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PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICER FOR 279TH SESSION

- 1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh**
- 2. Senator Hidayat Ullah.**
- 3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.**

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

- 1. Senator Dr. Sikander Mandhro on behalf of Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to repeal the West Pakistan Juvenile Smoking Ordinance, 1959, to the extent of Islamabad Capital Territory [The West Pakistan Juvenile Smoking (Repeal) Bill, 2018].**
- 2. Senator Behramand on behalf of Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman, Standing Committee on Petroleum, presented report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen on 15th May, 2018, regarding non-installation of RO Plants by the E&P Companies operating in District Sanghar.**
- 3. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Capital Administration and Development Division, presented report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Samina Saeed on 15th May, 2018, regarding price hike on kitchen items in weekly bazars of Islamabad.**

MOTIONS
[Under Rule 194(1)]

Following motions were carried and requisite extensions were granted:

- 1. Senator Behramand on behalf of Senator Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, 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 subject matter of supplementary question, asked by Senator Nauman**

Wazir Khattakto Starred Question No. 130, regarding Sukkur-Multan (M-5) Motorway, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 10th July, 2018.

2. Senator Behramand on behalf of Senator Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, 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 a point of public importance raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 11th April, 2018, regarding road accidents on Quetta-Karachi road and Quetta-Taftan road, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 13th July, 2018.
3. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, 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 Privilege Motion No. 1(276)/2018-M, moved by Senator Mohsin Aziz on 3rd May, 2018, may be extended for sixty working days with effect from 11th July, 2018.
4. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, 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 Privilege Motion No. 4(276)/2018-M, moved by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati on 10th April, 2018, may be extended for forty five working days with effect from 11th July, 2018.
5. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, 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 Privilege Motion No. 1(277)/2018-M, moved by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 11th May, 2018, may be extended for sixty working days with effect from 11th July, 2018.
6. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, 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 prohibit the business and practices of private money-lending and advancing loans and transactions based on interest [The Islamabad Capital Territory Prohibition of Interest on Private Loans Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Sirajul Haq, on 28th August, 2017, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days, with effect from 11th July, 2018.

7. Senator Nighat Mirza on behalf of Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Chairman, Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony, 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 a point of public importance raised by Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi on 15th May, 2018, regarding utilization of Zakat funds for education and health sectors, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 15th July, 2018.
8. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice 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 Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2018” referred by the House on 14th May, 2018, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 13th July, 2018.
9. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice 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 Succession (Amendment) Bill, 2018” referred by the House on 24th May, 2018, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 23rd July, 2018.
10. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice to move 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 Federal Judicial Academy (Amendment) Bill, 2018” referred by the House on 12th April, 2018, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 30th July, 2018.
11. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice 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 Limitation Relating to Civil Revisions Bill, 2018” referred by the House on 12th April, 2018, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 30th July, 2018.
12. Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice 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 Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2018” referred by the House on 12th April, 2018, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 30th July, 2018.

- 13.** Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice 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 Federal Ombudsman Institutional Reforms (Amendment) Bill, 2018” referred by the House on 12th April, 2018, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 30th July, 2018.
- 14.** Senator Musadik Masood Malik on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice 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 Specific Relief (Amendment) Bill, 2018” referred by the House on 12th April, 2018, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days with effect from 30th July, 2018.
- 15.** Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, to move 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 further to amend the Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) Ordinance, 1979 [The Islamabad Wildlife (Protection, Preservation, Conservation and Management) (Amendment) Bill, 2018], introduced by Senator Sehar Kamran, on 5th March, 2018, may be extended for a further period of sixty working days, with effect from 9th July, 2018. **Deferred on the request of the Member due to some technical issue in the Motion.**
- 16.** Senator Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, to move 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 subject matter of supplementary question, asked by Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak to Starred Question No. 130, regarding Sukkur-Multan (M-5) Motorway, may be extended for a

period of sixty working days with effect from 10th July, 2018. **Deferred due to absence of the Member.**

17. Senator Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, to move 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 a point of public importance raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaladini on 11th April, 2018, regarding road accidents on Quetta-Karachi road and Quetta-Taftan road due to lack of illuminations and back lights of vehicles, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 13th July, 2018. **Deferred due to absence of the Member**

18. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on behalf of Senator Shammim Afridi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Water Resources, 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 a point of public importance raised by Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen, regarding distribution of water to the province of Sindh in accordance with the Water Accord, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 15th July, 2018. **The Motion was carried and the requisite extension was granted.**

19. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Capital Administration and Development Division, 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 Islamabad Capital Territory Private Educational Institutions (Registration and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2016, introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, on 19th December, 2016, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days, with effect from 13th July, 2018.

20. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar, Chairman, Standing Committee on Capital Administration and Development Division, 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 Right to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Bill, 2018, introduced by Senator Samina Saeed, on 9th April, 2018, may be extended for a period of thirty working days, with effect from 13th July, 2018.

21. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro on behalf of Senator Sitara Ayaz, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Climate Change, 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 a point of public importance raised by Senator Sana Jamali on 11th April, 2018, regarding Juniper forests at District Ziarat of Balochistan, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 13th July, 2018.
22. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, 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 the safety and standards of food and for establishment of the Islamabad Pure Food Authority [The Islamabad Pure Food Authority Bill, 2018], introduced by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, on 14th May, 2018, may be extended for a period of sixty working days, with effect from 13th July, 2018.
23. Senator Fida Muhammad, Chairman, Standing Committee on Power, 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 a point of public importance raised by Senator Imamuddin Shouqeen on 15th May, 2018, regarding load-shedding in the area of Sanghar (Sindh), may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 15th July, 2018.
24. Senator Dr. Jehanzab Jamaldini of behalf of Senator Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Standing Committee on Communications, 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 a point of public importance raised by Senators Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh and Samina Saeed on 15th May, 2018, regarding collection of toll tax at new International Airport, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 15th July, 2018.

LAYING OF COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations of the Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs on the President's Salary, Allowances and Privileges (Amendment) Bill, 2018, as transmitted to the National Assembly in terms of sub-rule (8A) of rule 130 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, were laid before the Senate.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh was to move that the Bill to amend the National Disaster Management Act, 2010 [The National Disaster Management (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Committee, be taken into consideration, at once.

The Motion was deferred on the request of the Member.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to abolish Riba at the earliest and at least 30% of all new Government debts should be replaced with shariah compliant mode.

The House also recommends that the funds of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony related to Hajj, Zakat and Usher should be replaced or invested under shariah compliant mode.”

The Resolution was not opposed by the Minister for Finance.

The Acting Chairman allowed the following Members to speak on the subject matter of the resolution:-

1. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz.
2. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar Ul Haq, Leader of the House.
3. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
4. Senator Atta Ur Rehman.
5. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani.
6. Senator Molvi Faiz Muhammad.
7. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.

The Members raised some specific queries upon which the Acting Chairman directed the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs to reply on Thursday. Thereafter, the Resolution was put to the House which was passed unanimously.

2. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh was to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the Government should take necessary steps to improve the performance of Pakistan’s embassies and missions

abroad and to introduce and implement austerity measures in their expenses.”

Deferred on written request of the Member.

3. Senators Hillal Ur Rehman, Sajjad Hussain Turi, Haji Momin Khan Afridi, Hidayat Ullah And Aurangzeb Khan were to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the recruitment process against the recently advertised posts in different projects under the FATA Secretariat, FATA Development Authority and FATA Disaster Management Authority, should be stopped.”

Dropped due to absence of the Members.

4. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani was to move the following resolution:-

“This House recommends that the newly constructed Islamabad International Airport should continue to be named as "Benazir Bhutto International Airport."

Deferred on written request of the Member.

DEFERRED MOTION

[Under Rule 218]

Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum moved that the House may discuss the issue of energy crisis in the country and the steps taken by the last Government to address the same.

Following member spoke on the Motion:

1. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
2. Senator Musadik Masood Malik.
3. Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro.
4. Senator Rukhsana Zuberi.
5. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.
6. Minister for Law and Justice wound up the discussion, hence Motion was talked out.

