

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

BULLETIN OF THE ASSEMBLY (44TH SESSION)

Date	Thursday, the 17 th August, 2017
Commenced at	4.15 P.M.
Adjourned at	7.05 P.M.
Total working hours	2 Hours 50 Minutes
Presided by	1. Sardar Ayaz Sadiq, Speaker 2. Ch. Mahmood Bashir Virk, Chairperson National Assembly of Pakistan
Attendance	235

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TILAWAT AND NAAT

1. *Tilawat* by Qari Abrar Hussain
2. *Naat* by Mr. Ali Raza Arshad

FATEHA

The House offered *Fateha* for the departed souls of 16 people including eight soldiers of Pakistan Army martyred in Quetta and eight soldiers of Frontier Core martyred in Harnai (Balochistan).

QUESTIONS

2.	Questions entered in a separate list to be asked and answers given.	Question Nos. 86, 57, 59 to 67 were asked and their answers given. Question No. 31 was deferred for answer on next rota day.
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ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Speaker welcomed the following groups witnessing the proceedings of the Assembly:-

1. A group of Senior Officers and Faculty Members from Training Institute of National Savings, Islamabad;
2. A group of students and Faculty Members from Mass Communication Department, University of Balochistan, Quetta; and
3. 100 Interns working in the National Assembly Secretariat.

LEAVE APPLICATIONS

The leave applications of the Members who requested for grant of leave were read out by the honourable Speaker and granted.

PRESS WALK OUT

Shaikh Aftab Ahmed, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs drawn attention of the House towards walkout staged by the Press against violence on a female journalist in a rally of PML(N) at Faizabad, Rawalpindi. Mr. Speaker strongly condemned and asked Ministry of Interior to investigate the matter and report within seven days to the House. Shazia Marri, MNA also condemned the incident.

POINTS OF ORDER

Name of member(s)	Subject
Ms. Kishwer Zehra	Stranded Pakistani pilgrims in Taftan, Iran. <i>Mr. Speaker directed Lt. Gen. (Retd) Abdul Qadir Baloch, Minister for States and Frontier Regions to look into the matter.</i>
Mr. Asad Umar	Briefing on the LNG issue to the Parliament by Prime Minister of Pakistan. <i>Mr. Speaker directed Lt. Gen. (Retd) Abdul Qadir Baloch, Minister for States and Frontier Regions to convey the matter to the Honourable Prime Minister to schedule briefing to the Parliament.</i>

SILENCE

The House observed silence for one minute to pay homage to the departed soul of Dr. Ruth Katherine Pfau, founder of Marie Adelaide Leprosy Centre and National Leprosy Control Program. Mr. Speaker and Dr. Nafisa Shah, MNA paid her rich tribute for struggle against leprosy in Pakistan.

RESOLUTION PASSED

Lt. Gen. (Retd) Abdul Qadir Baloch, Minister for States and Frontier Regions moved the following resolution, which was unanimously passed by the National Assembly:-

“We, the members of the National Assembly, express our deepest sorrow at the passing away of Dr. Ruth Katherine Pfau, a great humanist who spent a lifetime dedicated to public service in Pakistan.

Dr. Ruth Pfau adopted Pakistan as her country and Pakistani people as her people. For more than five decades, she served the poorest, and the most vulnerable people of this country with love, care and commitment.

As founder of Marie Adelaida Leprosy Centre and the National Leprosy Control Program Dr. Ruth Pfau worked with a single purpose of fighting this deadly disease, as a result of which Pakistan became one of the first countries to be declared leprosy free in 1996 by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Dr. Ruth Pfau received several awards, including the highest Civil Award Nishan-e- Quaid- e- Azam for her many services.

This House resolves that her rich legacy of selflessness, hope and perseverance be commemorated through a befitting state funeral.

This House further resolves that a care foundation be set up in recognition of her services by the Government of Pakistan.

QUORUM

Quorum- **At 6.33 p.m.** Engr. Hamid-ul-Haq Khalil, MNA belonging to PTI drew attention of the Chair towards the lack of quorum. Count was made, the House was found in order.

CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

3.	<p>MS. KHALIDA MANSOOR SYED IFTIKHAR-UL-HASSAN to invite attention of the Minister for Interior to a matter of urgent public importance regarding supply of contaminated water of Rawal Dam to the residents of Islamabad and extermination of fishes therein, causing grave concern amongst the public.</p>	<p>Deferred till Friday, the 18th August, 2017.</p>
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

4.	<p>MR. ZAHID HAMID, Minister for Law and Justice to move that the Bill to amend, consolidate and unify laws relating to the conduct of elections [The Elections Bill, 2017], as introduced in the National Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.</p>	<p>Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice moved the motion. <i>Chairperson informed that discussion on the motion will be held tomorrow, the 18th August, 2017.</i></p>
5.	<p>MR. ZAHID HAMID, Minister for Law and Justice to move that the Bill to amend, consolidate and unify laws relating to the conduct of elections [The Elections Bill, 2017], be passed.</p>	
6.	<p>MR. ZAHID HAMID, Minister for Law and Justice to move 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.</p>	<p>Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice moved the Motion. The following members spoke on the motion:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Azra Fazal Pechuho 2. Dr. Arif Alvi 3. Dr. Shireen Mehrunnisa Mazari 4. Ms. Shagufta Jumani 5. Ms. Ayesha Syed 6. Mr. Zahid Hamid, Minister for Law and Justice <p>Motion was adopted.</p>
7.	<p>MR. ZAHID HAMID, Minister for Law and Justice to move 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.</p>	<p>Each clause was submitted to the Assembly and stood part of the Bill.</p> <p>Bill passed.</p>

8.	<p>MR. MUHAMMAD PERVAIZ MALIK, Minister for Commerce and Textile to move that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Tobacco Board Ordinance, 1968 [The Pakistan Tobacco Board (Amendment) Bill, 2017], as reported by the Standing Committee, be taken into consideration at once.</p>	<p>Mr. Muhammad Pervaiz Malik, Minister for Commerce and Textile moved the Motion which was adopted.</p>
9.	<p>MR. MUHAMMAD PERVAIZ MALIK, Minister for Commerce and Textile to move that the Bill further to amend the Pakistan Tobacco Board Ordinance, 1968 [The Pakistan Tobacco Board (Amendment) Bill, 2017], be passed.</p>	<p>Each clause was submitted to the Assembly and stood part of the Bill.</p> <p>Bill passed.</p>

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

10.	<p>SENATOR MOHAMMAD ISHAQ DAR, Minister for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs to introduce a Bill to repeal the Establishment of Federal Bank for Cooperatives and Regulation of Cooperative Banking Act, 1977 (IX of 1977) [The Establishment of Federal Bank for Cooperatives and Regulation of Cooperative Banking (Repeal) Bill, 2017].</p>	<p>Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, Parliamentary Secretary for Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs introduced the Bill; referred to Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue and Economic Affairs; copy is available on the website of the National Assembly and to be published in the Gazette of Pakistan.</p>
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ELECTION OF FIVE MNAs OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE NATIONAL BOOK FOUNDATION

11.	<p>SHAIKH AFTAB AHMED, Minister for Parliamentary Affairs to move that DR. MUHAMMAD AFZAL KHAN DHANDLA, MR. ABDUL QAHR KHAN WADAN, MS. NAEEMA KISHWER KHAN, NAWAB MUHAMMAD YUSUF TALPUR and MR. SHAFQAT MAHMOOD, Members of the National Assembly be elected as members of the Board of Governors, National Book Foundation, Islamabad as required by paragraph (ii) of sub-section (7) of section 4 of the National Book Foundation Act, 1972.</p>	<p>Motion was adopted.</p>
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MOTION OF THANKS

12.	SHAIKH AFTAB AHMED , Minister for Parliamentary Affairs moved the following motion:- “This House expresses its deep gratitude to the President of Pakistan for his address to both Houses assembled together on 1 st June, 2017”.	Left over
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MATTERS OTHER THAN POINTS OF ORDER

13. Raising matters under Rule 18 which are not Points of Order.

Name of Member(s)	Subject
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CALLING ATTENTION NOTICE

14.	SAHIBZADA TARIQ ULLAH MR. SHER AKBAR KHAN SAHIBZADA MUHAMMAD YAQOOB MS. AISHA SYED to invite attention of the Minister for Energy to a matter of urgent public importance regarding eighteen hours daily loadshedding in Districts Buner, Dir Upper, Dir Lower and Swat, causing grave concern amongst the public.	Attention invited by Sahibzada Tariq Ullah, MNA and Ms. Maiza Hameed, Parliamentary Secretary for Capital Administration and Development Division made a brief statement followed by one question asked by Sahibzada Tariq Ullah Mr. Sher Akbar Khan Sahibzada Muhammad Yaqoob Ms. Aisha Syed and answers given.
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The sitting of the Assembly was adjourned to meet again on Friday, the 18th August, 2017 at 10.30 a.m.

Islamabad, the
17th August, 2017

JAWAD RAFIQUE MALIK
Secretary