

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(261st Session)

Date and Day	18 th April, 2017 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	6:50 p.m.
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	65
Total working hours	3 hours and 50 minutes

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 135, 139, 142, 143, 147, 148, 149, 152, 154, 155, 156, 157, 161, 164, 165 and 166 were replied in the House. Replies to Question Nos. 136, 137, 138, 140, 141, 144, 145, 146, 150, 151, 153, 158, 159, 160, 162 and 163 were treated as laid on the Tables of the House due to absence of the concerned Members.

During the question hour, the Chairman took serious notice of absence of a large number of Members whose questions were listed. The Chairman directed the Members to remain present when their questions are taken up in the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

RULING OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman announced his Ruling reserved by him on 13th April, 2017 on the following point:-

“Whether there is inconsistency in paragraph (c), sub-rule (1) of Rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 regarding referral of a Bill, reported by the Standing Committee, to a Select Committee? Does it amount to undermining the recommendations/report of a Standing Committee?”

**CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF
ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

The admissibility of following Adjournment Motions was determined:-

1. Senator Sirajul Haq moved the Adj. Motion No. 1 (7-261/2017-M), to discuss the baton charge and firing by the Police on a peaceful sit-in lodged by Jammata-e-Islami at Shahrah-e-Faisal Karachi against over billing and unscheduled load shedding of electricity by K-Electric.

The Chairman held the motion out of order as it pertains to Law and Order which is a provincial subject.

2. Senator Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi moved the Adj. Motion No. 2 (10-261/2017-M), to discuss the implications of the decision of World Bank's Tribunal namely Court for International Dispute Settlements regarding a case between the Government of Balochistan and Tethyan Copper Company.

The Chairman held the motion in order and fixed the same for discussion on Thursday the 20th April, 2017 as last item.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER

(Under rule 265)

Engr. Khurram Dastgeer, Minister for Commerce made statement under rule 265 of the Rules of procedure and conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE PRESENTATION OF:

Following reports of the Committees were presented in the House:-

1. **SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI**, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of the Committee on the question of breach of privilege of the House by the Secretary, Aviation Division by providing incorrect reply to Senate starred question No. 119, set down for answering on 17th January, 2017, asked by Senator Farhatullah Babar.

2. **SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI**, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of the Committee, on the breach of privilege of the House by the Secretary, Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms by not briefing any Minister to respond the point of public importance raised by Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.

3. SENATOR MOHAMMAD MOHSIN KHAN LEGHARI ON BEHALF OF SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALA, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Cost and Management Accountants Act, 1966 [The Cost and Management Accountants (Amendment) Bill, 2017].

4. SENATOR MOHAMMAD MOHSIN KHAN LEGHARI ON BEHALF OF SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALA, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 79, asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 22nd December, 2016, regarding the import of auto parts in the shape of scrap from Japan and re-assembling of the same into cars.

5. SENATOR MAULANA TANVEER-UL-HAQ THANVI, Chairman, Standing Committee on Housing and Works, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 109 asked by Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi on 25th November, 2016.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

SENATOR SHERRY REHMAN drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization towards the increasing trade deficit during July-March (FY 2016-17) as reported by the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics as well as independent research reports which shows a bleak picture of Pakistan's economy whereas the Government is claiming that the economic indicators are improving.

Engr. Khurram Dastgeer, Minister for Commerce on behalf of the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization made a statement.

The Calling Attention Notice was disposed off.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

SHAIKH AFTAB AHMED, MINISTER-IN-CHARGE CABINET SECRETARIAT, moved that the Bill further to amend the National School of Public Policy Ordinance, 2002 [The National School of Public Policy (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted. The House made clause by clause consideration of the Bill. Thereafter, **MINISTER-IN-CHARGE CABINET SECRETARIAT**, moved that the Bill further to amend the National School of Public

Policy Ordinance, 2002 [The National School of Public Policy (Amendment) Bill, 2017] be passed.

The Bill was passed by the House unanimously.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE ON THE POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

The following point of public importance was to be responded by the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination but the same was deferred due to absence of the Minister as there was an unfortunate death in her family.

Regarding the mismanagement in the affairs of PMDC relating to its elections. (raised by Senators Kalsoom Perveen and Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 11th April, 2017)

The Chairman directed the Secretariat to fix this item after ascertaining from the Minister about her availability to attend the Parliamentary Business.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman apprised the House on receiving a letter from the Prime Minister Secretariat on 17th April, 2017 which states that it has been directed to all the Federal Ministers and Federal Secretaries to treat Parliamentary Business as top priority

The letter stands laid on the table of the House.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati and Sirajul Haq on 11th April, 2017, to discuss the recent price hike in basic food items which has further exacerbated the financial position of poor people.

Following Members spoke on the Motion.

1. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati
2. Senator Siraj ul Haq
3. Senator Sehar Kamran
4. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh
5. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini
6. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
7. Senator Kamil Ali Agha
8. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
9. Senator Nehal Hashmi

[At this stage the Chairman observed that it is against the Parliamentary norms that a Member leaves the House after delivering his speech. The

Parliamentary traditions demand that when you express your point of view then you should also listen to the others.]

10. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamdullah

Engr. Khurram Dastgeer, Minister for Commerce on behalf of Minister for Finance wound up the debate. The Chairman directed the Minister to lay the document containing facts and figures of the prices of basic food items on the table of the House.

- The House was adjourned to meet again on Wednesday the 19th April, 2017 at 03:00 p.m.

Islamabad, the

18th April, 2017