

SENATE OF PAKISTAN

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(284TH SESSION)

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| Date and Day | 15 th November, 2018 (Thursday) |
| Commenced at | 10:30 A.M. |
| Adjourned at | 02:00 P.M. |
| Presided by | Chairman Senate |
| Attendance | 60 |
| Total Working Hours | 03 hours 30 minutes |

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

At the commencement of the sitting of the House Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition, raised a point of public importance regarding maintaining decorum of the House.

The following Members also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz (Leader of the House)
2. Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo
[At this stage Members belonging to the Opposition staged a walk out]
3. Senator Moula Bux Chandio
4. Senator Sitara Ayaz
5. Senator Sherry Rehman

At 10:50 a.m. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi pointed out the quorum. Count was made but the House was not in quorum. Therefore, the bells were rung for five minutes and re-count was made but the House was not in quorum. **Therefore, the House was adjourned for 30 minutes.**

The House re-assembled at 11:27 a.m.

RULING OF THE CHAIR

The Chairman read out his ruling regarding maintaining decorum of the House by the Members and Cabinet Members and barring Minister for Information from attending the proceedings of the House during the remaining sittings of 284th session, until he submit his apology to the House.

QUESTIONS

The Chairman deferred the questions for the next sitting of the House.

The following Members also spoke on the point of public importance raised by Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition and appreciated the Ruling of the Chairman on the issue regarding maintaining decorum of the House:-

1. Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo
2. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
3. Senator Sherry Rehman

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER

Mr. Shehryar Afridi, Minister of State for Interior made a statement on the issue regarding murder of Mr. Tahir Khan Dawar, S.P. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, in Afghanistan.

FATEHA

The House offered Fateha for the departed soul of Mr. Tahir Khan Dawar, S.P. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The following Members also spoke on the point of public importance raised by Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition, the statement by the Minister of State for Interior and appreciated the Ruling of the Chairman on the issue regarding maintaining decorum of the House:-

1. Senator Sitara Ayaz
2. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
3. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh
4. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
5. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
6. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood
7. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel
8. Senator Robina Khalid
9. Senator Sana Jamali
10. Senator Faisal Javed
11. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
12. Senator Sherry Rehman

13. Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq
14. Senator Syed Muhammad Sabir Shah
15. Senator Rana Maqbool Ahmad
16. Senator Mushahid Ullah Khan [also raised the issue of expulsion of staff members by the administration of some media houses]
17. Senator Nuzhat Sadiq
18. Senator Dilawar Khan
19. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House, responded the issues raised by the Members.
20. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition, also expressed his view point.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

- The Chairman acknowledged the presence of former Senator Zafar Iqbal Chaudhary, in the Gallery to witness the proceedings of the House.
- The Chairman acknowledged the presence of group of 40 students from Cadet College, Jaffarabad, Balochistan, in the Visitors' Gallery to witness the proceedings of the House.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Abida Muhammad Azeem on behalf of Senator Sassui Palijo, Chairperson, Standing Committee on Parliamentary Affairs, presented report of the Standing Committee on the Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

Senator Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams on behalf of Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri, Chairman, Standing Committee on Religious Affairs and Inter-Faith Harmony, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Mirza Muhammad Afridi on 15th May, 2018, regarding utilization of zakat funds for education and health sectors and details showing disbursement of those funds in FATA.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi was to draw attention of the Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training towards the shortage of teachers in the colleges under the administrative control of the Federal Government and posting of interns as teachers to overcome the shortage. **However, the Chairman, deferred the Calling Attention Notice, for the next sitting of the House.**

Senator Sherry Rehman was to draw attention of the Minister for Information and Broadcasting towards the reservations shown by the Media associations regarding the proposed regulatory body under the new media law. **However, the Chairman, deferred the Calling Attention Notice, for the next sitting of the House.**

MOTION OF THANKS

Discussion on the following motion moved by Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Science and Technology on behalf of Mr. Ali Muhammad Khan, 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.”.

Discussion on the motion was, deferred.

MOTION **[Under rule 263]**

Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood, moved under rule 263 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the requirement of rules 25, 29, 30 and 133 of the said Rules be dispensed with in order to move a resolution regarding Dr. Afia Siddiqui.

The motion was put to the House and carried. Thereafter, Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood, moved the following resolution:-

“The Senate of Pakistan shows serious concerns on continuous detention of Dr. Afia Siddiqui in the United States of America. The Senate of Pakistan appreciates the efforts made and work done by the Parliament of Pakistan and its committees for repatriation of the daughter of the Nation. The House reiterates that there is a dire need to take up the matter with the Government of United States of America again and solve the same. The House strongly recommends to the Government to take concrete steps for repatriation of Dr. Afia Siddiqui at the earliest.”

The resolution was put to the House and passed unanimously.

The following spoke on the resolution unanimously passed by the House:-

1. Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar-ul-Haq, Leader of the Opposition
2. Senator Mushtaq Ahmed
3. Senator Muhammad Talha Mehmood

DIRECTON OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman directed the Senate Secretariat to send the resolution to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the request to take all necessary steps for implementation of the resolution passed by the Senate in letter and spirit.

At 2:00 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Friday, the 16th November, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.

Islamabad,
The 15th November, 2018.