

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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(258th Session)**

Date and Day	9 th January, 2017 (Monday)
Commenced at	03:05 pm
Adjourned at	07:24 p.m.
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	79
Total working hours	4 hrs. 19 min.

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS

Order of precedence	Name of the Members
1.	Senator Ahmed Hassan
2.	Senator Nuzhat Sadiq
3.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini

FATEHA

The House offered Fateha for the departed soul of mother of Senator Muhammad Yousaf.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

**REPORTS OF THE STANDING/ FUNCTIONAL/SPECIAL COMMITTEES,
PRESENTATION OF**

Sr. No.	Name of the Committee	Report presented by	Subject matter of the report	Direction of the Chairman
1.	Joint Committee on Devolution Process and Inter-Provincial Coordination	Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi	Establishment of permanent Secretariat of the Council of Common Interests (CCI), in terms of statement made by the Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination on 22nd December, 2016, in the House	Report stands laid. The Chairman directed the Minister for Law and Justice to look into the report and drew his

				attention towards the proposal of the Government to assign the Secretariat of Ministry of IPC as the Secretariat of CCI which would not serve the purpose as mentioned in clause (4) of Article 154
2.	Law and Justice	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Report of the Committee on a matter raised by Senator Farhatullah Babar on 22nd December, 2016, regarding review of section 25 of the National Accountability Ordinance, 1999 (Ordinance No. XVIII of 1999), which deals with voluntary return and plea bargain	Report stands laid. The Chairman drew attention of the Minister for Law and Justice towards some proposed amnesty scheme to white of the black money of tax evaders. Chairman urged the Minister not to allow such amnesty schemes.
3.	Commerce	Senator Syed Shibli Faraz	Report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 25, asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, on 29th September, 2016, regarding import of huge quantity of Powdered Milk	Report stands laid.
4.	Petroleum and Natural Resources	Senator Mir Israrullah Khan Zehri	The problems being faced by the Oil Sector and Industry in Pakistan	Report stands laid. Senator Saeed Ghani pointed out

				some typographical mistake in the report. The Chairman directed the Secretariat to correct the same.
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BILLS TO BE INTRODUCED

Sr. No.	Title of the Bill	Introduced by (Member In-charge)	Whether opposed by the Government, if opposed by whom	Directions
1.	The Pakistan Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 2016	Senator Sirajul Haq		Deferred on the request of Member.
2.	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016] (Amendment of Article 203F)	Senator Sirajul Haq		Deferred on the request of Member.
3.	The Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2016	Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati		Withdrawn by the Member in view of the fact that already on recommendations of the Senate Committee the Government has drafted a Bill on the subject matter of the instant Bill. The Minister assured that the suggestions of the Member proposed in the instant Bill will be duly incorporated.
4.	The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2016	Senator Zaheer-Ud-Din Babar Awan	Not opposed by the Minister.	Referred to the Standing Committee concerned with the direction that the

				Convener of Special Committee on Marginalized Segments of Society will also be invited in the meeting when the Bill will be considered by the Committee.
5.	The Provincial Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Bill, 2016	Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh	Not opposed by Mr. Baligh Ur Rehman, Minister of State for Interior and Narcotics Control.	Referred to the Standing Committee concerned.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Following Private Members' Bills were passed by the Senate:-

- 1) The Bill further to amend the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 [The Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2015], introduced by Senator Sassui Palijo, as reported by the Standing Committee.

The Minister for Law and Justice raised some objection which he stated that the Ministry also raised at Committee stage but remained unentertained.

After clause by clause consideration of the Bill, the Bill was passed unanimously by the House.

- 2) The Bill to amend the National Counter Terrorism Authority Act, 2013 [The National Counter Terrorism Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2016], introduced by Senator Farhatullah Babar, as reported by the Standing Committee.

The Bill was not opposed by the Minister of State for Interior.

After clause by clause consideration of the Bill, the Bill was passed unanimously by the House.

- 3) The Bill further to amend the Representation of the People Act, 1976 [The Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2016], introduced by Senator **Sherry Rehman**, as reported by the Standing Committee.

The Law Minister suggested that since the Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reforms is already working on re-visiting the electoral laws,

therefore, this Bill may be treated as suggestion from the Member to the Parliamentary Committee.

The Mover did not agree with the suggestion, so after clause by clause consideration of the Bill, the Bill was passed unanimously by the House.

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER FOR LAW AND JUSTICE

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice categorically stated that the Government has deliberately not pressed the Civil Court (Amendment) Bill, 2016 and a fresh Bill will be introduced after further consultation.

COMMENCED MOTION

[Under Rule 218]

Discussion on the following motion moved by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan, on 25th July, 2016: -

“The House may discuss the situation arising out of constantly lowering water table in the country and the steps to control the same.”

The following members spoke:

1. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan.
2. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
4. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari.
5. Senator Lt. General (R) Abdul Qayyum.
6. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.
7. Senator Nehal Hashmi.
8. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq.
9. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
10. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak.
11. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz.
12. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi.
13. Senator Kalsoom Perveen.

Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Federal Minister for Water and Power wound up the debate.

The Motion was thus talked out.

The Chairman announced that meeting of the Committee of the Whole on water issues will be held on 17th January, 2017

MOTIONS
[Under Rule 218]

Sr. No.	Subject matter of the motion	Name(s) of the Mover(s)	Wound up by (Minister/Advisor)	Direction of the Chairman
1.	The situation arising out of the continuing Indian violations of the Line of Control (LOC) and cease fire on the working boundary, which has resulted in the loss of precious lives of Pakistanis.	Senator Sehar Kamran		Deferred by the Chairman
2.	The current political situation in the country	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood		The Motion was talked out
3.	The need and importance to stop / control the supply of unhygienic food by the Hotels in Islamabad	Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan		Dropped due to absence of the Member
4.	The security situation in Islamabad with particular reference to crimes detected through installation of CCTV cameras.	Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati		Dropped due to absence of the Member

5.	The situation arising out of huge gap between demand and supply of electricity to Balochistan.	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi		Dropped due to absence of the Member
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RESOLUTIONS

Sr. No.	Name of the Mover	Subject matter of the Resolution	Adopted unanimously or with majority/ Rejected	Direction of the Chairman, if any
1.	Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood	This House recommends that the Government should take effective steps for poverty alleviation in the country.	Resolution was passed being not opposed.	
2.	Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi	This House recommends that the domicile certificates of the persons belonging to Balochistan who are working in various Ministries / Divisions and Federal Government Departments may be sent to the concerned authorities in the Province of Balochistan for verification of the same.	Resolution was passed being not opposed.	
3.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to control price hike in the country.		Resolution was dropped due to the absence of Member.
4.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	The House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps in consultation with the Provincial Governments to stop the incidents of forced conversion of Hindus to Islam.		Resolution was dropped due to the absence of Member.
5.	Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati	This House recommends that the Government should make legislation to provide for preferential treatment to the women engaged in	Resolution was passed being not opposed.	

		business and trade related activities in the country		
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OBSERVATION/DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman directed the Minister for Defence to brief the House on the following issues:-

- Whether the former Chief of Army Staff has accepted any position in the Saudi lead Military alliance of Islamic States?
- If yes, what are the rules which govern the acceptance of any position by a retired COAS?
- Whether such rules were observed by the former COAS while accepting the position?
- Whether he has availed NOC from the Federal Government, if yes, who issued such NOC?

The Minister confirmed that he will brief the House on the issues on Wednesday, the 11th January, 2017.

The Chairman further directed the Law Minister to ask the Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs to brief the House about the impact of acceptance of such position by former COAS on the Foreign Policy of Pakistan and the stand taken by the Parliament of Pakistan in Joint Sitting.

DISCUSSION ON THE INCIDENT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OF A MINOR GIRL IN ISLAMABAD AND THE ABDUCTION OF FOUR MEMBERS OF CIVIL SOCIETY

The following members spoke on the issues: -

1. Senator Sehar Kamran.
2. Senator Taj Haider.
3. Senator Osman Saifullah Khan.
4. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
5. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
6. Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour.
7. Senator Mohsin Aziz.
8. Senator Samina Abid.
9. Senator Sitara Ayaz.
10. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi.

11. Senator Sirajul Haq.
12. Senator Khushbakht Shujat.
13. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
14. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.
15. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
16. Senator Rubina Khalid.
17. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah.
18. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan.

After the discussion, the Chairman observed that the case of domestic violence cannot only be attributed to judiciary just because of the reason that a sitting Judge is the accused in the case but the fact of the matter is that such incidents happens in every segment of society for which we are collectively responsible. The Chairman further observed that to meet the ends of justice, the Judges who are involved in the inquiry should be suspended till completion of the enquiry.

- ✓ **The Chairman referred the matter incident of domestic violence to the Committee on Human Rights.**
- ✓ **As far as the incidents of abduction of four members of civil society is concerned, the Chairman asked the Leader of the House that the Minister for Interior may be asked to brief the House tomorrow and if any information is to be fetched from the Provincial Government that may also be obtained and the House may be briefed on the circumstances under which the persons were abducted and the steps taken by the Government so far for their recovery.**

ZERO HOUR

Senator Sardar Fateh Muhammad Hassani pointed out the hunting of TILOUR in Balochistan by the Arab princes and violations of Baloch traditions by the outsiders. He further pointed out the land grabbing in Balochistan under the supervision of Federal Government which is totally uncalled for and the Tribesmen of Balochistan will not allow such grabbing.

The Chairman directed the Member to move a Calling Attention Notice so that response of the concerned Minister may be obtained.

- The House was adjourned to meet again on Tuesday the 10th January, 2017 at 02:30 p.m.

Islamabad, the
9th January, 2017