**FAFEN Daily Factsheet: Sitting No.09 Session No. 105 of the Senate**

**Senate Approves 133 Recommendations on Budget**

* **Session Prorogued**

ISLAMABAD, June 16, 2014: The Senate unanimously approved over hundred recommendations on the Finance Bill 2014 during 9th and last sitting of its 105th session on Monday, reports the Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN) in its Daily Factsheet based on direct observation of the proceedings.

Through supplementary agenda, Chairperson of Standing Committee on Finance, Revenue, Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization raised the motion citing recommendations on the Finance Bill 2014 be adopted. The House took up the motion and approved majority of the recommendations unanimously.

The National Assembly will consider the 133 recommendations made by Senate on the Finance Bill 2014 out of which 129 recommendations were passed unanimously.

The Chairman chaired the entire sitting. Seven Senators were present at the outset and maximum 39 were there at the end of the sitting.

The Prime Minister attended the sitting for some time and briefed the Upper House on the military operation “Zarb-e-Azab” launched against militants in North Waziristan. Seven PPPP lawmakers participated in the debate on the operation followed by five lawmakers of ANP, PML-N (3) and one each of MQM, NP, BNP-A and PML.

Following are some key observations of the House proceedings:

**Members’ Participation in House Proceedings**

* The Senate met for two hours and 39 minutes.
* The sitting started at 1631 hours against the scheduled time of 1600 hours with a delay of 31 minutes.
* The Chairman presided over the entire sitting while the Deputy Chairman was also present.
* Seven senators were present at the outset and maximum 39 were there at the end of the sitting.
* The Leader of the House attended the entire sitting while the Leader of the Opposition was present for two hours and seven minutes.
* The parliamentary leaders of PML-N, PkMAP, PPPP and NP attended the sitting.
* Three minority members attended the sitting.
* Five members applied for leave.

**Output**

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**Representation and Responsiveness**

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**Order and Institutionalization**

* No instance of protest, walkout or boycott was witnessed during the sitting

**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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