

SESSIONS JOURNAL
259TH SESSION

Sitting Hours and Attendance

Session summoned on	=	13-02-2017
Session prorogued on	=	20-02-2017
Number of working days	=	08
Number of actual sittings	=	06
Number of private Members' days	=	02
Maximum attendance	=	73
Minimum attendance	=	50
Total hours of sittings	=	22 hours 10 minutes
Maximum hours of sitting	=	04 hours 40 minutes
Minimum hours of sitting	=	02 hours 35 minutes

STARRED QUESTIONS

Received	:	502
Admitted	:	442
Disallowed	:	31
Replied	:	118

RESOLUTIONS

Passed by the House	:	11
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MOTION UNDER 218

Discussed in the House	:	07
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PANEL OF PRESIDING OFFICERS

Order of Precedence	Name of the Members
1.	Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi
2.	Senator Nehal Hashmi
3.	Senator Samina Abid

OFFERING OF FATEHA

1. The House offered Fateha for the departed soul of Bano Qudsia famous novelist.
2. The House offered Fateha for the departed soul of Dr. Hameeda Khoro, former Education Minister.
3. The House offered Fateha for the departed soul of mother in law of Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed.
4. The House offered Fateha for the departed souls in the incident of suicide attack at Sehwan Sharif. The proceedings of the House were suspended for five minutes in order to pay tribute to the sacrifice of lives of innocent citizens in the unfortunate incidents of terrorism.

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE HOUSE

- 1) Condolence resolution on the sad demise of famous novelist, Bano Qudsia, mover by Senator Syed Shibli Faraz.
- 2) Condolence resolution on the sad demise of former Education Minister, Dr. Hameeda Khoro, moved by Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS INTRODUCED

- 1) The Islamabad Capital Territory Senior Citizens Board Bill, 2017, moved by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan.
- 2) The Control of Narcotic Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2017, moved by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan.
- 3) The Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill, 2017, moved by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
- 4) The Islamabad Rent Restriction (Amendment) Bill, 2017, moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh.
- 5) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017, moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh.
- 6) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (**Amendment of Articles 63, 177 and 193**), **moved by** Senator Zaheer-Ud-Din Babar Awan.
- 7) The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (**Amendment of Article 130**) **moved by** Senator Saeed Ghani.

MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FOLLOWING BILLS IN JOINT SITTING

[Under Rule 126(7)]

- 1) The Un-attended Orphans (Rehabilitation and Welfare) Bill, 2016, as passed by the Senate and transmitted to the National Assembly but not passed by the National Assembly within ninety days of its laying in the National Assembly, moved by Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja.
- 2) The Torture, Custodial Death and Custodial Rape (Prevention and Punishment) Bill, 2015, as passed by the Senate and transmitted to the National Assembly but not passed by the National Assembly within ninety days of its laying in the National Assembly, moved by Senator Farhatullah Babar.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS PASSED

Following Private Members' Bills were passed during the session:-

1. The Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Amendment) Bill, 2016, moved by Senator Nuzhat Sadiq.
2. The Prohibition of Corporal Punishment Bill, 2016], moved by Senator Saleem Mandviwala.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BILLS WITHDRAWN UNDER RULE 115

Following Private Members Bills were withdrawn by the Movers during the session

1. The National Commission for International Law and Commitments Bill, 2016, introduced by Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja.
2. The Prohibition of Smoking and Protection of Non-smokers Health (Amendment) Bill, 2016], moved by Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed
3. The National Cyber Security Council Bill, 2014], moved by Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed
4. The Civil Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2016], moved by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
5. The Islamabad Prohibition of Sheesha Smoking Bill, 2016, moved by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
6. The Juvenile Justice System (Amendment) Bill, 2016, moved by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
7. The Islamabad Prohibition of Expressing Matters on Walls Bill, 2016, moved by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
8. The Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues (Amendment) Bill, 2016, moved by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.