Acting Chairman asked the Minister to brief the House about the updated situation of energy in the Country.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 218]

1. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan was to move that this House may discuss the performance of Pakistan Post and the need and importance of improvement in the same.
Deferred on the request of the Minister concerned.
2. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz was to move that the House may discuss the performance of Higher Education Commission with particular reference to the impacts of its policies towards the improvement of standards of higher education in the country.
Deferred on the request of the Minister concerned.
3. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh was to move that this House may discuss the need to expedite work on the projects for construction of small dams and water reservoirs in the country.
Deferred on written request of Member.
4. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood was to move that the House may discuss the Foreign policy of Pakistan.
Deferred on written request of Member.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

Statements to be made by the Ministers concerned on the following points of public importance raised by the Members in the House:-

- i. Regarding the low salaries of teachers employed in National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) schools in less developed areas, raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 11th April, 2018.
Deferred on the request of the Minister concerned.
- ii. Regarding the spending of a major portion of funds of Public Sector Universities on payment of pensions due to which the Universities lack funds for Research and other developmental projects, raised by Senator Syed Shibli Faraz on 11th April, 2018.
Deferred on the request of the Minister concerned.

- iii. Regarding the problems being faced by parents in getting their children admitted in schools in Islamabad due to increase in population of Islamabad and non-regularization of teachers working on daily wages, raised by Senator Kalsoom Parveen on 11th April, 2018.

Federal Minister for Interior responded on the issue which was disposed of accordingly.

- iv. Regarding the practice of HESCO to shut down the electricity of whole village due to non-payment of Bills by few defaulters, raised by Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo on 11th April, 2018.

Minister for Law and Justice made statement in this regard.

Following Members also spoke on the matter:

1. Senator Dr. Sikander Mandhro
2. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
3. Senator Rukhsana Zuberi
4. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani

The issue was disposed of accordingly.

- v. Regarding the imposition of taxes on tobacco growers in Districts Swabi, Mardan, Charsadda, Buner and Mansehra whereas the Government is giving exemptions to the Tobacco companies, raised by Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani on 11th April, 2018.

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs made statement in this regard.

Following Members also spoke on the matter:

1. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani
2. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
4. Senator Musadik Masood Malik.

The issue was disposed of accordingly.

- vi. Statements were made by the Ministers concerned on the following points of public importance raised by the Members in the House:- Regarding the issuance of arrest warrants in the names of the poor farmers of draught hit areas due to default in payment of loans of Agriculture Development Bank despite the fact that

Senate had passed a Resolution to waive off their debts, raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 11th April, 2018.

Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs made statement in this regard, thus disposed of.

- vii. Regarding the non-implementation of the Resolution passed by the Senate about the slab rates of gas in Balochistan, raised by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on 11th April, 2018.

Syed Ali Zafar, Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage, made statement in this regard, thus disposed of.

- viii. Regarding the unfair distribution of water by IRSA to Balochistan, raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 8th May, 2018.

- **Syed Ali Zafar, Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage, made statement in this regard, thus disposed of.**
- **Chairman directed the Minister to ensure proper supply of water to Balochistan.**

- ix. Regarding the minute to minute fluctuation in the prices of air tickets of PIA from the announced price which causes problems to the passengers at the last moment, raised by Senator Abdul Rehman Malik on 11th May, 2018.

Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Naeem Khalid Lodhi, Minister for Defence, made statement in this regard, thus disposed of.

- x. Regarding the non-completion of various developmental schemes announced by the Federal Government in District Thatha alongside the coastal belt, raised by Senator Sassui Palijo on 11th May, 2018.

Syed Ali Zafar, Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage, made statement in this regard, thus disposed of.

- xi. Minister for Energy made statement on the non-availability of electricity in Makran Division, Balochistan for last twelve days raised by Senators Kauda Babar and Dr. Ashok Kumar, on 12th July, 2018. **Thus, disposed of.**

PRIVILEGE MOTION

Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar moved Privilege motion against FC Subedar who not only misbehaved but breached his privilege in a nasty manner at District Qilla Saifullah, Sharan Jogazai. **Acting Chairman referred the matter to the Committee concerned.**

CONDOLENCE SPEECHES

Following members expressed deep grief and heartfelt condolence over the martyrdom of Haroon Bilour and his two dozen companions in a suicide blast in a corner meeting in Peshawar. They condemned the suicide blast and offered condolence to Bilour [family](#).

1. Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed
 2. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
 3. Senator Dr. Sikander Mandhro
 4. Senator Behramand
 5. Senator Kalsoom Perveen
 6. Senator Samina Saeed
 7. Senator Nighat Mirza
 8. Senator Saadia Abbasi
 9. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel
 10. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz
 11. Senator Pervaiz Rasheed
 12. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif
 13. Senator Moula Bux Chandio
 14. Senator Gul Bashra
 15. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan
 16. Senator Musadik Masood Malik
 17. Senator Prof. Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani
 18. Senator Keshoo Bai
 19. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
 20. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition.
 21. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House.
 22. Minister for Interior made statement on the incident and assured that a complete investigation report will be shared with the House.
- **Chairman Senate directed the Interior Minister to submit the report of the suicide blast by Thursday. He further directed that report regarding overall security arrangements during election may be obtained from all four Provincial Chief Secretaries.**

- **Chairman Senate further ruled that he will constitute a monitoring Committee to monitor the security during and before the election. The committee will seek reports from Ministry of Interior and NACTA on regular basis.**

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION

After discussion, Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House moved the Resolution condemning the cowardly suicide attack on Haroon Bilour.

The Resolution was passed unanimously

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions were determined:-

1. **Adj. Motion No. 1(1-279/2018-M)**, notice given of by Senators Sirajul Haq and Mushtaq Ahmed regarding the recent increase in the prices of petroleum products by the Caretaker Government which will further burden the poor masses.

The motion was deferred on written request of the Members.

2. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif moved Adj. Motion No. 2(2-279/2018-M), to discuss the continuous display of abusive and blasphemous material against the Holy Prophet (PBUH) on the Internet.

Chairman held the motion in order.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

- Senators Sirajul Haq and Mushtaq Ahmed drew attention of the Minister for Energy towards the generation of electricity through costly sources inspite of having 775 billion tons coal reservoirs in the country and non-recovery of dues amounting to Rs.300 billion as reported in print media on 27th June, 2018. **The Calling Attention Notice was deferred on written request of Members.**
- Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition, drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the inclusion of Pakistan in FATF's Grey List despite the previous Government's promise of robust diplomatic efforts to avoid the same. **Dr. Shamshad Akhtar Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs made statement in this regard, hence the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of accordingly.**

ORDINANCE LAID

Syed Ali Zafar, Minister for Information, Broadcasting, National History and Literary Heritage, laid before the Senate the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Ordinance, 2018 (Ordinance No. IX of 2018), as required by clause (2) of Article 89 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

Since, the ordinance was first laid in the Senate, therefore, it was treated as Bill introduced in the Senate and referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.

REPORT LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

Dr. Shamshad Akhtar, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, laid before the Senate the Annual Report along-with a copy of the auditors' report and certified statement of accounts of the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) for the Financial Year 2013-2014, as required under sub-section (2) of Section 22 of the Competition Act, 2010.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 204]

Following motion were put before the House and carried:

1. Senator Sherry Rehman Leader of the Opposition, on her behalf and on behalf of 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 constitute a Special Committee to examine the special audit report on causes of decline in Tax collection of tobacco sector and investigate the facts and figures contained in the report. The Chairman Senate may also be authorized to make changes in the composition of the Committee as and when deemed necessary.
2. Senator Sherry Rehman Leader of the Opposition, on her behalf and on behalf of 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 constitute a Special Committee on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The Chairman Senate may also be authorized to make changes in the composition of the Committee as and when deemed necessary.

RESPONSE OF THE GOVERNMENT ON THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED REGARDING FREE, FAIR AND PEACEFUL CONDUCT OF GENERAL ELECTIONS, 2018

1. The Minister for Interior made statement on the following issues:
 - i. the suicide attack on a corner meeting of ANP in Yakka Toot, Peshawar, which resulted into the martyrdom of Barrister Haroon Ahmed Bilour and others, on 10th July, 2018; and

- ii. steps being taken by the Government to ensure peaceful conduct of General Elections, 2018.

Minister of Interior informed the House that detailed report is submitted to Secretariat he further made statement on the issue.

2. The Minister for Law and Justice and Parliamentary Affairs made statement regarding the concerns expressed by Members on the free, fair and transparent conduct of General Elections, 2018.

