**FAFEN Daily Factsheet: Sitting No.02 Session No. 105 of the Senate**

**Senate Passes Five Government Bills**

ISLAMABAD, June 04, 2014: The Senate of Pakistan cleared five government bills on Wednesday during second sitting of 105th session, says Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN) based on direct observation of the House.

The House passed the Anti-terrorism (Amendment) Bill, 2014, The Anti-terrorism (Second Amendment) Bill, 2014, The Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Bill, 2014, The Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan (Amendment) Bill, 2014 and the Service Tribunals (Amendment) Bill, 2014.

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There was no question hour held on Wednesday and the day was reserved for government legislation.

Following are some key observations of the House proceedings:

**Members’ Participation in House Proceedings**

* The Senate met for an hour and two minutes.
* The sitting started at 1753 hours against the scheduled time of 1700 hours with a delay of 53 minutes.
* The Chairman presided over the entire sitting while the Deputy Chairman was also present.
* The Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition attended the entire sitting.
* Twenty-two senators were present at the outset, 38 at the adjournment while a maximum of 46 at one point during the proceedings.
* The parliamentary leaders of PPPP, ANP, PkMAP, PML-F and NP attended the sitting.
* Two minority members attended the sitting.
* Six members applied for leave.

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**Transparency**

* ‘Orders of the Day’ was available to the legislators, observers and others.
* Information on senators’ attendance was not available to the observers and the public.

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