SENATE OF PAKISTAN

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(269th Session)

Date and day	2 nd November, 2017 (Thursday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	07:25 p.m.
Presided by	Deputy Chairman during the question hour and the Chairman Senate during the rest of proceedings
Attendance	70
Total working hours	4 hours and 25 minutes

• Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 48, 145, 31, 39, 46, 143 and 147 were asked and replied in the House. Replies to Question Nos. 144, 151 and 42 were treated as laid on the table of the House due to absence of the concerned Members. Question Nos. 154, 149 and 43 were deferred. Question No. 45 was referred to the concerned Standing Committee. Remaining printed questions and their replies were treated as laid on the Table of the House.

• During question hour, the Leader of the House suggested Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar, Chairman Standing Committee on less developed areas to schedule a meeting regarding the problems of underdeveloped areas and he will ensure presence of all the invitees in the meeting and he will attend the meeting himself.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

• The leave applications were read by Chairman.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESENCE

- **1.** The Chairman acknowledged the presence of former Speak Balochistan Assembly who was present in the gallery.
- **2.** The Chairman acknowledged the presence of a group of students and faculty members from International Grammar School Islamabad.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions will be determined:-

1. Senator Sherry Rehman moved Adj. Motion No. 15-269/2017-M, to discuss the interim award issued by London Court of International Arbitration on 8th June, 2017 in favour of nine IPPs directing Pakistan to immediately pay 10.977 billion rupees and to further discuss the need of Parliamentary oversight in key international arbitration cases.

The Motion was held in order for two hour discussion.

Since one adjournment motion on the orders of the Day was held in order, therefore, the remaining adjournment motions on the orders of the day were carried forward for next day.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

1. Senator Sherry Rehman drew attention of the Minister for Climate Change towards the failure of the Government to develop a mechanism to monitor air pollution in Pakistan and the absence of any policy to curb high levels of air pollution.

Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan, Minister for Climate Change made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice which was disposed of accordingly.

2. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi drew attention of the Minister for Capital Administration and Development Division towards the non-construction of Burma Pull situated on Lehtrar road in Islamabad, which was damaged in 2011.

Dr. Tariq Fazal Chaudhary, Minister for CADD made statement on the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice which was disposed of accordingly.

MOTION [Under Rule 196(1)]

Senator Nasreen Jalil, Chairperson, Functional Committee on Human Rights, moved under subrule (1) of rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the report of the Committee on the issue of Plight of Rohingya Muslims, along with joint resolution passed by the Committee, presented to the House on 1st November, 2017, be considered and adopted.

The Motion was put to the House and the report was adopted by the House.

PERIODICAL REPORT

(Under Rule 265A)

Minister for Law and Justice reported under rule 265A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, on the implementation status of Resolution No. 305, unanimously passed by the Senate on 13th February, 2017, regarding the enhancement of role and powers of Senate of Pakistan to protect the rights of the Federating Units and provide a meaningful participation to the provinces and other territories in the affairs of the Federation, moved by Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House, on his behalf and on behalf of other Parliamentary Party Leaders in the Senate on 13th February, 2017.

The Chairman took serious notice of non-implementation of the resolution of the House and directed the Minister to implement the same within a period of 30 day time as from 3^{rd} November, 2017.

MOTIONS (Under Rule 157(2)

Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs wound up the discussion on the following motion:-

"That the Senate may discuss the Annual Report for the year 2016-2017 of the Central Board of Directors of the State Bank of Pakistan on the state of the Economy, laid on the Table of the House on 24th October, 2017."

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

Minister for Interior responded on the following issues:-

- 1. Regarding the missing of three women along-with their three children belonging to District Awaran on 30th October, 2017, who were in Quetta in connection with medical treatment. The Minister assured that he will update the House about further development in the matter.
- 2. Regarding the massive cutting of trees in Islamabad.

DISCUSSION ON THE STATE INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR ROLE IN THE SCHEME OF TRICHOTOMY OF POWER

The House started debate on the State institutions and their role in the scheme of trichotomy of power.

Following Members spoke:-

1. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi.

- 2. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari.
- 3. Senator Taj Haider.
- 4. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
- 5. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini.
- 6. Senator Sassui Palijo.
- 7. Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
- 8. Senator Saud Majeed.
- 9. Senator Farhatullah Babar.

Further discussion was deferred till tomorrow.

At 7:25 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the $3^{\rm rd}$ November, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.