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The Senate of Pakistan met in the Senate Chamber, (State Bank Building), Islamabad, at half-past ten of the clock in the morning, Mr. Chairman (Mr. Habibullah Khan) in the Chair.

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(Recitation from the Holy Quran)  
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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**Mr. Chairman :** This is a leave application by Captain (Retd.) Gul Mohammad, Senator, who has been admitted in the Jinnah Hospital, Karachi, referred by Quetta Doctor.

He is in the hospital. Should the leave be granted ?

(The leave was granted)

**Mr. Chairman :** Leave is granted.

There is another leave application from Khawaja Mohammad Safdar. It reads :

“I am proceeding to Karachi today in the evening, and will be absent for three days. I will through you, request the Senate to excuse my absence.”

Should three days' leave be granted to Khawaja Mohammad Safdar.

(The leave was granted)

**Mr. Chairman :** All right. Leave is granted.

**Mr. Chairman :** Is there any business today ?

*(Consults the Secretary)*

**Mr. Chairman :** What is to be done ? Resolution No. 4 has been tabled by Chaudhry Mohammad Aslam. He is absent. Mr. Tahir Mohammad Khan, what has to be done in case the mover of the resolution is absent ?

**Mr. Tahir Mohammad Khan :** Off hand, Sir, I cannot submit. I think, if he is not present, it cannot be dismissed.

**Mr. Chairman :** No, no, some provision must be there.

*(Consults Rules)*

**Mr. Chairman :** It can be moved only if I give assent, and somebody else is prepared to move it, otherwise it will have to go.

**MOTION *Re* : DISCUSSION ON THE REPORT OF THE  
NATIONAL FINANCE COMMISSION**

**Mr. Chairman :** All right, we take up one by one. Discussion on the following motion moved by Khawaja Mohammad Safdar :

“That the report of the National Finance Commission circulated to the Members of the Senate be taken into consideration.”

**Rana Mohammad Hauf Khan (Minister for Finance, Planning and Development) :** Sir, I wanted to discuss it today. This motion has been postponed from time to time generally on my request, because I used to be busy. Since Khawaja Sahib has been accommodating me always, and now he is on leave, I would make a request that it may be deferred till next Friday.

**Mr. Chairman :** He has made a request that the motions standing in his name may be postponed. So, on the request of Khawaja Mohammad Safdar, the consideration of this motion is adjourned.

**MOTION *Re* : DISCUSSION ON THE AGREEMENTS REACHED  
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF PAKISTAN AND INDIA**

**Mr. Chairman :** Now, we take up No. 3. It will also have the same fate. This also stands adjourned.

**MOTION *Re* : CONSIDERATION OF UNSATISFACTORY  
CONDITIONS PREVALENT IN PAKISTAN RAILWAYS**

**Mr. Chairman :** Item No. 4. Ch. Mohammad Aslam :

“That the unsatisfactory conditions pre-

valent in the Pakistan Railways passenger  
trains be taken into consideration.”

Yes ?

**Qazi Faizul Haq :** May I move this resolution, Sir, on his behalf, with your permission.

**Mr. Chairman :** But the Minister is not here. There is a request by the Minister. If I give assent, you can move on his behalf, but I have a request from the Railway Minister that he will not be available today to face this resolution.

**Qazi Faizul Haq :** Sir, then let it be deferred to some other day.

**Mr. Chairman :** So, this No. 4 also stands deferred. Now, No. 5.

RESOLUTION Re : SETTING UP OF A COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE  
INTO THE DAMAGES CAUSED TO TARBELA DAM

**Mr. Chairman :** This resolution is also tabled by Khawaja Mohammad Safdar. Then, No. 6 is also by Khawaja Mohammad Safdar. So, five resolutions are in the name of Khawaja Mohammad Safdar. He is unavoidably absent. Leave has been granted, therefore, they are deferred. One resolution is in the name of Chaudhry Mohammad Aslam. He is absent. The Railway Minister has also requested for adjournment.

(Pause)

**Mr. Chairman :** So, these resolutions also stand deferred. No other business, unless you want to create some business for the House.

**Mr. Tahir Mohammad Khan :** I think, Syed QamaruzZaman Shah is capable of creating some business.

**Mr. Chairman :** Tomorrow there will be no sitting. Day after tomorrow there is some function. There is another function on Monday ; you all know. Some very important function on 21st, there is the Joint Sitting of Parliament.

**Qazi Faizul Haq :** Even on the morning of 22nd, there may be Joint Sitting ?

**Mr. Chairman :** Morning and evening both.

**Mr. Qamar uz Zaman Shah :** There is a likelihood of Joint Session on the morning of 22nd also.

**Mr. Masud Ahmad Khan :** There is a Joint Sitting on the morning of 22nd also.

**Mr. Chairman :** Yes, I know. But that does not prevent us from meeting on 22nd evening. Do you agree ?

**Voices :** Yes.

**Mr. Chairman :** Should we meet at four or four-thirty ?

**Voices :** Four-thirty.

**Mr. Chairman :** So, the House stands adjourned to meet again on 22nd at 4.30 p.m.

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*The House then adjourned to meet again at half-past four of the clock in the evening on Wednesday, December 22, 1976*

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