**GOVERNMENT BILLS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND
TRANSMITTED TO THE SENATE**

Following Bills were transmitted by the National Assembly to the Senate which were referred to the concerned Standing Committees of the Senate:-

1. The Limited Liability Partnership Bill, 2017.
2. The Pakistan Climate Change Bill, 2017.
3. The Explosive Substances (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
4. The Costs of Litigation Bill, 2017.
5. The Alternate Dispute Resolution Bill, 2017.
6. The Companies Bill, 2017
7. The Pakistan Air Force (Amendment) Bill, 2017.
8. The National Commission on the Rights of the Child Bill, 2017.
9. The Cost and Management Accountants (Amendment) Bill, 2017

GOVERNMENT BILLS PASSED BY THE SENATE

1. The Hindu Marriage Bill, 2016, passed by the Senate with an amendment moved by **Senator Farhatullah Babar that Schedule “A” be made part of the Bill.**

UNANIMOUS RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE

The House passed unanimous resolution moved by Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the House regarding enhancement of role and powers of the 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.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

- The House acknowledged the presence of 23 students and their faculty Members of Roots Millennium school F-10 Branch Islamabad who were present in the visitors’ galleries to witness the proceedings of the House.

- The Chair acknowledged the presence of Mr. Mati Ullah Agha, former Speaker Balochistan Assembly and Mr. Amir Zaman, Member National Assembly in the visitors' gallery.
- The House offered Fateha for the departed souls of terrorist incidents at Lahore, Quetta and Karachi.
- The House acknowledged the presence of a group of 72 students and 12 faculty members of Premier Law College Gujranwala who were present in the galleries to witness the proceedings.
- The House acknowledged the presence of a group of 21 short term internees who worked in the Senate Secretariat and the Committee. The Chair acknowledged their work and contributions and wished them best of luck in their future endeavors.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The admissibility of the following adjournment motions was determined in the House: -

1. The adjournment motion to discuss the alarming decrease in production and operational capacity of Pakistan pharmaceutical industry from 16% to 8% per year, notice given by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh.

The Mover advanced his arguments on the admissibility of the adjournment motion.

The Motion was opposed by Ms. Saira Afzal Tarar, Minister of State for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination

After hearing the Mover and the Minister, the Deputy Chairman held the motion out of order with the direction that the Member may move a Motion under rule 218 to discuss the issue in the House.

2. The adjournment motion to discuss the non-existence of fire safety equipment in commercial buildings in Islamabad, notice given by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.

The Mover advanced his arguments on the admissibility of the adjournment motion.

After hearing the Mover, the Deputy Chairman held the motion out of order with the direction that the Member may move a Motion under rule 218 to discuss the issue in the House.

3. The adjournment motion to discuss the situation arising out of the suspension of import of Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) by fertilizer importers as consequence of non-payment of over Rs.5 billion subsidy by the Government, notice given by Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari.

The Mover advanced his arguments on the admissibility of the adjournment motion.

After hearing the Mover, the Deputy Chairman held the motion out of order with the direction that the Member may move a Calling Attention Notice to draw the attention of the Minister concerned towards the issue.

4. **Adj. Motion No. 1 (2-259/2017-M)**, notice given of by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to discuss the need for investigation of plane crash incidents by an independent investigating body.

After preliminary arguments, the Mover withdrew his motion.

5. **Adj. Motion No. 2 (6-259/2017-M)**, notice given of by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati to discuss the incident of death of an infant in the women's barrack of Central Jail Adiala, Rawalpindi whose mother was imprisoned along with the baby.

After preliminary arguments, the Mover withdrew his motion.

6. **Adj. Motion No. 3 (10-259/2017-M)**, notice given of by Senators Farhatullah Babar, Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, Advocate, Nisar Muhammad, Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari, Mohammad Azam Khan Swati and Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to discuss the situation prevailing throughout the Country in the light of Article 140-A whereby the Constitution mandates not only the establishment of local Governments but also delegation of political, administrative and financial powers to the local Government representatives.

Motion was moved by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.

Following Members spoke on the admissibility of the Motion:-

1. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
2. Senator Farhatullah Babar.
3. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh.
4. Senator Taj Haider.

5. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
6. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini.
7. Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
8. Senator Sirajul Haq.
9. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
10. Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif.
11. Senator Abdul Qayyum.
12. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah.
13. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-Ul-Haq, Leader of the House.

