

SENATE OF PAKISTAN
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Date and Day	21 st March, 2017
Commenced at	3:00 p.m.
Adjourned at	5:55 p.m.
Presided by	Mian Raza Rabbani Chairman Senate of Pakistan
Attendance	66
Total working hours	2 hours and 55 minutes

QUESTION HOUR

Question Nos. 241, 248, 249, 250, 253, 255 and 259 were replied in the House. Replies to question Nos. 242, 245, 246, 252, 256 and 257 were treated as laid on the Tables of the House due to absence of the concerned Members.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

- The leave applications were read by the Chairman.

DEFERRMENT OF ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The following Adjournment Motion was deferred on request of the Member (Senator Mian Muhammad Ateeq Sheikh):-

“To discuss the need for effective monitoring of the executive by the Parliament especially with respect to the re-emergence of power circular debt and the role of Parliament to enquire into the payment of Rs. 48 billion made to IPPs in 2013 out of the budget without approval of the Parliament.”

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICES

- 1. Senator Sassui Palijo on her behalf and on behalf of Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz** drew attention of the Minister for Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization towards the continuous delay in finalization of 9th NFC Award.

Senator Aitzaz Ahsen (Leader of the Opposition) also spoke in this regard and the opposition benches staged a walkout due to an unsatisfactory reply by Mr. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources.

The Calling Attention Notice was disposed of.

2. Senator Sherry Rehman to draw attention of the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Resources towards the recent media reports that the gas distribution companies are being pushed by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA) to enhance the ratio of gas losses and theft from 4.5% to 9% to be charged from the public.

The Calling Attention Notice was deferred on request of the concerned Member.

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE - PRESENTATION OF:

Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati on behalf of Senator Osman Saifullah Khan, Chairman, Standing Committee on Science and Technology, presented report of the Committee on the Bill to upgrade the status of COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad into COMSATS University [The COMSATS University Islamabad Bill, 2017].

MINISTERIAL RESPONSE

Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs made a statement on the point of public importance raised by Senator Farhatullah Babar on 16th March, 2017, regarding death of Pakistani transgender in police custody in Saudi Arabia.

Senator Farhat Ullah Babar also spoke in this regard.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRESENCE

The Chair recognized the presence of Mr. Muhammad Murtaza Arain, President of Pakistani Physicians of North America.

MOTION FOR SUSPENSION OF RULES

Senator Aitzaz Ahsen (Leader of Opposition) moved a motion under Rule 263 of Rules of Procedures and Conduct of Business in the Senate 2012, that requirement of

Rule 41 regarding Question Hour for the remaining sittings of the current session be suspended.

The motion was carried.

DISCUSSION ON ADMITTED ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Discussion on the following admitted Adjournment Motion in the name of **Senators Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum and Mohsin Aziz:-**

“To discuss the confession of Mr. Hussain Haqqani, ExAmbassador of Pakistan to USA through his article published in Washington Post on 10th March, 2017, with regard to facilitation of CIA agents’ discrete induction into Pakistan with the approval of the leadership of the ruling party at that time.”

Following members spoke:

1. Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qayyum
2. Senator Mohsin Aziz
3. Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati
4. Senator Farhat Ullah Babar
5. Senator Sehar Kamran
6. Senator Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi
7. Senator Nehal Hashmi
8. Senator Abdul Rehman Malik
9. Senator Saeed Ghani
10. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed
11. Senator Ghous Muhammad Khan Niazi
12. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz
13. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi
14. Senator Aitzaz Ahsen (Leader of the Opposition)

Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Adviser to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs made a statement and the Adjournment Motion was thus talked out.

POINTS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

1. Senator Mukhtiar Ahmed Dhamrah @ Aajiz pointed out that Ayaz Ali Jamali, from Badin, Sindh, has been kidnapped in South Sudan by a kidnapper from Anti South Sudan Group since three years. He urged the government to help in bringing him back to Pakistan.

Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs apprised the House regarding the latest situation in this regard.

2. Senator Saeedul Hassan Mandokhail pointed out the brutal torture on students of Balochistan and Khyber Pakkhtunkhwa in Punjab University by Police. Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini, Senator Ilyas Bilour and Senator Aitzaz Ahsen (Leader of the Opposition) also spoke on this matter.
 3. Senator Sitara Ayaz condemned the brutal torture on these students. She further pointed that Islamabad and specifically Parliament Lodges have become polluted and no action is being taken in this regard by the Mayor of Islamabad.
 4. Senator Sehar Kamran congratulated the House and people of Pakistan on the account of Resolution Day 23rd march and paid a tribute to the martyrs who lost their lives in services for Pakistan.
 5. Senator Mir Kabir Ahmed Muhammad Shahi pointed out that an issue was raised in Senate about offering permanent employment to officers in Balochistan but despite assurance of the Minister concerned, they have been transferred to Islamabad and are being discriminated due to the fact that their cases were taken up in the Senate.
 6. Senator Karim Ahmed Khawaja pointed out the discriminatory posting transfers of ambassadors, belonging to the Province of Punjab only, in various countries by the Foreign Office.
 7. Senator Hari Raam urged the government to open PASCO Centers in Sindh.
- The Chairman adjourned the proceedings to meet again on 22nd March, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Islamabad, the
21st March, 2017