



FAFEN Parliament Monitor

Senate
of Pakistan
77th Session
(January 17– February 20, 2012)

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Abbreviations

ANP	Awami National Party
BNPA	Balochistan National Party (Awami)
CAN	Calling Attention Notice
CDA	Capital Development Authority
FATA	Federally Administered Tribal Areas
ICT	Islamabad Capital Territory
IND	Independent Member
ISAF	International Security Assistance Force
JIP	Jamaat-e-Islami Pakistan
JUI	Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam
JUIF	Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (Fazlur Rehman)
JWP	Jamhoori Watan Party
MQM	Muttahida Quami Movement
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NP	National Party
PKMAP	Pakhtunkhwa Milli Awami Party
PML	Pakistan Muslim League
PMLF	Pakistan Muslim League (F)
PMLN	Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz)
PO	Point of Order
PPPP	Pakistan People's Party Parliamentarians
PPPS	Pakistan People's Party (Sherpao)



This report is based on direct observation of the Senate proceedings conducted by CPDI-Pakistan, a member organization of FAFEN.

Executive Summary

During the 77th session, the Senate met for 18 hours and 15 minutes, an average of two hours and 50 minutes each day. Each sitting was delayed, on an average, by 37 minutes.

The attendance of Senators was observed to be low, with an average 12 Members present at the outset and 19 at the end of each sitting.

The Leader of the House and the Panel of Chairpersons attended the entire session while the Leader of the Opposition was present in eight sittings.

The Chairman attended 15 sittings and the Deputy Chairman was present in seven. The parliamentary leaders of PPPS did not attend any sitting but those of PKMAP and MQM attended 16, followed by PMLN and PMLF (14 each), ANP (9), NP (7), JWP (6), PML (4), BNPA (3) and JUIF (1).

A party-wise analysis shows that 15 PML Legislators took part in the proceedings, followed by PPPP (13), JUIF (8), PMLN (7), ANP (6), MQM (5), JIP (3), NP (2) and PKMAP, BNPA, JWP, PMLF and JUI (1 each).

The House passed three Government Bills while two Private Members' Bills were introduced. Only 154 (52%) out of 296 Starred questions (requiring oral answers) were put up and responded to by the relevant ministries. The Question Hour was not held during the 10th sitting.

The number of Points of Order raised during the session was 168. Most issues raised by the Senators pertained to Balochistan (41), business of the house and health (18 each) and corruption issues (15). None of the Points of Order attracted the formal ruling of the Chair. Unless the Chair gives a formal ruling on a Point of Order, it does not lead to any output.

Four CANs were raised during the session with one on increase in rate of illiteracy being sent to the Ministry of Professional and Technical Training and another related to import of automatic weapons directed to the Ministry of Finance and Revenue. Similarly two others about non-construction of a bridge washed away by floods and the Capital Development Authority's failure to complete development work in Sector E-12 in Islamabad were sent to the Ministry of Communications and the Cabinet Secretariat respectively.

The Upper House witnessed four walkouts and two protests. The ANP Senators walked out for not getting permission to speak on the adopted Resolution calling for registration of a case against former President General (Retd) Pervez Musharraf under Article 6 of the constitution. On the other hand, Senators representing JIP and JUIF staged a walkout against drone attacks while those from PMLN, JUI, ANP, MQM and JIP jointly walked out to protest increase in prices of petroleum products. Another JIP Senator walked out in protest over longer duration of the session.

All Senators protested the murder of the family members of a Member of Balochistan Assembly and the absence of relevant ministers.

After successfully observing the proceedings of the National Assembly, FAFEN has started observation of the provincial assemblies – Sindh, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan – and the Senate. This report is based on FAFEN's direct observation of the 77th session of the Senate, which was held between January 17 and February 20, 2011.

The Senate proceedings are observed using a robust methodology based on the rules of procedures and business. The observers collect information on all major types of parliamentary business on a standardized checklist. The data gathered is analyzed together with that acquired from other parliamentary sources to prepare session-wise reports.

FAFEN has also started releasing daily factsheets on the Senate proceedings. These are released the same day the sittings are held to provide media and other interested stakeholders vital statistics to encourage informed public discourse on Assembly's performance.

1.0 Session Duration and Members' Participation

1.1 Session Time

Spread over 19 sittings, the Senate's 77th session was held from January 17 to February 20 for 42 hours and 50 minutes – an average of two hours and 15 minutes each day. On an average each sitting was delayed by 37 minutes.

Sitting No.	Date	Scheduled Time of Sitting	Actual Starting Time of Sitting	End Time of Sitting	Total Sitting Time	Sitting late by
1 st	Tuesday, January 17	16:00	16:50	19:48	2:58	0:50
2 nd	Wednesday, January 18	16:00	16:30	19:55	3:25	0:30
3 rd	Thursday, January 19	16:00	16:33	19:02	2:29	0:33
4 th	Friday, January 20	10:00	10:30	11:57	1:27	0:30
5 th	Monday, January 23	16:00	16:25	20:07	3:42	0:25
6 th	Tuesday, January 24	16:00	16:45	20:48	4:03	0:45
7 th	Wednesday, January 25	16:00	16:55	19:09	2:14	0:55
8 th	Thursday, January 26	10:30	11:00	12:06	1:06	0:30
9 th	Friday, January 27	10:00	10:30	12:40	2:10	0:30
10 th	Saturday, January 28	10:30	10:55	12:00	1:05	0:25
11 th	Tuesday, January 31	16:00	16:38	19:18	2:40	0:38
12 th	Wednesday, February 01	16:00	16:30	18:20	1:50	0:30
13 th	Thursday, February 02	16:00	16:30	17:45	1:15	0:30
14 th	Friday, February 03	10:00	10:42	12:31	1:49	0:42
15 th	Monday, February 06	16:00	16:47	20:08	3:21	0:47
16 th	Tuesday, February 07	16:00	16:35	19:05	2:30	0:35
17 th	Wednesday, February 08	16:00	16:45	19:30	2:45	0:45
18 th	Thursday, February 09	16:00	16:40	17:01	0:21	0:40
19 th	Friday, February 10	10:00	10:45	12:25	1:40	0:45
Total					42 hours and 50 minutes	Average 37 minutes