After hearing the Members, the Chairman held the Motion out of order by way of his detailed ruling announced in the House. The Chair suggested the Member to move a resolution expressing opinion of the Senate in this matter.

7. **Adj. Motion No. 1 (3-259/2017-M)**, notice given of by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to discuss the vulnerability of Pakistan to climate change as according to the latest Global Climate Risk Index 2017, Pakistan stands 7th most vulnerable country to climate change.

After preliminary arguments, the Member withdrew his motion.

8. **Adj. Motion No. 2 (8-259/2017-M)**, notice given of by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati to discuss the media reports that substandard stents are being used in Government and private hospitals.

After preliminary arguments, the Member withdrew his motion.

9. **Adj. Motion No. 3 (15-259/2017-M)**, notices given of by Senators Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi and Sassui Paliyo to discuss the reservations of small provinces in the wake of upcoming population census in the country.

Following Members spoke on the admissibility of the adjournment motion:-

1. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.

2. Senator Sassui Palijo

After hearing the Members, the Chairman held the motion out of order due to the reason that already the Matter has been referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for report within one month. The Chairman further directed that the Committee shall invite Senators Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi, Sassui Palijo, Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, Ilyas Ahmed Bilour, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and every other Member who is desirous to attend the meeting of the Committee on this issue. The Chairman further directed that when the meeting of the Committee for this issue will be scheduled, SMS should be made to all the Members.

Adjournment motion was disposed of in the above terms.

10. Adj. Motion No. 1 (4-259/2017-M), notice given of by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to discuss the decision of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) to extend the imposition of ten paisa per unit surcharge for another one and half year for Neelum Jhelum Hydropower Project.

The Member advanced his arguments on the admissibility of the adjournment motion.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman held the motion out of order and advised the Member to move a Calling Attention Notice to discuss the issue.

11. Adj. Motion No. 2 (13 & 18-259/2017-M), notices given of by Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati and Sassui Palijo to discuss the arbitrary decision of Trump administration regarding the imposition of travel ban to the USA for the citizens of seven Muslim countries.

The Members advanced their arguments on the admissibility of the adjournment motion.

After hearing the Members, the Chairman held the motion out of order vide his detailed ruling announced in the House.

12. Adj. Motion No. 3 (16-259/2017-M), notice given of by Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi to discuss the consumption of contaminated water throughout the country causing number of diseases.

The Member advanced his arguments on the admissibility of the adjournment motion.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman held the motion out of order with the suggestion to move a resolution suggesting the measures to resolve the issue.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

The following reports of the Committees were presented in the House: -

- 1. Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi**, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 2010 [The Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues (Amendment) Bill, 2016] introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati on 19th December, 2016.
- 2. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Commerce, presented report of the Committee on the budgetary allocation and its utilization by the Ministry of Commerce for the Financial Year 2016-17, in terms of sub-rule (4) of rule 166 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.
- 3. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi**, Chairman, Functional Committee on Devolution, presented report of the Functional Committee on a matter referred by the House on 23rd December, 2016, regarding “Placement of Regulatory Authorities under the Line Ministries”.
- 4. 1.SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI**, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of the Committee, on the contempt of the House by Mr. Muhammad Ayub Khan, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Finance, by referring the matter raised by Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel on 4th October, 2016, regarding unequal distribution of funds in PSDP and non- releasing of funds allocated for small provinces, at the last moment to the Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms.
- 5. SENATOR DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI**, Chairman, Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges, presented report of the Committee, on Privilege Motion No. 1(255)/2016-M, moved by Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour, on 16th January, 2017, regarding conversion of building constructed for surgical ICU ward of Lady Reading Hospital, Peshawar, into offices

without consulting the Member as the building was constructed out of the development funds provided by the Member.

