

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN**  
**DAILY JOURNAL**  
**(270<sup>th</sup> Session)**

Date and day	24 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017 (Friday)
Commenced at	10:30 a.m.
Adjourned at	1:05 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	47
Total working hours	2 hours and 35 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.
- Leave applications were read.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY**

In terms of Rule 131B of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, the Secretary Senate announced for the information of the Members that the National Assembly Secretariat has informed through Message that on 21st November, 2017, the National Assembly has rejected the Elections (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (Private Members' Bill) as passed by the Senate on 23rd October, 2017.

**RULING OF THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman announced his detailed ruling on the interpretation of Section 53 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2017 and the modus operandi of the submission of the report before the Parliament and its subsequent in-camera consideration by the relevant Committee.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh moved Adj. Motion No. 3 (270)/2017-M, to discuss the highly complex system of taxes in Pakistan as revealed by recent Annual Flagship Report of World Bank according to which Pakistan stands at 172 position out of 190 countries in international ranking where the system of filing of tax returns has been made easy.

**After hearing the Member, the Chairman held the Motion pout of order and suggested the Mover to raise the issue through Motion under rule 218.**

**MOTIONS**  
**[Under Rule 194(1)]**

1. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, 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 Pakistan Penal Code, 1860, and the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 [The Criminal Laws (Amendment) (Protection of Rights of Transgender Persons) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Rubina Khalid, on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2017.

**The Motion was put to the House and the requisite extension was granted. However, the Chairman directed the Chairman Committee to expedite the matter keeping in view the expiration of term of Senate in March, 2018.**

2. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik, Chairman, Standing Committee on Interior, 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 remedy and payment of compensation to those who are convicted as a result of miscarriage of justice [The Miscarriage of Justice (Compensation) Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2017, may be extended for a further period of thirty working days with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2017.

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

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of the Minister for Law and Justice, moved that the Bill further to amend the Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan Ordinance, 1979 [The Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as passed by the National Assembly, be taken into consideration.

**The Bill was referred to the Standing Committee concerned for consideration and report.**

## **REPORT LAID BEFORE THE SENATE**

Sheikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs on behalf of the Minister for Interior, laid before the Senate the half yearly report of the Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) in respect of its activities as required under section 53 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 (XL of 2016).

**The Chairman referred the Committee to the Standing Committee concerned for in-camera consideration. The Chairman also directed to send the copy of the Ruling to the Chairman Committee.**

### **CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE**

The Calling Attention Notice in the names of Senators Sherry Rehman and Sehar Kamran to draw attention of the Minister Incharge of Aviation Division towards the proposal to sell out key assets of PIA such as hotels in New York and Paris was dropped due to absence of the Members.

### **DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

The House started discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017, regarding the non- profitability of FTAs with China, non-utilization of concessions granted by China under the first phase of these agreements, need to review the existing FTA agreements which are not promoting value added exports and the serious concerns regarding the promotion of local industry of Pakistan.

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh.
2. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
3. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari.
4. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak.
5. Senator Kalsoom Parveen.
6. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.
7. Senator John Kenneth Williams.
8. Senator Mohsin Aziz.
9. Senator Farhatullah Babar.

**[Senator Farhatullah Babar pointed out the withholding of some information from the Committee whereupon, the Chairman directed to send him the minutes**

**of the Meeting of the Committee as referred by the Senator in order to ascertain that who is withholding information from the Members.]**

10. Senator Mir Hasil Khan Bizenjo.

11. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi.

**Discussion was over; however, the winding up of discussion was deferred till Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.**

### **POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

#### **[Zero Hour]**

1. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar spoke about the non-serious approach of the political parties in the Parliament. He urged all the parties to take positive part in the passage of Constitutional Amendment in order to ensure holding of elections within time.
2. Senator Samina Saeed pointed out the ATR plane crash coming from Chitral to Islamabad whose inquiry report has not been made public.

**Chairman referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Cabinet Secretariat with the direction to invite Senator Samina Saeed in the meeting when the issue will be taken up.**

3. Senator Sitara Ayaz pointed out the bad condition of Quetta Airport. She also spoke about the bad law and order situation in Balochistan. She further pointed out the failure of the Government to defuse the situation at Faizabad.

**At this stage, the Chairman strongly condemned the incident of attack on a senior police officer in Hayat Abad Peshawar and stated that the recent wave of terrorism wherein senior officers of law enforcement agencies are being targeted is strongly condemned.**

4. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the prevailing political situation. He also spoke about the role of media in the projection of participation of Members of his party in the House who always remain present to participate on all issues but the media never name them in this respect.
5. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh spoke about the problems of residents of Farash Town Islamabad regarding non-supply of gas in winter season. He also spoke about the problems of citizens of twin cities due to sit-in at Faizabad.

6. Senator Kalsoom Parveen criticized the advertisements of Black Friday which amounts to hurting the religious sentiments of Muslims.
7. Senator Farhatullah Babar spoke about the political situation in the country. He further pointed out the agenda of the meeting of Coalition of Islamic Countries which is going to be held in a couple of days.

**The Chairman directed to convey the concerns of the Members to the Minister for Defence who is going to participate in the meeting of the Coalition.**

8. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini spoke about the problems of people of Balochistan regarding supply of clean drinking water.

**Senator Hasil Khan Bizenjo, Minister for Maritime responded the issue.**

9. Senator Najma Hamid pointed out the problems of residents of twin cities due to sit-in.
10. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail urged the political parties to pass the constitutional amendment regarding delimitations.

**The Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.**