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| Date and day | 20 th February, 2018 (Tuesday) |
| Commenced at | 03:08 p.m. |
| Prorogued at | 06:12 p.m. |
| Presided by | Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi for question hour and Chairman Senate for rest of the sitting |
| Attendance | 62 |
| Total working hours | 03 hours and 04 minutes |

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

- Question Nos. 133, 134, 141, 142, 144, 145, 147 and 151 were asked and replied in the House. Replies to Question Nos. 52, 54, 130, 131, 138, 139, 140, 146, 148 and 149 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Questions Nos. 132 and 150 were deferred. Remaining printed questions and their replies were treated as laid on the Table of the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- Leave applications were read by the Chairman.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

Following reports of the Committees were presented in the House:-

1. Senator Farhatullah Babar on behalf of Senator Kamil Ali Agha, Chairman, Standing Committee on Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 [The Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority

(Amendment) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh, on 21st August, 2017.

2. Senator Farhatullah Babar on behalf of Senator Kamil Ali Agha, Chairman, Standing Committee on Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage, presented report of the Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel, on 27th October, 2017, regarding mismanagement in the affairs of APP Balochistan and appointments in APP on fake domiciles of Balochistan.
3. Senator Farhatullah Babar on behalf of Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, Convener, Special Committee on the performance of PIA, presented report of the Special Committee on a point of public importance raised by Senator Nighat Mirza, on 13th December, 2017, regarding the timings and parking difficulties of routine daily flight PK-300 from Karachi to Islamabad and the problems being faced by the PIA employees working or posted in Saudi Arabia.
4. Senator Farhatullah Babar on behalf of Senator Syed Muzafar Hussain Shah, Convener, Special Committee on the performance of PIA, presented report of the Special Committee on the Calling Attention Notice moved by Senator Saleem Mandviwala on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Shahi Syed, Mir Muhammad Yousaf Badini and Muhammad Yousaf, regarding “the sale of PIA Airbus A-310 to a German Firm in violation of PPRA rules”.

Chairman directed Secretary Committee of Senate Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges to take up and dispose of this matter before 9th of March, 2018.

MOTIONS
[Under Rule 194(1)]

1. Senator Kalsoom Perveen on behalf of 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 time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the proper administration and management of the Gun and Country Club Islamabad [The Islamabad Gun and Country Club (Administration and Management) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 21st August, 2017, may be extended till 6th March, 2018, with effect from 20th February, 2018.

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

2. Senator Kalsoom Perveen on behalf of 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 time for presentation of report of the Committee on the Bill to provide for the proper administration and management of the Islamabad Club [The Islamabad Club Administration and Management Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 21st August, 2017, may be extended till 6th March, 2018, with effect from 20th February, 2018.

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

3. Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Narcotics Control, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time 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 till 6th March, 2018, with effect from 23rd February, 2018.

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

4. Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Narcotics Control, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the subject matter of Calling Attention

Notice moved by Senators Muhammad Daud Khan Achakzai, Advocate, Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari, Barrister Murtaza Wahab, Sitara Ayaz, Sassui Palijo, Nauman Wazir Khattak, Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz, Kamil Ali Agha, Saleem Mandviwala, Ahmed Hassan, Farhatullah Babar and Ilyas Ahmed Bilour, regarding the issuance of SRO No. 47(I)/2018, dated 23rd January, 2018, whereby one particular company has been exempted from payment of Sales Tax and Federal Excise Duty, may be extended till 6th March, 2018, with effect from 23rd February, 2018.

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

5. Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Narcotics Control, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 194 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the time for presentation of report of the Committee on the subject matter of Calling Attention Notice moved by Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz on 25th January, 2018, regarding the promotion policy 2016-17 of the National Bank of Pakistan (NBP), causing great unrest among the employees of the Bank, may be extended till 6th March, 2018, with effect from 25th February, 2018.

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

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senators Barrister Murtaza Wahab and Muhammad Ali Khan Saif were to draw attention of the Minister for Industries and Production towards the delay in supply of new cars which is promoting black marketing and charge of premium on purchase of new cars.

The Notice was deferred on the request of Member.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

Statements by the Ministers concerned on the following points of public importance raised by the members and referred by the Chairman to the concerned Ministries:-

- i) regarding fraud by a Homeopathic Doctor in Rawalpindi. (raised by Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi on 14th February, 2018).

Mr. Muhammad Tallal Chaudry, Minister of State for Interior made a statement on the matter and requested the Member to share the details of the issue. The

Chairman directed the Member to share the information with the Minister. The Matter was disposed of accordingly.