6. **SENATOR SYED MUZAFAR HUSSAIN SHAH**, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Food Security and Research, presented 13th follow up report of the Committee regarding proposed “conversion of 1400 acres land of National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC) / Pakistan Agricultural Research Council (PARC) by the Capital Development Authority (CDA) into residential/commercial plots”.
7. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Farhatullah Babar on 20th December, 2016, regarding fate of Area Study Centre, Islamabad.
8. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to amend the Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University Islamabad Act, 2013 [The Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University Islamabad (Amendment) Bill, 2016], introduced by Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel on 21st November, 2016.
9. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 103 asked by Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi on 23rd December, 2016, regarding allocation and utilization of funds for construction of the Chirah Dam in Islamabad.
10. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, presented report of the Committee on the mid-year review of budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in terms of sub-rule (4) of rule 166 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012.

The Chairman appreciated the work of the Committee.

11. Senator Sitara Ayaz on behalf of Senator Nisar Muhammad, Convener, Special Committee on Marginalized Segments of Society, presented report of the Committee on the matter regarding the violation of fundamental rights of transgender community in the country raised by Senator Maulana Hafiz Hamadullah on 22nd November, 2016.

At this stage, the Chairman directed the Standing Committee on Law and Justice to submit its report on the bill on the instant subject within three weeks.

12. Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour, Convener of the Special Committee on the implementation of the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess Bill, 2015, presented a report of the Special Committee in terms of rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, read with Standing Order No. 1.48.
13. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Chairman Standing Committee on Law and Justice, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the constitution of commissions of Inquiry [The Pakistan Commissions of Inquiry Bill, 2016].
14. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Defence, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 1, asked by Senator Chaudhary Tanvir Khan, on 20th December, 2016, regarding the number of doctors, paramedical and administrative staff working in the Cantonment Board Hospital, Rawalpindi, on regular and ad-hoc / temporary basis with department-wise breakup.
15. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, Chairman, Standing Committee on Defence, presented an interim report of the Committee on the matter raised by Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, on 20th December, 2016, regarding orders of the Ministry of Defence to the residents of Cantonment areas of Loralai to vacate the land despite the fact that the same has been allotted to them for 100 years.
16. Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privation presented report of the Committee on the Money Bill further to amend the Rulers of Acceding States (Abolition of Privy Purses and Privileges) Order, 1972 [The Rulers of Acceding States (Abolition of Privy Purses and Privileges) Bill, 2017].

MOTIONS UNDER RULE 194(1) FOR EXTENSION IN TIME TO PRESENT REPORTS

Following Motions for extension in time were moved in the House: -

1. **Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini**, 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 period for presentation of report of the Committee on Privilege Motion No. 1(257)/2016-M, moved by Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, against the Chairman CDA for not implementing the recommendations of the Committee on National Food Security and Research on the matter of proposed conversion of 1400 acres of NARC

land by the CDA into residential / commercial plots, may be extended for a period of forty five working days with effect from 21st February, 2017.

The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted.

2. **Senator Saleem Mandviwalla**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the period for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to provide a regulatory and enabling environment for private participation in provision of public infrastructure and related services through fair and transparent procurement [The Public Private Partnership Authority Bill, 2016], as passed by the National Assembly and referred to the Committee on 21st December, 2016, may be extended till the next Session.

The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted.

3. **Senator Saleem Mandviwalla**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the period for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Partnership Act, 1932, in its application to the Islamabad Capital Territory [The Partnership (Amendment) Bill, 2016], introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati on 26th September, 2016, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 18th February, 2017.

The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted.

4. **Senator Saleem Mandviwalla**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the period for presentation of report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question No. 79, asked by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 22nd December, 2016, regarding the import of auto parts in the shape of scrap from Japan and re-assembling of the same into cars, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 21st February, 2017.

The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted.

5. **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 period for presentation of report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016] (Substitution of Article 251), introduced by Senator Sassui Palijo, on her behalf and on behalf of Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz, on 19th December, 2016, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 18th February, 2017.

The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted.

6. **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 period for presentation of report of the Committee on a Bill further to amend the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan [The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2016] (Amendment of Article 251), introduced by Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Taj Haider, Shahi Syed, Liaquat Khan Tarakai, Kamil Ali Agha, Saeed Ghani, Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, Sehar Kamran, Hari Ram, Syed Shibli Faraz, Haji Momin Khan Afridi, Rubina Khalid, Muhammad Ali Khan Saif, Gianchand, Abdul Rehman Malik, Muhammad Zafarullah Khan Dhandla, Samina Abid, Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini, Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, Advocate, Farhatullah Babar, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Hidayat Ullah, Taj Muhammad Afridi, Ahmed Hassan, Kalsoom Perveen, Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar and Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi , on 19th December, 2016, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 18th February, 2017.