DISCUSSION ON CONDUCT OF FREE AND FAIR ELECTION AND SO FAR PERFORMANCE OF CARE TAKER GOVERNMENT

Honorable Members of the House expressed their reservations on the statement made by the Interior Minister and questioned the credibility of the government as a care taker setup. The members from both opposition and treasury benches questioned performance of the caretaker government with regard to provision of security to the political leaders and candidates and to ensure transparent elections. They also questioned the process of scrutiny of candidates by ECP where they have straightaway given clean chit to more than two hundred candidates of proscribed organizations. In addition Members also identified the lack of coordination between the Federal and Provincial care taker governments with regard to security measures.

Following Members shared their views and reservations on the issue:

1. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani.
2. Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo.
3. Senator Mushtaq Ahmad
4. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
5. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
6. Senator Syed Shibili Faraz
7. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif
8. Senator Saadia Abbasi
9. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak
10. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo
11. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition
12. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel

Chairman Senate directed Interior Minister to satisfy points raised by honorable Member of the House on Monday. He reminded that direction had been given to Federal and Provincial Governments to make arrangements for the security of the Political workers and their leaders.

CONDOLENCE SESSION

Following Members expressed their serious concerns on the recent wave of terrorism emerging in different parts of Country especially against the Political parties:

1. Senator Kalsoom Perveen.
2. Senator Naseebullah Bazai.
3. Senator Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
4. Senator Sardar Azam Khan Musakhel.
5. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar.
6. Senator Mian raza Rabbani.
7. Senator Mina Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh.
8. Senator Pervaiz Rasheed.
9. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz.
10. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
11. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition.
12. Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani.
13. Senator Saadia Abbasi.
14. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak.
15. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
16. **Chairman Senate expressed his deep sorrows and grief and declared the incident as a National incident.**

Senator Sherry Rehman moved the Resolution which was put to the House and passed unanimously.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Leader of the House, Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq stated that the House should take notice of the recent political unrest in the country whereby some political parties are not being provided level playing field. He criticised the political victimization of the political party leaders and workers during their political campaigns.
2. Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan spoke about registration of false FIRs against him and other leadership of Rawalpindi only because they were accompanying Captain Safdar when he was going to surrender before the NAB Authorities. He further pointed out that

he was stopped by police personnel at check post near Serena Hotel for 45 minutes when he was coming to attend the Senate session which is breach of his privilege as Member of Senate.

Acting Chairman asked the Senator to inform the Secretariat in writing to process it for referring to privilege committee. Following also spoke on the issue.

1. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak.
 2. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed.
 3. Senator Sadia Abbasi.
 4. Senator Musadik Masood Malik.
 5. Senator Pervaiz Rasheed.
 6. Senator Rehman Malik.
 7. Senator Dr. Asif Kirmani.
 8. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz.
 9. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
 10. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.
 11. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.
 12. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad.
 13. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition.
 14. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo.
3. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition informed the House that Multan district management had obstructed PPP rally despite prior permission. Minister of Interior inquired the matter and responded that according to Election Commission, all political parties must take permission from the administration three days prior to the rally.
4. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed pointed out the blasphemy campaign started by a Netherland's politician on Social Media. He demanded that the Government should take measures to stop the campaign as it will hurt the religious sentiments of millions of Muslim resulting in disturbance to world peace and tolerance.

Following members also spoke on the issue: Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif, Senator Dr. Sikander Mandhro, Senator Rana Maqbool, Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.

5. Senator Dr. Sikander Mandhro pointed out that high officials being hired by the previous government just before completing their tenure, were holding campaign in support of certain political parties, using their public offices. **Acting Chairman asked the Senator to share the details with the Secretariat and assured that necessary action will be taken after consulting the Government.**
6. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar raised the issue of crack down on PTM and Pushtoonkhwa Student Organization's members during their protest at Islamabad Press club.
7. Senator Kalsoom Perveen requested Chairman Senate to suspend the agenda and discuss the Mastung incident resulted in martyrdom of more than 149 innocent Pakistanis.
8. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition endorsed Senator Kalsoom Perveen's proposal.
9. Senator Mushtaq Ahmad was also of the view that the normal proceedings of the House should be suspended to discuss the horrific incident in Balochistan. **Chairman Senate announced to suspend the business on Order of the Day and continue the sitting as Condolence Session in memory of Martyrs of Mastung bomb blast.**
10. Senator Raza Rabbani discouraged the point of view of proroguing of Senate Session. He further stated that the accountability process for PPP is a routine process. He questioned the Ministry of Interior regarding the meeting of four Intelligence Chiefs of different countries on the soil of Pakistan and Foreign Office being unaware of it.
11. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition on a point of order, stated that the electronic media was facing blackout which would raise question over transparency of the election process. She said the caretaker government was responsible for media blackout on television channels. She demanded that the information minister should resign if he could not control the situation. **Minister for Law stated that the issues related to media Blackout totally falls in the jurisdiction of PEMRA and the Ministry does not have the mandate to interfere in its working.**
12. Senator Saadia Abbasi on a point of order asked to suspend the transaction of House Business and discuss the martyrdom of Haroon Bilour, a candidate contesting the election of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly [from PK 78](#) Peshawar. Senator Sherry