- ii) regarding a report on CPEC published last week in the “Times of India” that “China is shifting stance towards role of India in the Project”. (raised by Senator Muhammad Ali Khan Saif on 14th February, 2018).

The matter was deferred due to absence of the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

- iii) regarding reply of supplementary Question to starred question No. 49, from the Minister for Power, wherein he had categorically stated that there is no ban on renewable energy projects. (raised by Senator Barrister Murtaza Wahab on 14th February, 2018).

The matter was deferred due to absence of the Minister for Power.

TOKEN WALKOUT

Member staged token walkout on absence of Ministers.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz was to draw attention of the Minister of State for Finance and Economic Affairs towards the delay in NFC Award.

The Calling Attention Notice was not taken up due to the absence of Minister concerned.

WINDING UP OF DISCUSSION

Minister for Interior wound up the discussion on the a motion under rule 218 moved by Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar on his behalf and on behalf of Senators Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel and Nisar Muhammad on 19th February, 2018, regarding the Government’s policy of banning the issuance of licenses for automatic weapons in the country.

Mr. Muhammad Tallal Chaudry, Minister of State for Interior made the winding up speech. The Motion was thus talked out.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The House started discussion on the already admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Sherry Rehman on 15th February, 2018, regarding Pakistan's greenhouse emissions and its effects on the environment.

Following Members spoke on the Motion:

1. Senator Sherry Rehman
2. Senator Ilyas Ahmad Bilour
3. Senator Sassui Palijo
4. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar
5. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini
6. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
7. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz

The discussion was over, however, the winding up by the Minister was deferred.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

The Chairman acknowledged the presence of a group of 28 students along with 3 faculty members of Loralai Degree College Balochistan.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

- The Chairman clarified the content and intent of the following Resolution which was passed by the Senate on 19th February, 2018:-

“This House recommends that, in view of the growing collaboration between Pakistan and China under the CPEC, courses of the Official Chinese Language should be launched for all current and prospective Pakistani CPEC human resource in order to overcome any costly communication barriers.”

The Chairman further stated that the intent of the resolution has been misreported in the Media.

DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman showed his displeasure on the absence of the concerned Ministers in the House and directed the Minister of State for Interior to convey the displeasure of the Chair to the Prime Minister of Pakistan in verbatim.

POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. **Senator Hidayat Ullah** pointed out the issue of disappearance and killing of students of tribal areas in Karachi.
2. **Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel** raised the issue of non-implementation of quota in Federal Government.

Chairman stated that the constitutional provision regarding quota system has been expired and the Senate has repeatedly urged the Government to revive it but due to some unknown reasons, the Bill has been stuck with the Committee of the National Assembly.

3. **Senator Khalida Perveen** explained her stance about her Resolution passed by the House on 19th of February, 2018 and its subsequent misreporting by the Media. She further condemned the recent media reports regarding illegal possession of land by her late husband.

The chairman directed the Secretariat to send the relevant excerpt of the debate to the Newspaper concerned.

The Member also raised the problems being faced by the Sugarcane farmers in Southern Punjab.

4. **Senator Sitara Ayaz** referred to an article being published in the newspaper “The Nation” regarding the FATF meeting which will consider the United States’ resolution to place Pakistan on the terror watch list. She added that the imminent FATF verdict will be a huge setback as major global financial institutions including International Monetary Fund and World Bank are under the FATF influence.

The Chairman informed the Member that the matter has already been discussed in the House and responded by the Minister.

5. Senator Farhatullah Babar pointed out the matter of extension of 20 years being granted by NHA in their contract with FWO, regarding Toll Plaza, without observing the due process. He further expressed concerns about the decision to deploy additional troops to Saudi Arabia, he added that there's a risk of Pakistani armed forces getting pulled into the Yemen conflict.
6. **Senator Sherry Rehman** pointed out the contradiction in the statements made by the Minister for Privatization in the House, in the Standing Committees and in the Media regarding the privatization of Pakistan International Airlines and Pakistan Steel Mill.

Senator Taj Haider informed the House that the Sindh Cabinet has resolved to strongly oppose the privatization of Pakistan International Airlines, Pakistan Steel Mill and Lakhra Coal Power Plant.

- **At 06:12 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Wednesday, the 21st February, 2018 at 03:30 p.m.**

Islamabad,
The 20th February, 2018.