SENATE OF PAKISTAN DAILY JOURNAL (285TH SESSION)

Date and Day	21 st December, 2018 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:35 A.M.
Adjourned at	12:35 P.M.
Presided by	Senator Sitara Ayaz, Presiding Officer, till 11:10 a.m. and
	Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Acting Chairman Senate, till end of the sitting
Attendance	46
Total Working Hours	02 hours 00 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos.131, 132 and 138 were asked and replied in the House. Question Nos. 121, 122, 125, 128, 129, 134, 139, 140, 141 and 142 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Question Nos. 127, 133, 143 and 143A were deferred as replies to these Questions were not received.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Presiding Officer.

MOTIONS (Under Rule 204)

Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition, on his behalf and on behalf of Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, 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 to provide mechanism for implementation recommendations of Committees adopted by the House and other related matters referred by the Council of Chairpersons. The Chairman Senate may also be authorized to make changes in the composition of the Committee, as and when required. The Committee, with the concurrence of the Council of Chairpersons, shall present its report before the House within three months.

The Motion was put to the House and carried.

• Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, on behalf of Senator Sherry Rehman, moved under rule 204 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the Climate Change Caucus as appointed by the Chairman Senate may be deemed to be a Special Committee for the purpose of finances and regulation under the Rules of Procedure of the Senate and the Members of Parliament (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1974.

However, on the request of Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, the motion was deferred enabling the Secretariat to re-examine it.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

• Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim was to draw attention of the Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony towards the reported closure of an internet cell which was established in the Ministry to monitor content relating to the Holy Prophet (PBUH) on social and other media.

However, the Calling Attention Notice was dropped due to absence of the Member.

• Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh was to draw attention of the Minister for Interior towards the stoppage of construction work on Expressway from Zero Point to Rawat, Islamabad.

However, the Calling Attention Notice was deferred on the request of the Member.

REPORT LAID

Mr. Muhammad Hammad Azhar, Minister of State for Revenue, on behalf of Mr. Asad Umer, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, laid before the Senate, the Federal Accounts for the Financial Year 2016-17 and the reports of Auditor General thereon for the Audit Year 2017-18, as required under Article 171 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

The Presiding Officer acknowledged the presence of a group of 47 students along-with faculty members from Government Postgraduate College, Mansehrah, in the Visitors' Gallery to witness the proceedings of the House.

MOTION OF THANKS

Discussion on the following motion moved by Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, on 9th November, 2018:-

"This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both the Houses assembled together on 17th September, 2018."

The following Members spoke on the Motion:-

- 1. Senator Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Abdul Qayyum
- 2. Senator Mian Raza Rabbani
- 3. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
- 4. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed

Further discussion on the motion was deferred.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Senator Sherry Rehman raised a point of public importance regarding a meeting of the JIT in the FIA Headquarters in the presence of Special Assistant to the Prime Minister and media trial of the Opposition.

At 12:35 p.m. due to absence of the Ministers in the House, the Acting Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 24th December, 2018, at 02:00 p.m.

<u>Islamabad,</u> The 21st December, 2018.