Rehman Leader of the Opposition also endorsed the opinion of Senator Sadia Abbasi and condemned the assassination of Haroon Bilour.

13. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani encouraged the proposed idea of continuation of Senate Session till elections. He claimed that the July 25 elections had been made controversial in the beginning due to meddling and the Elections Commission of Pakistan's (ECP) failure to perform its constitutional role. He said that secretary ECP secretary must explain his earlier statement about meddling in elections. He went on to say that a military commander at Kasur garrison had summoned a returning officer and questioned why the ECP was acting as silent spectator instead taking the official to task as a military has nothing to do with the polls. He also claimed that PPP candidates were being pressured into either to switch over to other parties or to withdraw their candidatures. He questioned that how ECP could take the decision to extend the voting time on the request of a single party. He added that NAB did not see a single corrupt person in any other party except PPP and PML-N. If the anti-corruption watchdog wants an across the board accountability, why it does not launch a crackdown on the 'turncoats' who have joined a particular party, He further stated that inadequate security to the candidates resulted in loss of Awami National Party (ANP) candidate Haroon Bilour, adding the convoys of PPP chairman Bilawal Bhutto had also been facing security issues, but the ECP was yet to provide security to him as well as to other politicians. He further said that interior minister earlier said that there was a threat to politicians but he has not taken any measure in this regard. He said that the censorship on was also going unnoticed. He questioned the Care Taker Government that:

- Why the Secretary Election Commission resiled from his statement?
- Why the Ministry of Interior is not providing security despite of warning issued by NACTA.
- What are the measures that ECP and CT Government have taken to ensure free, fair and secure General Elections?
- Why the military is being deployed inside the polling stations and had given the powers of a magistrate? and What will be the TORs and code of conduct for the military personal?
- What measures have been taken to ensure freedom of media?

The honorable Member demanded of Chairman Senate to constitute a Committee of the Whole and summon chief election commissioner along with secretary ECP to brief the house on all these controversies ahead of general elections as it is the prerogative of this house.

Chairman Senate remarked that the Committee of Whole will be called after consulting both Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition on the said issue.

14. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition, pointed out that media is protesting for last few days against the media gagging and censorship. She further stated that it is the responsibility of Care taker Government to ensure freedom of press and media. She endorsed the proposal of Committee of the Whole regarding General Elections.

Minister of Information stated that the Media in Press Galleries have reservations regarding covert censorship of transmission and circulation of Newspapers in Cantonment areas.

Chairman Senate referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned with the direction to report back to house in seven days.

15. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif raised an issue related to an ordinance laid in the House earlier.

16. Senator Moula Bux Chandio pointed out the inadequate facilities at New Islamabad Airport. He stated that the new airport lack all the basic necessitates moreover rain exposed the previous government “state of the art” airport.

Chairman Senate referred the matter to Standing Committee concerned.

He also endorsed the points raised by Senator Raza Rabbani and stated that nobody will be allowed to play with the future of Pakistan.

17. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar supported the points raised by Senator Raza Rabbani. He emphasized that ECP must perform its duties according to Constitution and law. He adjudged the references filed by NAB and other institutions against the politicians as interference in elections. He further stated that All Parties Conference is the need of the hour.

18. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz stated that Election Commission is providing level playing field to all parties and there is no interference from any State organ in General Elections. Furthermore he stated that all those complaining about level playing field has already accepted their defeat.

