Mrs. Anusha Rahman Ahmad Khan made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice.

Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

WINDING UP OF DEBATE ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The Minister for Energy, the Prime Minister of Pakistan made in-camera winding up speech on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi on 18th April, 2017, and discussed in the House on 20th April, 2017, regarding the implications of the decision of an Arbitration Tribunal of the World Bank's International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) on the arbitration claims filed by Tethyan Copper Company against the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in relation to the denial of a mining lease for the Reko Diq project.

At 6:45 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday the 25th August, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.