## SENATE OF PAKISTAN DAILY JOURNAL

(261<sup>st</sup> Session)

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Date and Day	13 <sup>th</sup> April, 2017 (Thursday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	05:50 p.m.
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani
	Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	61
Total working hours	2 hours and 50 minutes

#### **QUESTION HOUR**

Question Nos. 63, 199, 84 to 87, 96 and 97 were replied in the House. Question Nos. 196, 83, 88 and 192 were deferred. Replies to Question Nos. 20H, 192, 198, 82, 91, 92, 93 and 95 were treated as laid on the Tables of the House due to absence of the concerned Members.

#### **LEAVE APPLICATIONS**

• The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

# CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

The admissibility of following Adjournment Motions was determined:-

1. Senator Sirajul Haq was to move the Adj. Motion No. 1 (7-261/2017-M), to discuss the baton charge and firing by the Police on a peaceful sit-in lodged by Jammat-e-Islami at Shahrah-e-Faisal Karachi against over billing and unscheduled load shedding of electricity by K-Electric.

### The Adjournment Motion was deferred on written request of the Member.

2. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh moved the Adj. Motion No. 2 (9-261/2017-M), to discuss the implications, causes and motive behind suicide attack on a census team at Lahore resulting into death of seven personnel.

After hearing the mover, the Chairman held the Motion out of order.

#### **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES**

- Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization towards the decline in remittances due to deportation of huge number of labourers from the Gulf Countries especially from Saudi Arabia which has deported around 40,000 labourers.
  - Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, made the statement and the matter was thus disposed of.
- Senator Saleem Mandviwala on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Farhatullah Babar, Farooq Hamid Naek and Karim Ahmed Khawaja drew attention of the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control towards the ranking of Pakistani Passport as second last in Global Indexing Arton Capital Passport Index.

Mr. Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control, made the statement and the matter was thus disposed of.

#### REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

- 1. Senator Samin Abid on behalf of Senator Nasreen Jalil, Chairperson, Functional Committee on Human Rights, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for constitution of a National Commission on the Rights of the child and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto [The National Commission on the Rights of the Child Bill, 2017].
- 2. Senator Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Costs of Litigation Bill, 2017].
- **3.** Senator Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Explosive Substances Act, 1908 [The Explosive Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2017].
- **4.** Senator Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (Amendment of Article 130) introduced by Senator Saeed Ghani, on 20th February, 2017.
- 5. Senator Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill,

- 2017] (Amendment of Article 101) introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 6 th March, 2017.
- 6. Senator Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah on behalf of Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman, Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Code of Civil Procedure 1908 [The Code of Civil Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (Amendment of sections 80 and 82) introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 6 th March, 2017.
- 7. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi on behalf of Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Citizenship Act, 1951 [The Pakistan Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2017] introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 13th March, 2017.
- **8.** Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi on behalf of Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (Amendment of sections 154 and 156 and Insertion of new section 154A) introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 13th March, 2017.
- 9. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi on behalf of Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior and Narcotics Control, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2017] (Amendment of sections 46 and 57) introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 13th February, 2017.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESENCE**

The Chairman recognized the presence of a group of 35 students from Department of Media Studies along with three faculty members from Islamia University Bahawalpur.

#### **SENATE BUSINESS**

Determination of the following question raised by Chairman Senate on 11th April, 2017, relating to interpretation of paragraph (c) of sub-rule (1) of rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012:-

"Whether there is inconsistency in paragraph (c) of subrule (1) of rule 100 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 regarding referral of a Bill, reported back by the Standing

Committee, to a Select Committee and does it amount to undermining the recommendations/report of a Standing Committee?"

Following Members spoke in this regard:

- 1. Senator Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah
- 2. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi
- 3. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati
- 4. Senator Taj Haider
- 5. Mr. Rana Tanveer Hussain, Minister for Science and Technology
- 6. Senator Lt. General (R) Abdul Qayyum
- 7. Senator Osman Saifullah Khan
- 8. Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice

The Chairman reserved his ruling in this regard.

#### POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- 1. Senator Lt. General (R) Salahudin Tirmizi appreciated the efforts of the Chair and the House in resolving the issue regarding New Balakot City Project.
- **2.** Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati pointed out the spurious drug in the market that creates the artificial hype and over pricing of the Hepatitis Drug in the market.
- **3.** Senator Sassui Palijo pointed out the violation of article 158 and the matter of electricity and Sui Gas load shedding in Sindh.
- **4.** Senator Sherry Rehman also spoke on the matter of extensive electricity and Sui Gas load shedding in Sindh. She further pointed out that all the foreign scholarships are being offered only to Punjab. She pointed out lack of diplomatic abilities of the Government.
  - The Chairman directed the secretariat to call on the Minister of state for Petroleum tomorrow i.e. 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 to respond on the question raised by Senator Sassui Palijo and Senator Sherry Rehman.
- **5.** Senator Mir Kabir Ahmed Muhammad Shahi pointed out the non-availability of Hepatitis Drug in the country. He further raised the issue of Sui Gas in Balochistan.
- **6.** Senator Nehal Hashmi pointed that employees of Workers Welfare Board KPK have not been paid their due salaries since last ten months.

The Chairman directed to refer this matter to Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.

He further pointed out various issues of bad governance in Sindh

7. Senator Taj Haider pointed that worker welfare funds have not been released by the Federal government. He further pointed out that no action has been taken by the government in the case

of disappearance of close allies of Mr. Asif Zardari. He also spoke on the matter of blocked CNICs.

• The Chairman adjourned the Session to meet again on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

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