19. Senator Sitara Ayaz thanked the House and all of its Members for the Condolence Session for Barrister Haroon Bilour.
20. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik appreciated the efforts of Senate to create an atmosphere and hope of conducting free, fair and safe elections. He demanded that Government must apologize for placing former President's Name on ECL without any reason. He put stress on need of Code of Conduct for politicians.
21. Senator Musadik Masood Malik condemned the suspension of Local Bodies by ECP. He stated that ECP is not beyond the Constitution they should be called and answer the Parliament. In addition to that he stated that only and only Parliament has the right to decide what Laws it may make, no body, what so ever has the right to dictate the Parliament. He also questioned the jurisdiction of army personnel awarded 1st Class magisterial powers during the election.
22. Senator Kauda Babar pointed out the non-availability of electricity in Makran Division, Balochistan for last twelve days. He also pointed out the problems faced by people of Gwadar due to water scarcity
Chairman directed the Minster for Energy to respond to the electricity issue on 13Th of July, 2018.
23. Senator Kalsoom Perveen endorsed Senator Raza Rabbani and the proposal of calling ECP in Committee of Whole. She was of the view that the ECP has been violating their powers and have not been working accordingly.
24. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar also pointed out the non-availability of electricity in Makran Division, Balochistan for last twelve days. He claimed that the Government hasn't paid Iran the electricity dues. He further stated that FIR were being launched against people protesting against non-availability of electricity.
25. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak raised the question that why Makran Division is not being supplied electricity through national grid. He condemned the media blackout for some parties. He urged that elections should be free and fair and the process of accountability should be across the board. While mentioning security agencies interference in the elections he stated that their role must be in accordance to the Constitution. He further stated that allegations by Ex-Senator Farhat Ullah Babar must be inquired. He was also of the view that daily discussion on the election will affect the political atmosphere of the country and ultimately impact possibility of free and fair or timely conduct of elections.

26. Senator Muhammad Tahir Bizinjo raised the issue of negligent behavior of every Government towards the people of Balochistan. He also stated that security of political leaders and workers is the prime responsibility of care taker Government, only issuing warnings does not fulfill their duties.
27. Senator Prof. Sajid Mir condemns the assassination of Haroon Bilour and condoled with the grief family. He also endorsed the proposal of Committee of the Whole but showed his reservations regard the behind the scenes actors. He emphasized on the need of unity between political parties against the so called accountability process. He further stated that parliament must come with a Joint Resolution against the Blasphemy contest conducting by a Netherlands politician.
28. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the security issues being faced by the political parties during their election campaigns and express reservations on the Supreme Court's order regarding withdrawal of security personnel from the political leaders. He claimed that allegations regarding fake NICs were baseless and defaming. He also questioned the intention and loyalties of those proposing prorogation of Senate Session.
29. Senator Behramand pointed out that no progress has been made on the Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Dr. Sikandar Mandhro in yesterday's sitting, he further stated that PPP has a history of struggle for democracy, we are against the establishment since Zia's regime. He demanded that the Interior Minister must apologies on the statement regarding place former President Name on ECL in light of order of Supreme Court. He also endorsed the proposal of calling ECP in Committee of The Whole.
30. Senator [Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel](#) pointed out the absence of Ministers during the Question Hour and non-serious attitude of care taker Government towards the Senate.
Chairman suspended the Question Hour for the current sitting and directed that letter may be written to the Caretaker Prime Minister to ensure presence of all Ministers in next sitting.
31. Senator Behramand Khan Tangi on a pointed out the news claiming to place name of former President of Pakistan Mr. Asif Ali Zardari on Exit Control List (ECL). **Minister for Interior confirms the news and replied that the former President's name along with others has been placed in the ECL in pursuance of the order of Supreme Court of Pakistan.**
32. Senator Sherry Rehman, Leader of the Opposition proposed that the Senate session should continue till the elections so that it can take notice of the situation. Furthermore

she stated that hurdles are being created to stop certain politicians from electioneering. She also questioned the credibility of the elections when neither there is security nor the party is being provided a level playing field, moreover placing former President on ECL without any proof or any trial, awarding first class magistrate power to army personnel by ECP and incidents of blocking PPP rallies in Punjab.

33. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House endorsed the points raised by the Leader of the Opposition and emphasized that it is the high time that Senate play its role wisely as it is the only functional elected House representing people of Pakistan. **Chairman Senate remarked that the decision of continuing the Session will be finalize after consulting both Leader of the House and Leader of the Opposition in the Chamber.**