

Senate of Pakistan



**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PROCEDURE AND
PRIVILEGES**

ON

Matter referred by Senate for amendments in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in
the Senate, 2012 .

PRESENTED BY

SENATOR TAJ HAIDER

Chairman Committee

SENATE SECRETARIAT

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON MATTER REFERRED BY SENATE FOR AMENDMENTS IN THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012 .

I, Senator Taj Haider, Chairman Standing Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges have the honor to submit, on behalf of this Committee, this report on matter referred by Senate for amendments in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 .

2. The composition of the Standing Committee is given as under: -

(1) Senator Taj Haider	Chairman
(2) Senator Palwasha Mohammad Zai Khan	Member
(3) Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
(4) Senator Prof. Sajid Mir	Member
(5) Senator Dost Ali Jeesar	Member
(6) Senator Syed Faisal Ali Subzwari	Member
(7) Senator Faisal Saleem Rahman	Member
(8) Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member
(9) Senator Raja Nasir Abbas	Member

3. The Committee considered the said matter in its meeting held on 20th February, 2025. following Committee Members attended the meeting: -

1. Senator Taj Haider	Chairman
2. Senator Dost Ali Jeesar	Member
3. Senator Saadia Abbasi	Member/Mover
4. Senator Irfan ul Haq Siddiqui	Mover
5. Senator Saifullah Abro	Mover
6. Senator Mir Dostain Khan Domki	Mover

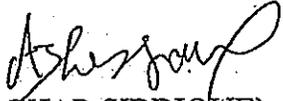
4. The amendments proposed by Senator Irfan-ul-Haq Siddiqui in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 in Rule 15, 16, 171 and 172(F) moved in the Senate Session on-28th January, 2025 and referred by the House to this Committee for consideration and report along with the subsequent proposed amendments by Senator Irfan-ul-Haq Siddiqui in rule 14, rule 94 and rule 96 were discussed and considered. The mover at the very outset of the discussion threw light on the amendments that before the 25th amendment to the constitution,

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eight senators represented FATA in the Senate of Pakistan. Consequently, the term FATA was embedded in various provisions of the Rules of procedure and conduct of business in the Senate, 2012. The 25th constitutional amendment dissolved FATA merging it in Khyber Pakhtoon Khawa. Senators from FATA got retired till 2024 leaving no representation from it. The term FATA now in the senate rules are redundant and consequential amendment is necessitated.

5. While expanding the discussion the mover Senator Irfan-ul-haq Siddiqui debated on the subsequent additional amendments in rule 14, rule 94 and 96 by the proclamation that the proposed amendment in rule 14 basically seeks to address a procedural gap in the prevailing rules. Similarly rules 94 and 96 are also being improved through these amendments, which will ensure that the relevant extract of original law and a comparative statement are made available with every amendment bill from the ministry concerned or the private member, as the case maybe, for ease of members during the House proceedings. The committee asked whether the amendment in rule 14 is meant to empower the Secretary to nominate the panel of the presiding officers. At this, Senator Irfan-ul-haq Siddiqui, the mover, clarified that this amendment seeks the power of mere announcement by Secretary of the panel nominated by the Chairman on file, at the start of first sitting of a new session in case of the rare occasion when both the Chairman and Deputy Chairman are not available. Upon this, the chairman of the committee advised to clarify the draft to the extent of proviso of rule 14 that was revised instantaneously by the mover by inserting the word "so" before the word "nominated" and after the expression "the names of the members", which made the amendment clearer and cogent by linking it to rule 14(1) which expressly provides that the panel will be nominated by the Chairman. The subsequent amendments were also agreed upon by the Ministry of parliamentary affairs and all Committee members. The committee appreciated the effort of the mover and approved unanimously all the proposed amendments in the rules of procedure and conduct of business 2012.

6. **Direction/Decision:** -The Committee recommended to approve unanimously all the proposed amendments in the rules of procedure and conduct of business 2012.


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Deputy Director / Secretary Committee


(SENATOR TAJ HAIDER)
Chairman
Standing Committee Rules of Procedure and Privileges

Islamabad, the

20th February, 2025

LIST OF AMENDMENTS IN THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AND CONDUCT OF BUSINESS IN THE SENATE, 2012 APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

1. That in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, hereinafter referred as the said rules, in sub-rule (1) of Rule 14, the following proviso shall be added, namely

“Provided that if the Chairman and Deputy Chairman are absent at the commencement of the first sitting of a session, the Secretary shall announce the names of the Members so nominated to the Panel of Presiding Officers, in order of precedence, and invite the senior-most Member present from the Panel to preside over the sitting.”
2. In the said rules, in Rule 15, the following amendments shall be made namely,
 - i. in sub-rule (1), the expression "including a member from FATA," shall be omitted;
 - ii. in sub-rule (3), the words "including members from FATA" shall be omitted.
3. In the said rules, in sub-rule (2) of Rule 16, in the proviso, the expression "including members from FATA" shall be omitted.
4. In the said rules, in sub-rule (2) of Rule 94, the following proviso shall be added, namely;

“Provided that if the Bill seeks to amend an existing law, the Member-in-Charge shall also supply a comparative statement indicating the text of the relevant section or sections of the original Act alongside the proposed amendments.”
5. In the said rules, in sub-rule (2) of Rule 96, the following proviso shall be added, namely;

“Provided that if the Bill seeks to amend an existing law, the Minister concerned shall also supply a comparative statement indicating the relevant section or sections of the original Act alongside the proposed amendment.”
6. In the said rules, in sub-rule (4) of Rule 96, after the full stop, the following words shall be omitted, namely;

“If the Bill involves amendment to an existing law, the Secretary shall also supply a relevant extract of the section or section of the original Act which the Bill seeks to amend.”
7. In the said rules, in sub-rule (2) of Rule 171, the expression "including members from FATA" shall be omitted.
8. In the said rules, in sub-rule (2) of Rule 171F, for the expression "one from each Province," the words "at least one from each Province and" shall be substituted and the words "and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas" shall be omitted.