

SESSION JOURNAL
265th Session
(Requisitioned session)

| Sitting Hours and Attendance | |
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| Session summoned on | 09-08-2017 |
| Session prorogued on | 10-08-2017 |
| Number of working days | 2 |
| Number of actual sittings | 2 |
| Maximum attendance | 78 |
| Minimum attendance | 69 |
| Average attendance | 73 |
| Total hours of sittings | 10 hours and 10 minutes |
| Maximum hours of sitting | 5 hours and 10 minutes |
| Minimum hours of sitting | 5 hours |

PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS

| Order of precedence | Name of the Members |
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| 1. | Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi. |
| 2. | Senator Ahmed Hassan |
| 3. | Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi |

OATH TAKING

- Senator Agha Shahzeb Khan Durrani, Member elect took oath.

OFFERING OF FATEHA

- The house offered Fateha for four military men including a senior officer who were martyred during an intelligence-driven raid on a mountainous hideout of terrorists in Upper Dir district of

Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa near the border with Afghanistan. The House also offered Fateha for the sad demise of an Air force Officer in a plane crash near Gujranwala.

- The House observed one minute silence to pay tribute to Dr. Ruth Katharina Martha Pfau, M.D., D.Sc., “Nishan-e-Quaid-e-Azam”, founder Member MALC and Member of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary (DHM) who passed away on Thursday, the 10th August, 2017.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

Following reports 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, Ministry of Defence and Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs by referring to each other and not accepting the responsibility of the Calling Attention Notice moved by Senator Farhatullah Babar on 30th May, 2017.
2. **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, Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination, by providing incorrect and incomplete reply to starred question No. 52, asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 12th April, 2017.
3. **Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini**, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No. 2(262)/2017-M, moved by Senator Shahi Syed against Mr. Mohsin Fawad, SHO, Katling, District Mardan.
4. **Senator Nauman Wazeer Khatak on behalf of Senator Rahila Magsi**, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Federal Education and Professional Training, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice moved by Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq on 20th January, 2017, regarding the granting of equivalence certificates to O and A level students by the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC).
Since, the Committee has recommended that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on IPC as the matter pertained to that Committee, therefore, the Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on IPC.
5. **SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALA**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of point of public importance raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 10th January, 2017, regarding amnesty scheme for motor vehicles which was referred back by the House on 9th July, 2017, to the Committee for correction.

6. **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 Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) Ordinance, 2001 [The Financial Institutions (Recovery of Finances) (Amendment) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati on 13th March, 2017.
7. **SENATOR NAWABZADA SAIFULLAH MAGSI on behalf of SENATOR MUHAMMAD DAUD KHAN ACHAKZAI, ADVOCATE**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of the point of public importance regarding the fate of local Engineers in Balochistan, raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 8th June, 2017.

REPORT OF THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON ELECTORAL REFORMS- PRESENTATION OF:

SENATOR MOHAMMAD ISHAQ DAR, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs/ Chairman, Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reforms, presented the report of the Parliamentary Committee on Electoral Reforms.

The Minister for Finance also made detailed statement in the House.

At this stage, the Chairman objected on the non-mentioning of Senate of Pakistan on the cover of the Report.

The Minister for Law and Justice assured to rectify the error.

Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi also objected that no Member from the National Party was included in the composition of the Committee.

MOTION

[Under Rule 194(1)]

Senator Saleem Mandviwalla, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for rehabilitation and re-organization of distressed corporate entities [The Corporate Rehabilitation Bill, 2017], introduced on 19th January, 2017, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 9th August, 2017.

The Motion was put to the House and the requisite extension was granted.

MOTION

[Under Rule 204]

SENATOR RAJA MUHAMMAD ZAFAR-UL-HAQ, Leader of the House, moved under rule 204 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that this House may authorize the

Chairman Senate to appoint a Special Committee under the Chairmanship of Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the Opposition, comprising of Senators Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Mushahid Hussain Syed, Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi, Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, Hidayat Ullah, Taj Haider and Saleem Mandviwala, to examine the issue of non-implementation of the decisions of the House on which the concerned Ministries fail to report reasons of non-implementation, within the stipulated time period, in terms of rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012. The Committee shall in its report, inter-alia, suggest modus operandi to deal with the cases of non-implementation of the binding decisions of the House.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 218]

Following motions Under Rule 218 (Requisitioned Items) were discussed during the session.

