

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(269th Session)

Date and day	24 th October, 2017 (Tuesday)
Commenced at	03:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	06:20 p.m.
Presided by	Chairman Senate
Attendance	72
Total working hours	3 hours and 20 minutes

- Recitation from the Holy Quran.

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 85, 92, 94, 98, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15, 16 and 18 were asked and replied in the House. Replies to Question Nos. 87, 103, 108 and 7 were treated as laid on the Table of the House due to absence of the Members concerned. Question No. 8 was deferred. Remaining printed questions and their replies were treated as laid on the Table of the House.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by Chairman.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESENCE

- Chairman acknowledged the presence of Makhdoom Javed Hashmi, Ex-MNA who was present in the gallery to witness the proceedings.

CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions was determined in the House:-

1. Adj. Motion No. 1(1-269/2017-M), notice given of by Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi to discuss the tragic incident of oil tanker accident at Ahmedpur Sharqia and the inefficiency of law enforcement agencies to deal with such incidents.

The Member withdrew his motion to move a motion under rule 218.

2. Adj. Motion No. 2(3-269/2017-M), notice given of by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh to discuss the illegal practices of DISCOS about passing on the impact of the inefficiency in power sector amounting to Rs. 131 billion to power consumers.

The Motion was deferred due to absence of the Minister concerned.

3. Adj. Motion No. 3(8-269/2017-M), notice given of by Senator Syed Shibli Faraz to discuss the overall performance and progress of the Capital Development Authority (CDA).

The Member withdrew his motion to move a motion under rule 218.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Saud Majeed on behalf of Senator Saleem Mandviwala, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs and Narcotics Control, presented report of the Committee on the subject matter of an Adjournment Motion moved by Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh on 25th August, 2017, regarding the impact of third tier Federal Excise Duty (FED) on tobacco products.

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

Senator Saud Majeed on behalf of 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 to prohibit the business and practices of private money-lending and advancing loans and transactions based on interest [The Islamabad Capital Territory Prohibition of Interest on Private Loans Bill, 2017], introduced by Senator Sirajul Haq, on 28th August, 2017, may be extended for a period of thirty working days with effect from 28th October, 2017.

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

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

1. **MR. ZAHID HAMID**, Minister for Law and Justice, moved that the Bill to provide a mechanism for public interest disclosures and protection of persons making such disclosures [The Public Interest Disclosures Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.

Motion was put to the House and adopted. House started second reading of the Bill i.e. clause by clause consideration.

Thereafter, MR. ZAHID HAMID, Minister for Law and Justice, moved that the Bill to provide a mechanism for public interest disclosures and protection of persons making such disclosures [The Public Interest Disclosures Bill, 2017] be passed.

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

- 2. MR. ZAHID HAMID**, Minister for Law and Justice **on behalf of SENATOR MOHAMMAD ISHAQ DAR**, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, moved that the Bill further to amend the Auditor-General's (Functions, Powers and Terms and Conditions of Service) Ordinance, 2001 [The Auditor-General's (Functions, Powers and Terms and Conditions of Service) (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.

- 3. MR. MUHAMMAD PERVAIZ MALIK**, Minister for Commerce and Textile, moved that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Tobacco Board Ordinance, 1968 [The Pakistan Tobacco Board (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 TO BE LAID BEFORE THE SENATE

SENATOR MOHAMMAD ISHAQ DAR, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs, to lay before the Senate the Annual Report for the year 2016-2017 of the Central Board of Directors of the State Bank of Pakistan on the state of the Economy, as required under section 9A(2) of the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

SENATOR SIRAJUL HAQ drew attention of the Minister for Law and Justice towards the vacant post of the Chairman, Council of Islamic Ideology.

Minister for Law and Justice made statement and the Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

PRIVILEGE MOTION

Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati moved Privilege Motion No. 1(268) against Mr. Shahid Satar, Head of PAK-PWD, Hazara Division, Mr. Wajid Ali, Assistant Executive Engineer, Hazara Division and Mr. Arbab Shahrukh, Secretary Ministry of Housing and Works due to non-provision of relevant documents to the Member pertaining to the allocation/release of funds for development work in NA-21 since, 2013.

