SENATE OF PAKISTAN

DAILY JOURNAL (269th Session)

Date and Day	27 th October 2017 (Thursday)
Commenced at	10:00 a.m.
Adjourned at	01:00 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate, Mian Raza Rabbani.
Attendance	55
Total working hours	3 hours.

1. Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question numbers 33, 84, 92, and 98 were asked and replied in the House. Replies to Question Nos. 58, 82, 85, 87, 91 and 93 were treated as laid on the table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Question No. 95, 97, and 100 were deferred due to the absence of concerned ministers. Question No. 88 was referred to the Functional Committee on Human Rights.

During the question Hour, the Chairman took serious notice of absence of the concerned Minister. He drew attention of the House towards this tendency and stated that in future he will strictly invoke the provisions of rules. The Leader of the House stated that he will seek report from the Minister and will ensure that in future the Ministers shall remain present in the House during the disposal of their business.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

• The leave applications were read by Chairman.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

• Chairman announced that debate on the recent visit of US Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs will be made in the House on Monday and Tuesday and on Wednesday and Thursday debate will be held on the State institution and their role in the concept of tracheotomy and power. The Chairman asked the Members to provide their names either to their parliamentary leaders or to the Table Officers.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions will be determined: -

(i) Adj. Motion No. 1(5-269/2017-M), notice given by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to discuss the repeated statements of Government functionaries that Pakistanis do not pay taxes whereas the reality is quite opposite to this accusation as around 58 million Pakistanis are working as Government servants who pay huge taxes.

The Member withdrew his motion to raise the issue during zero hour.

(ii) Adj. Motion No. 2(10-269/2017-M), notice given by Senator Sirajul Haq to discuss the statement of the Foreign Minister made in USA whereby he not only endorsed the demand of "Do More" by the US but also admitted the presence of Haggani network in Pakistan.

The Motion was dropped due to absence of the Member concerned.

(iii)Adj. Motion No. 3(11-269/2017-M), notice given by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati to discuss various financial challenges i.e., increase in external debts, decrease in remittances and increase in oil price due to which financial and fiscal indicators are showing alarming fiscal situation of the country.

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister of Law and Justice opposed the motion.

After hearing the Mover and the Minister, the Chairman held the motion in order for two-hour discussion.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on behalf of Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Chairman Standing Committee on Commerce and Textile Industry, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the regulation of the business of marine insurance [The Marine Insurance Bill, 2017].

<u>DISCUSSION ON THE EVE OF OBSERVANCE OF BLACK DAY BY</u> KASHMIRIS

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

- 1. Senator Sehar Kamran.
- 2. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
- 3. Senator Mushahid Ullah khan.
- **4.** Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum.
- 5. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi.
- **6.** Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
- 7. Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams.
- **8.** Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh.
- 9. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq.
- **10.** Senator Taj Haider.
- 11. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
- 12. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah.
- 13. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik.
- 14. Senator Farhatullah Babar.
- 15. Senator Nehal Hashmi.
- 16. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed.
- 17. Senator Dr. Ashok Kumar.
- 18. Senator Najma Hamid.
- 19. Senator Aitzaz Ahsan, Leader of the opposition.
- 20. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar Ul Haq, Leader of the House.

The Chairman Senate also expressed his views on the issue. The Chairman was of the view that UN and International Community has never shoed seriousness in resolving the issues of Muslims wherever in the world.

After discussion, Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar UL Haq, Leader of the House moved under rule 263 of the Senate rules that the relevant rules may be suspended to enable the House to pass a resolution condemning the atrocities of India in Occupied Kashmir.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted. Thereafter, Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar Ul Haq, Leader of the House moved the resolution condemning the atrocities of India in Occupied Kashmir which was put to the House and passed unanimously.

The Chairman directed the Secretariat to send the recommendations of the resolution along with the verbatim of today's debates to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(Zero Hour)

1. Senator Farhatullah Babar spoke about the arbitrary deportation of Turk Nationals legally living in Pakistan.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Minister concerned for ministerial response to be fixed on Monday the 30th October, 2017.

2. Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah spoke about the bomb blast in Harnai on the procession of a political party. House offered Fateha for the deceased of the incident. He further spoke about the grabbing of offices of Edhi foundation by the land grabbers in District Thatta Sindh.

The Chairman said that he will speak to the Chief Minister Sindh in this regard.

- **3.** Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh spoke about the problems being faced by the overseas Pakistani's due to cancelation of PIA direct Flights to New York. He further spoke about the mismanagement in the affairs of PIA.
- **4.** Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak highlighted some contradictions in figures of LNG contract as narrated by the Government..

- **5.** Senator Sehar Kamran pointed out the mass repatriation of Pakistanis from Gulf and urged the Government to take up the matter with the high ups.
- **6.** Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar pointed out the non-payment of salaries to the newly employed employees of Federal Levies Balochistan for last seven months.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Minister concerned for ministerial response.

7. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel spoke about the mismanagement in the affairs of APP Balochistan and appointments in APP on fake domiciles of Balochistan.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting.

8. Senator Sajad Hussain Turi pointed out the difficulties faced by the pilgrims going to and coming from Iran and Iraq on the Balochistan Border.

Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi also spoke on this issue.

The Chairman asked the Members to take up the matter with the Leader of the House to resolve the same.

At 01:00 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 30th October, 2017 at 03:30 p.m.