1. The Measures to combat corruption with focus on off-shore companies, across the board accountability and a new accountability mechanism;

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice wound up the debate.

2. The present political situation post Panama Papers verdict and the way forward-role of the Parliament.

Before start of the debate, the Chairman sensitized the Member to speak to the point and give some rationale suggestions to strengthen the parliament. The Chairman narrated nine points in the House which are part of the verbatim.

The Motion was talked out. However, the Chairman ruled that on the first sitting of the next session, a motion may be moved in the House by the Leaders of the House and the Opposition for the constitution of Committee of the Whole House to discuss the weaknesses of Parliament and the way forward.

The Chairman also took the Members into confidence to initiate the process of Intra-Institutional Dialogue to provide a forum for interaction between the Institutions. The House agreed the suggestion and the Chairman stated that he will write to the Prime Minister of Pakistan to invite the Executive as well as the Military Bureaucracy and to the Chief Justice of Pakistan to invite the Judiciary in the dialogue process.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE RULES
(Under Rule 278)

Following rule amendments were made during the Session:-

(i) That in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, in rule 166, after the existing sub-rule (6), the following new sub-rule (7) shall be inserted, namely:-

“(7) Each Standing Committee shall scrutinize the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) proposed by the Ministry concerned for the next financial year and suggest amendments, if necessary, and make recommendations thereon before the same is sent to the Ministry of Finance for inclusion in the Federal Budget for the next financial year. Each Ministry shall submit its budgetary proposals relating to the Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) for the next financial year to the relevant Standing Committee not later than the 31st January of preceding financial year and the Standing Committee shall make its recommendations thereon, if any, not later than the 1st March of preceding financial year, failing which the proposals of the Ministry shall be deemed to have been endorsed by the Standing Committee.”

(ii) That in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, after rule 268, the following new rule 268A shall be inserted, namely:-

“268A. Dress code for the Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Presiding Officer, Table Officers and other officers/ officials performing duties in the House.- The Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Presiding Officer, Table Officers and other officers/ officials performing duties in the House shall follow a dress code, as may be prescribed in the Standing Orders from time to time.”

MEDIA WALKOUT

The Media representatives in the Media Gallery staged walkout of the proceedings of the House due to the manhandling of media persons during coverage of PML-N rally. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed along with Senators Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Taj Haider and Saleem Zia negotiated with the media persons who demanded that the House may show solidarity with the media by way of passing a resolution and also observe silence in the House.

At this stage, the Chairman stated that he has given a detailed ruling regarding transaction of business during requisition session according to which no resolution can be moved during requisition

session, however, he allowed the resolution as an exception but he clarified that it cannot be used as precedent.

The House observed a moment of silence to show solidarity with the media in discharge of their functions.

Thereafter, Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed moved motion under rule 263 to suspend the relevant rules in order to enable the House to pass a resolution showing solidarity with the Media.

The Motion was carried. Thereafter, Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed moved resolution which was put to the House and passed unanimously.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of opposition, drew attention of the House towards the incident of breaking into the House of Senator Syed Shibli Faraz by some unknown persons who took away his personal record as well as the record pertaining to his late father Ahmed Faraz.

The Chairman stated that he had asked the IGP Islamabad to look into the matter but no progress has so far been made in the case despite the assurance by the IGP.

The Chairman directed the Leader of the House to look into the matter personally and apprise the House during the session.

On 10th August, 2017, the Leader of the House reported back to the House about the progress in the case.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman announced that he had made a request to the then Prime Minister of Pakistan to shift the flag hosting ceremony on the Independence Day to the Parliament House which request has been acceded to by the Prime Minister of Pakistan and he has issued directions to the concerned quarters to make the arrangements subject to weather conditions.

At 8:00 p.m. the Chairman read out the prorogation order and adjourned the proceedings *sine die*.