The Motion was put to the House and requisite extension was granted.

7. Senator Mohsin Aziz on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the period for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Protection of Economic Reforms Act, 1992 [The Protection of Economic Reforms

(Amendment) Bill, 2016] introduced by Senator Saleem Mandviwala, on 3rd October, 2016, may be extended for a period of sixty working days with effect from 25th February, 2017.

The Motion was adopted and the extension was granted.

8. Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood, Chairman, Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat, moved under sub-rule (1) of Rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the period for presentation of report of the Committee on the subject matter of starred question Nos. 45, 46 and 47, asked by Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi on 7th September, 2016, regarding the PAS and PSP officers in BPS 20 and 21 belonging to the province of Balochistan and the policy for their posting in the country and abroad, may be extended for a further period of ten working days with effect from 21st February, 2017.

The Motion was put to the House and the requisite extension was granted.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

Following Calling Attention Notices were moved in the House: -

- **Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati**, drew attention of the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources towards the problems being faced by thousands of domestic, commercial and industrial consumers across Hazara Division due to closing down of 120 CNG stations in the Division.

Mr. Aftab Sheikh, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources, made the statement and notice was disposed of.

- **Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi**, drew attention of the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control towards the illegal sale of unhygienic milk mixed with chemicals, both in open and packed form in Islamabad.

Mr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Interior and Narcotics Control, made the statement and notice was disposed of.

- **SENATOR COL. (R) SYED TAHIR HUSSAIN MASHHADI** drew attention of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination towards the non-availability of life saving drugs like Florinif tablet, Hydrocartizan and T.B. medicines in the Country particularly in Islamabad.

Engr. Khurram Dastgir Khan Minister for Commerce made statement on behalf of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination.

The Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

- **SENATORS SALEEM MANDVIWALLA, SHAHI SYED, MIR MUHAMMAD YOUSAF BADINI AND MUHAMMAD YOUSAF** drew attention of the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division towards the sale of PIA Airbus A-310 to a German Firm in violation of PPRA rules.

Following Members also spoke on the matter:-

1. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan.
2. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah.

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Minister-In-Charge Aviation Division made statement.

After the statement by the Minister, the Chairman referred the subject matter of the Calling Attention Notice to the sub-committee of the Special Committee on Performance of PIA with the direction to report back in the next session of the Senate.

- **SENATORS DR. JEHANZEB JAMALDINI, MUHAMMAD DAUD KHAN ACHAKZAI, ADVOCATE, MUHAMMAD YOUSAF, SAEEDUL HASSAN MANDOKHAIL AND SHAHI SYED** to draw attention of the Minister for Defence towards the termination of services of twenty one Trainee Apprentices (BPS-7), most of them possessing the domicile of Balochistan, during their probation period which were to be recruited in different trades after completing their mandatory trainings from Survey Training Institute, Islamabad.

Mr. Abid Sher Ali on behalf of the Minister for Defence made statement. **The Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Defence with the**

direction to make sure that transparent re-examination of the candidates will be conducted by the Ministry.

The Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

- **SENATOR AGHA SHAHBAZ KHAN DURRANI** to draw attention of the Minister for Interior and Narcotics Control towards the non-payment of salaries to the Immigration and Passport Officers posted in various Pakistani missions abroad and disparity in the benefits being provided to them and the officers of other Ministries posted in those missions.

Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman, Minister of State for Interior made statement.

The Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

- Senators Saleem Mandviwalla on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Shahi Syed, Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini And Muhammad Yousaf drew attention of the Minister In-charge of the Aviation Division towards the transfer of employees of Pakistan International Airline Corporation (PIAC) to its subsidiary company, Pakistan Airways Limited (PAL).

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs made statement.

The Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

- Senator Syed Shibli Faraz to draw attention of the Minister for Communications towards the non-completion of long standing project of Takht Bhai Fly Over in the Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs made statement.

The Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

REPORT LAID

Mr. Riaz Hussain Pirzada, Minister for Inter-Provincial Coordination laid before the Senate the Annual Report of the Council of Common Interests (CCI) for the Financial Year 2015-2016, as required under clause (4) of Article 153 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

MONEY BILL LAID

Mr Zahid Hamid Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qadir Baloch, Minister for States and Frontier Regions, laid before the Senate a copy of the Money Bill, the Rulers of Acceding States (Abolition of Privy Purses and Privileges) (Amendment) Bill, 2017, under Article 73 of the Constitution.

CONDEMNATION OF TERRORIST INCIDENT

On behalf of the House and on his own behalf, the Chairman Senate strongly condemned the terrorist incident at Peshawar and all the recent terrorist incidents throughout the country and urged that such coward acts cannot shatter the determination of the Nation.

MOTIONS

[Under Rule 196(1)]

Following reports were adopted by the House:-

1. Report of the Functional Committee on a matter referred by the House on 23rd December, 2016, regarding “Placement of Regulatory Authorities under the Line Ministries”
2. Special report of the Standing Committee on the privatization of Heavy Electrical Complex (HEC), be considered and adopted.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

1. Mr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman, Minister of State for Interior made statement regarding the recent wave of terrorist incidents throughout the country.
2. Regarding the less allocation of funds in PSDP for the small provinces and non-releasing of the same, raised by Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Muskhel on 4th October, 2016. (Matter pertains to the Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms)

Due to absence of the concerned Minister and non-briefing to some other Minister, the Chairman directed to issue notice of breach of privilege to the Secretary Planning Division.

3. Regarding the granting of extension in time to submit tax returns by the exporters involved in Pak-Afghan Trade as previously approved by ECC, raised by Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail on 15th February, 2017. (Matter pertains to the Minister for

Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization) **Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice on behalf of the Minister for Finance made statement. The matter was disposed of in terms of the statement by the Minister.**

4. Regarding the appointments against five posts for the Balochi News Service, raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini on 16th February, 2017. (Matter pertains to the Minister for Information and Broadcasting) **Ms. Marryam Aurangzeb, Minister for Information made statement. The matter was disposed of in terms of the statement by the Minister.**
5. Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar made statement about the pioneer industry policy as the matter was raised by Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak. He also updated the House about the progress towards the demand of the Members to release development funds.

OBSERVATION OF THE CHAIRMAN ON ABSENCE OF THE MINISTERS IN THE HOUSE

The Chairman took serious notice of absence of the concerned Ministers in the House and observed that if the Government is not serious in the parliamentary business then there is no purpose to summon the sessions.

POINT RAISED BY SENATOR SYED MUZAFFAR HUSSAIN SHAH

Senator Syed Muzaffar Hussain Shah drew attention of the Chair towards the consultative process going on between the Government and the Parliamentary party leaders in the National Assembly but the Parliamentary Party Leaders in the Senate have not been involved in any consultation process.

Following Members spoke on the issue:

1. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
2. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed.
3. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini.
4. Senator Sirajul Haq.

5. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
6. Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice.
7. Mr. Chairman stated that he had already sensitized the Government about the concern of the Senate in this regard.
8. Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance submitted the background of the consultation and the stance of the Government. He asked the Chairman to provide the list of the members to whom the invitations will be sent at the earliest.
9. Chairman said that list of Parliamentary Party Leaders has already been provided to the Law Minister.

RULING OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman announced his ruling on the issue of transferring of administrative control of the following Regulatory Authorities from Cabinet Division to their respective line ministries by the Government through Memorandum No. 7-2/2016-Min-I dated 19th December, 2016:-

1. National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA).
2. Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA).
3. Frequency Allocation Board (FAB).
4. Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA).
5. Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA).

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE RAISED DURING ZERO HOUR

Following points of public importance were raised during the session:-

1. Senator Mian Ateeq Shaikh and Kamil Ali Agha spoke about the strike by the pharmaceutical companies and chemists throughout the country due to which the general public is badly suffering.
2. Senator Hafiz Hamadullah and Usman Kakar spoke about the attacks on the Pakhtoon and Baloch students of Punjab University Lahore by the students of Jamiat Talaba Islam.