After hearing the Mover, the Chairman referred the motion to the Committee on Rules of Procedure and Privileges.

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

Mr. Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman, Minister for Federal Education and Professional Training apprised the House about the latest position of issue.

Following Members spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
2. Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmed Muhammad Shahi.
3. Senator Sassui Palijo.

The Chairman directed the Members to have a meeting with the Minister.

DIRECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman asked the Minister for Law and Justice to convey the Minister for Foreign Affairs that when he will come to the House on 25th October, 2017 as directed earlier he shall apprise the House with particular reference to the certain conditions placed by US before Pakistan and the Parliament must be taken on board about those conditions.

Chairman further drew attention of the Minister for Law and Justice towards the statement made by the Attorney General for Pakistan before the Supreme Court of Pakistan that Government is not in favor of plea bargain provision of NAB Ordinance but the Bill is still pending with the Senate. The Chairman informed the Minister that the Senate Standing Committee had already presented its report in the House and now the Bill is pending at the end of the Government as it is the Government Business which is to be included by the Government in its agenda and the Senate cannot take up the same at its own.

OBSERVATION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman took serious notice of taking of notes of the speeches of the Members by the persons sitting in the galleries. The Chairman ruled that except the media and official galleries no one is allowed to take notes of the speeches of the Members.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(Zero hour)

1. Senator Farhatullah Babar spoke about the recovery of a missing female journalist after two years. He spoke about the tendency of missing persons in general.
2. Senator Sassui Palijo also spoke about the missing persons. She further spoke about the non-completion of development schemes in her constituency due to her political rivalry.
3. Senator Sherry Rehman stated that the court has imposed restriction on Senator Ishaq Dar on signing of his personal cheques till the completion of case against him. She was of the view that a person who cannot even sign his personal cheques how can he manage the financial affairs of the whole country. She further spoke about the proposed closing down of PTV World channel due to financial constraints. She was of the view that the Minister may be asked to apprise the House about any such proposal. She urged the Standing Committee concerned of the Senate to take up the issue and examine the financial position of PTV World and suggest the measures to safeguard the channel.

Chairman asked the Member to come in his chamber to discuss this issue.

4. Senator Sardar Muhammad Azam Khan Musakhel spoke about the use of substandard equipment on Mobile Phone towers installed in Balochistan due to which the signal strength is very low in the area. He further stated that many of his resolution on this issue have been passed but no action has been taken by the Government.

Chairman directed the Secretariat to check the implementation status of the resolutions of the Members passed on this issue.

5. Senators Nasreen Jalil, Nighat Mirza and Nehal Hashmi spoke about the problems being faced by the Bengalis, Beharis and Burmees living in Karachi regarding the issuance of CNICs.

Chairman referred the matter to the Minister concerned for ministerial response.

6. Senator Atta Ur Rehman stated that many of his questions asked from the Establishment Division are not being replied.

Chairman directed the Secretariat to check status of the questions of the Member.

7. Senators Sehar Kamran and Nehal Hashmi appreciated the Chairman Senate and Secretary Senate on raising forceful voice in IPU for the Rohingya and the Kashmiri Muslims. Senator Nehal Hashmi urged the Media to cover such issues as well.
8. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar spoke about the imposition of fine on HBL and no action taken by the Government in this regard. He further stated that that about 1000 employees were hired by the Census department to work during the Census 2017 who have now been released from their duties whereas in the past such employees were used to be adjusted in the Ministry.

Chairman referred the matter of employees of census to the Minister concerned for Ministerial response. As far as the issue of imposition of JHBL is concerned, the Chairman directed the Member to pursue the matter before the Standing Committee on Finance.

9. Senator Barrister Murtaza Wahab pointed out the vacant post of Vice Chancellor Federal Urdu University Karachi.

Chairman referred the matter to the Minister concerned for ministerial response.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SECRETARY

Secretary Senate made the following announcements:-

1. Regarding the Public Petitions received and disposed of during the intervening sessions between the 267th and 269th sessions.
2. Regarding the extension granted in Chamber.

At 6:20 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the proceedings of the House to meet again on Wednesday, the 25th October, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.