

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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(263rd Session)**

Date and Day	7 th June, 2017 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	11:05 a.m.
Adjourned at	01:15 p.m.
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	62
Total working hours	2 hours and 10 minutes

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

RULING OF THE CHAIR

The Chairman read out the detailed Ruling on the matter of tendering of resignation by Senator Nehal Hashmi and its subsequent request for withdrawal by the Senator.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions was determined:-

Adj. Motion No. 1 (27-263/2017-M) , notice given of by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, to discuss the implications of the statement made by the External Affairs Minister of India that legally Pakistan cannot take the Kashmir issue in the International Court of Justice.	The adjournment motion was held out of order with the suggestion to use other parliamentary tools to discuss the issue.
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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 breach of privilege of the House by the Secretary, Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination, Islamabad, by providing incorrect and incomplete reply to Senate starred question No. 52, asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, set down for answering on 12th April, 2017, may be extended for a period of forty five working days with effect from 12th June, 2017.

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

2. 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 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 dated 4th November, 2016, regarding taking action against the officers /officials of the Ministry of Finance and the National Bank of Pakistan 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 forty five working days with effect from 30th June, 2017.

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

At this stage, Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah stated that the Ministry has filed a review petition on the ruling of the Chairman so whether the Committee can proceed or not.

The Chairman ruled that Ruling of the Chairman cannot be challenged by way of a review petition and it can only be re-called by way of Motion to be moved in the House. The Chairman directed that the Committee may proceed accordingly.

3. 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 Standing 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 forty five working Days with effect from 29th June, 2017.

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

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES- PRESENTATION OF:

1. Senator Kamil Ali Agha, Chairman, Standing Committee on Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the right to information in transparent and effective manner, subject only to reasonable restrictions imposed by law [The Right of Access to Information Bill, 2017].
2. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Illegal Dispossession Act, 2005 [The Illegal Dispossession (Amendment) Bill, 2017].

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

1. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi drew attention of the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources towards the alleged embezzlement of Rupees 134 billion by National and International Gas Companies which extracted and sold oil for last 6 years while according to law they can extract and sale oil only for two years.

Mr. Jam Kamal Khan, Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Resources made the statement and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

2. Senators Sassui Palijo and Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi drew attention of the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training towards the rustication of students belonging to Sindh and Balochistan by the administration of Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad.

Mr. Muhammad Baleegh ur Rehman, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training made the statement.

The Chairman observed that the Senate is not infringing upon the powers of the University, however, the Chairman drew attention of the Minister towards the failure of the Police in controlling such incidents despite prior notices of the tension.

The Chairman directed the Secretariat to schedule the meeting of the Committee of the Whole which is already seized of the issue of revival of Student Unions.

The Calling Attention Notice was thus disposed of.

MOTION

Further consideration of the following motion moved by Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, on 26th May, 2017:-

“That the Senate may make recommendations to the National Assembly on the Finance Bill, 2017, containing the Annual Budget Statement, under Article 73 of the Constitution.”.

Following Members spoke:

1. Senator Rubina Irfan

Further discussion was commenced.

The Chairman directed the Secretariat to ascertain from the Standing Committee on Finance about the presentation of report of the Committee on the Finance Bill and inform the Minister for Finance accordingly.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 20th April, 2017, regarding the disappearance of Col. (R) Habib, resident of Rawalpindi in the hands of the Indian forces on his visit to Nepal.

Following Members spoke in this regard:

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh
2. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
3. Senator Lt. General (R) Abdul Qayyum
4. Senator Sehar Kamran
5. Senator Sherry Rehman
6. Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams
7. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition

Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qadir Baloch, Minister for States and Frontier Regions wound up the speech, however, due to non-furnishing of any conclusive facts and figures by the Minister before the House, the Chairman observed that no information either conclusive or non-conclusive can be withheld from the Parliament.

The Chairman directed that the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs may be asked to appear before the House tomorrow i.e. 8th June, 2017 to make statement on the following issues:-

- a. The ongoing Qatar crisis and Pakistan's stance on it.
- b. The hostile statement by the President of Afghanistan and response of the Military on the same.
- c. The matter of disappearance of Col. Habib

The Chairman further proposed that if Government wants then the portion of this matter can be held in-camera.

- The Chairman adjourned the Session to meet again on Thursday, the 8th June, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Islamabad, the
7th June, 2017