



RULING OF THE CHAIR

Order number 3 on the Orders of the Day for today's sitting pertains to the constitution of a Special Committee.

2. In accordance with Rule 174 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, Senate Committees are mandated to be formed within two months following the election of the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman. The process of constituting committees has commenced, with preferences from Members being solicited to ensure alignment with their aspirations and the best interests of the House of the Federation.

3. The Constitution entrusts upon Parliament the duty of meticulous examination and review of all financial matters, particularly those related to money bills, which hold significant implications for our country's fiscal health and governance. Within this framework, the Senate, as the Upper House, assumes a pivotal role in conducting comprehensive scrutiny and analysis of financial legislation. The recommendations put forth by the Senate carry substantial influence in shaping the ultimate outcome of money bills.

4. The Senate Rules encompass a thorough mechanism to ensure the fulfillment of the House and its members' constitutional obligations. Rule 204 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, outlines the establishment of special committees to facilitate in-depth consideration of a matter. This provision was also present in the Senate Rules of 1988, in the form of rule 180 and in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 1973, in the form of rule 173 of the said Rules. As per established parliamentary practice, special committees have historically been formed during Senate transitions every three

years to ensure the continuity of the House's business, even in the absence of regular committees. Notably, special committees were constituted by the House during the tenures of former Chairmen Senate in the years 1985, 1988, 1991, 1994, 1997, 2009, 2012, 2015 and so on, to deliberate on bills and other significant matters while regular committees were being formulated.

5. Continuing with the Parliamentary tradition, upholding the constitutional mandate and ensuring the smooth functioning of the legislative process, a special committee is being constituted to deliberate upon and scrutinize the money bill in question. As the House has entrusted me with this responsibility of constitution of the Special Committee, I hereby constitute the Committee with the following composition:-

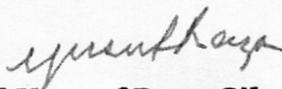
(i) Senator Farooq H Naek

(ii) Senator Azam Nazeer Tarar, Minister for law & Justice and
Parliamentary Affairs

(iii) Senator Syed Ali Zafar

The Committee will deliberate and present its report in the sitting of the Senate to be held on Monday, the 29th April, 2024.

6. I trust that all honorable Members of this House will extend their full cooperation and support to this special committee in fulfilling its crucial responsibilities in accordance with the principles of parliamentary democracy and constitutional governance.


(Syed Yousaf Raza Gilani)
Chairman Senate

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