The Chairman asked the Leader of the House to speak to the Government of the Punjab.

3. Senator Ilyas Ahmed Bilour pointed out the non-implementation of the recommendation of the Committee on FATA Reforms constituted by the Government under the chairmanship of Mr. Sartaj Aziz. The Member stated that the Committee has recommended the merger of FATA with the province of KPK but the Government is reluctant to implement the recommendation.

Following Members also spoke on the matter:-

1. Senator Sirajul Haq.
2. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
3. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.

The Opposition benches staged walkout as protest.

4. Senator Sardar Mohammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the less allocation of funds in PSDP for small provinces and non-releasing of such allocated funds.

The Chairman stated that the response of the Minister will come in periodical report.

5. Senator Farhatullah Babar pointed out the incident of missing of two young boys from Islamabad. The parents of the children when called on their phone calls they were responded by some unknown person whose location was traced which was traced near Sector G-9 Islamabad and finally the boys were recovered from the Police Station G-9 Islamabad who were apprehended by the Police and were subjected to brutal torture. As per the boys they were forced to confess various crimes which they have never done.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Functional Committee on Human Rights with the direction to report back in next session.

6. Senator Farhatullah Babar further spoke about the allotment of land to the retired Government officers which raises many questions in the minds of ordinary people as the people are not aware of such rules and the criteria of such allotments. The Member urged that the Committee of the House should review all such policies.

The Chairman stated that he will look into the matter as the individual cases cannot be examined but a holistic review of the policies can be made.

7. Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah drew attention of the House towards the aircrafts obtained by PIA on wet lease from Turkey. He stated that he had an experience of traveling in one of such aircraft. These crafts are so congested and the seating as well as moving capacity is so bad that even a man of average stature cannot comfortably travel in these planes. He urged the House to enquire that why such faulty designed aircrafts were obtained on wet lease.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Special Committee on performance of PIA with the direction to report back within one month.

8. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail pointed out that the Exporters who are involved in Afghan Trade may be given some extension in time to submit their tax returns due to bad weather condition in the areas of their operation. He further stated that since these exporters are filing their returns for the first time so they are not very much familiar with the process so extension in time may be granted to them.

The Chairman directed that the verbatim may be sent to the concerned Ministry for report back by the Minister.

9. Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi spoke about the non-availability of gas to domestic consumers in morning, afternoon and evening hours due to which they are unable to run their domestic affairs.

10. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik drew attention of the House towards a video which has become viral on social media wherein the spokesman of Tehreek-ul-Ahrar is declaring war against the State of Pakistan. He urged the Minister for Interior to brief the House that what is the background of this Organization and whether it is in the list of proscribed organizations or not. He criticized the involvement of Afghanistan Government in the harboring of terrorist who operate in Pakistan.

The Chairman asked Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan to convey the Minister of State for Interior to come in the House tomorrow and brief the House on this issue.

The Member further appreciated the Chairman on his stance over the refusal of visa by USA to the Deputy Chairman Senate.

11. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar pointed out the non-payment of money to the land owners whose land was acquired by CAA for Kanjoo Airport Swat.

The Member also objected upon the statement made by Senator Rehman Malik about the Afghanistan Government.

Senator Rehman Malik made his personal explanation.

12. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamldini spoke about the termination of 21 trainee officers of Survey of Pakistan under the Ministry of Defence.

13. Senator Agha Shahbaz Khan Durrani stated that he was in Bangkok where he fell ill. He tried to contact the Ambassador in Bangkok but despite repeated efforts no one from Embassy could be contacted. He stated that on third day the Ambassador contacted him and that too just for formality. He urged that in every consulate/Embassy/Mission abroad a desk should be established to respond the calls of Pakistani citizens abroad.

14. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi spoke about the spreading of Hepatitis B and C rapidly due to use of contaminated drinking water throughout the country.

