

**SENATE OF PAKISTAN
DAILY JOURNAL
(263rd Session)**

Date and Day	29 th May, 2017 (Monday)
Commenced at	11:00 a.m.
Adjourned at	02:45 p.m.
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	57
Total working hours	3 hours and 45 minutes

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

**CONSIDERATION OF ADMISSIBILITY OF
ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS**

2. Admissibility of the following Adjournment Motions was determined:-

Adj. Motion No. 1 (1-263/2017-M) , notice given of by Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja to discuss the matter of issuance of notices by the police to transgender persons to evict Swat, Nowshera, Mardan and Bannu Areas, as reported in the press.	Chairman held the motion out of order as it is a provincial issue, however, the Chairman directed the Functional Committee on Human Rights to take up the issue.
Adj. Motions No. 2 (2,5,6 and 8-263/2017-M) , notices given of by Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati, Syed Shibli Faraz, Liaqat Khan Tarakai, Nauman Wazir Khattak, Samina Abid, Brig. (R) John Kenneth Williams, Sherry Rehman, Mian Muhammad Ateeq Shaikh and Sirajul Haq to discuss the unofficial meeting of the Prime Minister of Pakistan with Mr. Sajjan Jindal, an Indian businessman, without involvement of Foreign Office.	Chairman held the Motion out of order as its subject matter is an offshoot of an issue already discussed during 262nd session

Adj. Motion No. 3 (3 and 19-263/2017-M), notices given of by Senators Mohammad Azam Khan Swati and Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi to discuss the shortage of safe drinking water in the Country with particular reference to Islamabad Capital Territory.

Chairman held the Motion out of order as it is primarily a provincial issue.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES - PRESENTATION OF:

4. **SENATOR SAJJAD HUSSAIN TURI**, Chairman, Standing Committee on National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination, presented report of the Committee on the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 1962 [The Pakistan Medical and Dental Council (Amendment) Bill, 2017].

5. **SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALA**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, presented report of the Committee on Point of Public Importance raised by Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini in the House on 10th January, 2017, regarding amnesty scheme for motor vehicles.

MOTION

[Under Rule 196(1)]

6. **SENATOR SALEEM MANDVIWALA**, Chairman, Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, moved under sub-rule (1) of rule 196 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate, 2012, that the special report of the Committee on payments made to clear the circular debt of the power sector amounting to Rs. 480 billion during the year 2013, presented to the House on 15th May, 2017, be considered and adopted.

The Motion was opposed by the Minister for Law and Justice.

The Motion was put to the House and adopted by 17 votes to 9

STATEMENT BY THE MINISTER

Ch. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Planning, Development and Reforms made statement on the Provincial allocations for PSDP in the Financial Year 2016-17, details of releases therefrom and the Provincial allocations for PSDP for the Financial Year 2017-18.

MOTION

The House started consideration of the following motion moved by Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization, on 26th May, 2017:-

“That the Senate may make recommendations to the National Assembly on the Finance Bill, 2017, containing the Annual Budget Statement, under Article 73 of the Constitution.”

At the very outset, the Chairman took notice of the absence of the senior officials of the Finance Ministry in the official galleries to take notes of the points of the Members.

Following Members also spoke on the issue:-

1. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.
2. Senator Saleem Mandviwala.
3. Senator Mohsin Aziz.
4. Senator Muhammad Usman Khan Kakar.
5. Senator Farhatullah Babar.
6. Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice.

The Chairman suspended the proceedings for 30 minutes and directed that Secretary Finance may see him in his Chamber.

The proceedings were resumed at 12:25 p.m.

Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance made statement and assured that a team of senior officers will remain present in the House to take notes of the Members speeches and will report him on daily basis. The Minister further assured that every reasonable recommendation of this House will be considered.

Thereafter, the House started Budget speeches.

Following Members spoke:

1. Senator Saleem Mandviwala.
2. Senator Ch. Tanvir Khan.
3. Senator Nauman Wazir Khattak.
4. Senator Sajjad Hussain Turi.
5. Senator Mohammad Azam Khan Swati.

STATEMENT BY THE FINANCE MINISTER ON FATA REFORMS

Senator Mohammad Ishaq Dar, Minister for Finance made detailed statement on the issue of FATA reforms and assured that after Budget session he will convene a meeting of the four provincial Finance Ministers to take up the issue.

The Chairman offered the Minister that the forum of the Committee of the Whole House can also be used for this issue.

The Minister while accepting the offer acknowledged the importance of the forum of Committee of the Whole.

The Chairman adjourned the Session to meet again on Tuesday, the 30th May, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

**Islamabad, the
29th May, 2017.**