

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	8 th May, 2019 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	11:00 a.m.
Adjourned at	12:54 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	68
Total Working Hours	1 hour and 54 minutes

Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 46, 61, 191, 196, 199, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 207 and 209 were asked and replied in the House. Question Nos. 60, 61, 206, 210, 211, 212, 215, 216 and 217 were deferred. Question Nos. **191**, 195, 199, 201, 202 and 203 were referred to the concerned Committees.

The remaining printed questions and their replies placed on the Table of the House were taken as read.

FATEHA

The House offered Fateha on the martyrdom of personnel from Elite Force in a blast at Data Darbar, Lahore on 8th May, 2019.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

Leave applications were read by the Chairman Senate.

Senator Sherry Rehman raised the issue of the non-holding of the meeting of the Parliamentary Committee on National Security and lack of any information shared with the Opposition regarding the Government's strategy to counter terrorism.

Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House assured that the meeting of the said Committee will be convened shortly.

PRIVILEGE MOTION

Senator Mushtaq Ahmed moved a privilege motion against F.C. personnel.

The Chairman announced that he will take the decision on the Privilege Motion in his Chamber.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi, Chairman, Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Aurangzeb Khan on 8th November, 2018, regarding delay in re-habilitation and re-construction activities in erstwhile FATA.

The Report stood presented.

Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi, Chairman, Standing Committee on States and Frontier Regions, presented report of the Standing Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Aurangzeb Khan on 1st October, 2018, regarding non-payment of salaries and pension to the personnel of Levies and Khassadar Forces working in erstwhile Kurrum and Orakzai Agencies.

The Report stood presented.

POINT OF ORDER

Senator Mian Raza Rabbani, with reference to sub-rule (2A) of Rule 61 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012 raised the issue regarding absence of Prime Minister in the House.

[At 12:34 opposition staged a walk-out on absence of concerned minister.]

The following members also spoke on the point of order:

- Senator Syed Shibli Faraz, Leader of the House
- Senator Molana Abdul Ghafoor Haideri
- Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak
- Senator Sirajul Haq

OBSERVATION OF THE CHAIR REGARDING ZERO HOUR:

Chairman Senate apprised the House that since 14th June, 2014 when the Rule regarding Prime Minister's Zero Hour was framed there has been no implementation. Moreover, Cabinet has a collective responsibility and any member of the Cabinet can answer on behalf of the Prime Minister.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi was to draw attention of the Minister for Foreign Affairs towards the recent statement made by the Prime Minister of Pakistan in Tehran that terrorists had misused Pakistani soil to undertake attacks against Iran.

The Calling Attention Notice was dropped due to absence of the Member.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs moved that the Bill further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 [The Elections (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

The motion was put to the House and adopted. Thereafter, the House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration. There was no amendment in any clause of the Bill, therefore, the clauses were put to the House and stood part of the Bill.

After clause by clause consideration of the Bill, Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs to move that the Bill further to amend the Elections Act, 2017 [The Elections (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019] be passed.

The Motion was put to the House and the Bill was passed.

[At 12:49, Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi pointed out that the House was not in Quorum. Thereafter, the Chairman directed that the count be made wherein it was found that the House is not in Quorum and the bells were rung for 5 minutes. After ringing of the bells, the count was made again and the House was not in Quorum and the House was adjourned at 12:54 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, 9th May, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.]

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

- Senator Nuzhat Sadiq, raised the issue of demolition of the boundary walls of one of the Girls Guide buildings in Rawalpindi.

The Chairman directed that the Report be taken from the concerned quarters and demolishment of walls be stopped immediately.

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- Senator Mushtaq Ahmed and Senator Sirajul Haq raised the issue of breaking into the House of a woman in Mohmand Agency by a personnel from FC who was shot down by the woman in self-defence and an FIR was lodged against an unknown person.

The Chairman directed that report be taken from the concerned quarters.

- **At 12:54 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Thursday, the 9th May, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.**

Islamabad,
the 8th of May, 2019.