

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and day	22 nd November, 2017 (Wednesday)
Commenced at	03:30 p.m.
Adjourned at	6:25 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	68
Total working hours	2 hours and 55 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman announced that the Trust created for the welfare of the children of Mr. Iftikhar Ahmed deceased, Director Staff of the Senate Secretariat has become functional and any Member who wants to contribute to the Trust may obtain the bank account number of the Trust from the Secretariat.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRESENCE

The Chairman acknowledged the presence of 43 students along with 3 faculty members of SZABIST Islamabad who were present in the galleries to witness the proceedings of the House.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh **moved Adj. Motion No. 2 (270)/2017-M**, to discuss implications of recent statements of Afghan President that Afghanistan will not become part of CPEC unless Pakistan gives access of trade through Wagha Border.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman held the Motion pout of order.

MOTION
[Under Rule 194(1)]

Senator Kamil Ali Agha, Chairman, Standing Committee on Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage, 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 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, may be extended for a further period of forty five working days with effect from 1st December, 2017.

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

DISCUSSION ON THE STATE INSTITUTIONS AND THEIR ROLE IN THE SCHEME OF TRICHOTOMY OF POWER

The debate was closed. The Chairman reserved his ruling which will be announced after going through the debates.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

SENATOR KARIM AHMED KHAWAJA drew attention of the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination towards the report of World Health Organization (WHO) on the governance in the public Pharmaceutical sector of Pakistan wherein the registration of medicines, inspection, market control of manufacturers, distribution of medicines, clinical trials and procurement are vulnerable to corruption which is alarming as no written guideline, policy or procedure exist with regard to inspection activities.

Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination made statement and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

REPORT TO BE LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

At the very outset, the Chairman heard the arguments of Senators Aitzaz Ahsan, Muhammad Javed Abbasi, Farhatullah Babar, Syed Shibli Faraz and the Minister for Law and Justice on the interpretation of section 53 of the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 (XL of 2016) and the modus operandi of submission of the report before the Parliament.

After hearing the arguments, the Chairman kept pending the laying 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).

MOTION
[Under Rule 157 (2)]

Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice Minister for Law and Justice moved that the Senate may discuss the Annual Report of the National Economic Council for the Financial Year 2015-16, laid on the Table of the House on 23rd August, 2017.

The report was disposed of accordingly.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs towards the 30 promotional posts of Custom Inspectors lying vacant in the Customs Collectorate of Quetta.

Mr. Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman made statement.

After the statement the Chairman referred the subject matter of the CAN to the concerned Standing Committee.

OBSERVATION OF THE CHAIRMAN ON HOLDING OF ELECTIONS IN TIME

The Chairman observed that although his constitutional position does not mandate him to advise any political party yet he feels himself indebted to request all the political parties to make sure holding of election within time for the continuation of democratic system.

Senator Aitzaz Ahsan and Senator Raja Muhammad Zafar Ul Haq also spoke on this issue.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE ON THE POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

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:-

1. regarding the measures taken by the Government in the present situation of environmental and industrial pollution and smog in the country (**raised by Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood on 6th November, 2017**).

Deferred due to absence of the Minister concerned.

2. regarding the nomination of Member IRSA from Sindh which is not being made by the Federal Government despite writing of letter by the Chief

Minister of Sindh to the Federal Government. (raised by Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja on 20th November, 2017).

Deferred due to absence of the Minister concerned.

3. Regarding the kidnapping of Molana Abu Turab, the Balochistan Ameer of Markazi Jamiat Ahle Hadith alongwith his son and guard from Airport Road, Quetta whose whereabouts are still not known. (raised by Senator Professor Sajid Mir on 20th November, 2017).

Minister of State for Interior made statement however, the Chairman directed the Minister to update the House again on Monday after obtaining fresh information from the provincial Government.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

[Zero Hour]

1. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini pointed out that the hiring allowance of the Federal Government employees is not being increased by the Government for last three years causing problems for the employees to find suitable accommodations for them.
2. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar spoke about the non-implementation over the resolutions passed by the Senate as well as the resolutions passed by the Provincial Assemblies.
3. Senator Syed Shibli Faraz pointed out that the Toll Plaza on Motorway at Peshawar is very narrow having less number of entry/exit points due to which long queues are routine on the Toll Plaza especially on weekends.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister concerned for Ministerial response.

4. Senator Kamil Ali Agha pointed out the missing of Mr. Nasir Abbas Shirazi, General Secretary of Majlis Wahdatul Muslameen (MWM) from WAPDA Town Lahore who has reportedly been abducted by the Police. The Member has stated that since the abductee is happened to be the petitioner in the case of Baqir Najfi Commission Report on Model Town incident, therefore, his family and party is very much concerned about his missing.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister for Interior for Ministerial response on Friday, the 24th November, 2017 after getting information from the Provincial Government.

5. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel pointed out the distribution of funds on the basis of population. He stated that the criteria for distribution of funds should be population as well as the backwardness.
6. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh pointed out the problems of the citizens due to sit-in in Islamabad. He stated that heavy Traffic should not be allowed to enter in the city on day time.

Chairman asked the Leader of the House to look after the issue.

7. Senator Sehar Kamran pointed out the non-implementation on National Action Plan. She also pointed out the martyrdom of Major Ishaq in D.I. Khan.
8. Senator Taj Haider pointed out the advertisements of Black Friday on print and electronic media which amounts to hurting the feelings of Muslims as there are many verses of Holy Quran about the sanctity of Friday.

After hearing the Member, the Chairman directed to send the verbatim to the Minister for Information and Broadcasting for Ministerial response.

9. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi pointed out that the Chinese Government has sought permission to use the Chinese currency in Gwadar.

The Chairman asked the Member to give a Calling Attention Notice to have proper response.

10. Senator Saleh Shah pointed out the inhuman treatment by the law enforcement agencies in Tribal areas with the residents during the search operations.
11. Senator Farhatullah pointed out the eviction of an NGO named Doctors beyond Frontiers who are working in terrorism affected areas.

DISCUSSION ON THE ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Discussion on the admitted adjournment motion moved by Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati and Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi on 1st November, 2017, regarding the increase in prices of petroleum products which has placed extra burden on the poor segments of society.

Following Members spoke:-

1. Senator Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi.
2. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
3. Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh.
4. Senator Mohammad Usman Khan Kakar.

5. Senator Dr. Jahanzeb Jamaldini.
6. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
7. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel.
8. Senator Muhammad Mohsin Khan Leghari.

Discussion was over, however, the winding up by the Minister concerned was deferred till Friday.

At 6:25 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House meet again on Friday, the 24th November, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.