15. Senator Muhammad Saleh Shah pointed out that Statistics Division has issued some forms for the upcoming Population Census whereby at the time of visit of Government officials for census, only those persons will be counted who will found present in their homes at that time. He further stated that the IDPs of FATA are scattered throughout the country so Government should make a proper mechanism for their counting otherwise the results of the census will not be conclusive

The Chairman referred the matter to the concerned Standing Committee with the direction to report back within 30 days.

16. Senator Nehal Hashmi stated that he along with other Senators met the media representatives in Islamabad Press Club. The media persons demanded that the owners of the Media Houses should be directed to get every employee insured. The Member further spoke about the increasing road accidents in Karachi due to mismanagement of roads. He also spoke about the law and order situation and the efforts of the present Government to control the same.

17. Senator Mohsin Aziz spoke about the supply of contaminated milk in the country both in open milk sale as well as in packaged milk. He stated that the issue has been raised in the House on various occasions but no proper response from the Government has been made in the House.

18. Senator Shahi Syed stated that IGPs and the Chief Secretaries of the Provinces should be called and they should be asked about their problems and the requirements to control the terrorism in their provinces.

19. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel stated that the law enforcement agencies conduct raids in the areas of District Musakhel adjacent to D.I Khan on the pretext of intelligence reports and they loot the properties of the residents in the name of checking. He assured that the people of District Musakhel are peace loving.

20. Senator Hafiz Hamadullah criticized the lifting of ban on the display of Indian Movies in Pakistan. He stated that when we put blame of each and every incident on India and the India is also doing brutalities in Kashmir then why we display their movies in the country. He stated that this dualism of policies is very damaging. He urged that matter should be taken up in the Committee so that the PEMRA may be asked that under what circumstances the permission of display of Indian Movies has been given.

21. Senator Taj Haider drew attention of the House towards an advertisement whereby the outsourcing of the Airports of the country has been advertised.

The Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat with the direction to report back within one month.

22. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Salahudin Tirmizi stated that under the Prime Minister's internship programme every MNA is being provided with one intern for assistance in parliamentary duties but the Senators have been ignored.

The Chairman informed the Member that the Secretariat is already in negotiation with the concerned quarters but no reply has yet been received from them. The Chairman asked the Leader of the House to take up the matter with the in-charge of the program. The Chairman directed to provide the copies of the correspondence to the Leader of the House.

23. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini stated that every policy of the Government should be brought before the Parliament for approval. He further drew attention of the Chair towards the

appointments made by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for the Balochi News Service but the persons appointed for the said job have not been offered joining for the said service.

The Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister concerned for report back to the House.

24. Senator Nehal Hashmi spoke about the blasting work being carried out in the mountain near village LORA District Abbottabad KPK which is causing harm to the environment and climate.

25. Senator Shahi Syed spoke about the very specific threat alert issued by the Government for Karachi whereby the vehicle type, its make and color has been told. The Member stated that when the Government has that much accurate information then why the culprits are not arrested.

26. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel stated that the female officers should be appointed in the Passports offices in Balochistan.

27. Senator Sherry Rehman spoke about the recent terrorist incidents and the course of action of the Government after the incidents.

28. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan spoke about the recent terrorist incidents throughout the country and urged the political parties not to use the incidents for point scoring. He criticized the bad governance in Sindh which was exposed after the incident at Sehwan Sharif.

29. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar criticized the actions taken by the Government of Punjab against the Pashtoons after every terrorist incident.

30. Senator Shahi Syed spoke about the hardships and miseries of the families of the victims of terrorism. It is the responsibility of the State to look after them but no one takes care of such victims.

The Chairman directed the Member to raise the issue in next session.

31. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel read out an application in the House addressed to him wherein it has been complained that the illegal hunting is being carried out in the Districts of Balochistan under the supervision of FC and the MNAs. When the locals ordained them not to do so they threatened the locals and injured them.

32. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini spoke about the situation on Sindh and Balochistan boarder wherein FC in the wake of checking of Iranian oil takes out the oil from the fuel tanks of the travelers.

CARRYING FORWARD OF BUSINESS

The notices of questions, resolutions and motions under rule 218 received for the current session but could not be taken up will not lapse and will be carried forward for the next session.

The Chairman read out the prorogation order on 20th February, 2017 on conclusion of business.