1.2 Attendance

The Senators' attendance remained low. In none of the 19 sittings, not more than 16 were present at the start while there were only six Senators present when the House started proceedings of its third sitting. Similarly no more than 28 Senators were present in any of the sittings at the end. At no point during the session, the Senators' maximum participation touched 50. On average, 12 Senators were present at the outset and 19 at the end of the session. The lowest attendance was during the 12th sitting when seven members were there at the outset and 10 at the close.

Sitting No.	Senators present at the outset	Senators present at the end of the sitting
1 st	16	28
2 nd	13	26
3 rd	6	28
4 th	8	22
5 th	15	16
6 th	11	12
7 th	17	8
8 th	4	22
9 th	14	22
10 th	17	16
11 th	15	27
12 th	7	10
13 th	11	15
14 th	11	20
15 th	7	13
16 th	11	18

Sitting No.	Senators present at the outset	Senators present at the end of the sitting
17 th	14	25
18 th	11	17
19 th	11	17
Average	12 Senators	19 Senators

1.3 Participation

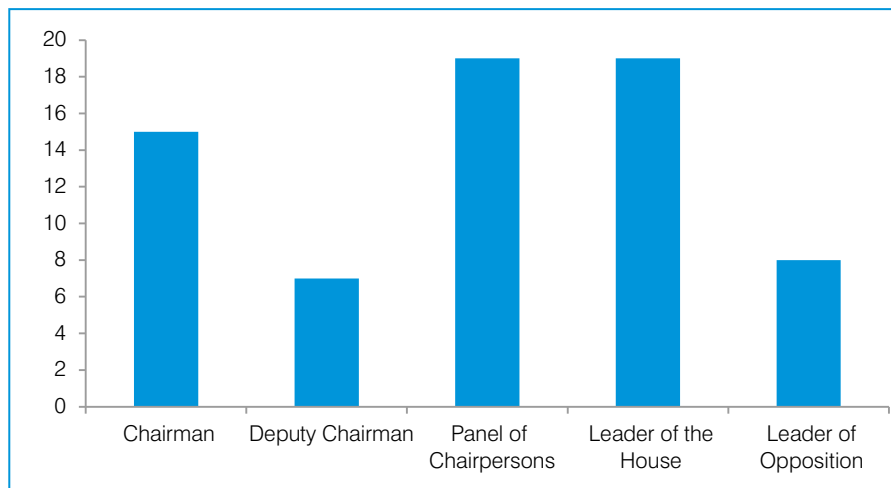
Participation has been classified into three categories – parliamentarians who only tabled agenda items on the Orders of the Day; legislators who took part in discussions and deliberations in the House, and Senators who submitted agenda items and participated in debates as well.

Five Senators brought agendas on the Orders of the Day, 33 took part in the discussions and as many submitted both agenda items and took active part in debates.

Party	Senators who Brought Agenda Items	Senators who Took Part in Debates	Senators who Participated in Debates as well as Brought Agenda Items	Senators who Brought Agenda Items	Percentage of Senators who Participated in Debates	Percentage of Senators who Brought Agenda Items and Participated in Debates	Senators in Assembly by Party
MQM	0	3	2	0%	50%	33%	6
NP	0	1	1	0%	50%	50%	2
PPPP	2	5	6	7%	19%	22%	27
JUIF	0	4	4	0%	44%	44%	9
IND	0	4	3	0%	36%	27%	11
ANP	0	2	4	0%	33%	67%	6
PPPS	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%	1
PML	1	9	5	5%	43%	24%	21
BNPA	0	0	1	0%	0%	33%	3
JIP	1	0	2	33%	0%	67%	3
PMLN	1	3	3	14%	43%	43%	7
JUI	0	1	0	0%	100%	0%	1
JWP	0	0	1	0%	0%	100%	1
PMLF	0	1	0	0%	100%	0%	1
PKMAP	0	0	1	0%	0%	100%	1
Total	5	33	33	5%	33%	33%	100

1.4 Key Members' Attendance

The Leader of the House attended the entire session while the Leader of the Opposition was present in eight sittings. The Chairman and the Deputy Chairman presided over four and seven sittings respectively. The others were chaired by the Panel of Chairpersons.



2.0 Calling Attention Notices

Moved by JIP, the four Calling Attention Notices which appeared on the agenda were taken up by the house. The CAN on increase in rate of illiteracy was sent to the Ministry of Professional and Technical Training and another related to the import of automatic weapons was directed to the Ministry of Finance and Revenue. Similarly two others about non-construction of a bridge washed away by floods and the Capital Development Authority's failure to complete development work in Sector E-12 in Islamabad were sent to the Ministry of Communications and the Cabinet Secretariat respectively.

Sr. No.	Sitting No.	Party	Gender	Issues	Ministry Concerned	Status
1	7 th	JIP	Joint Male and Female	Reported increase in the rate of illiteracy	Professional and Technical Training	Taken Up
2	9 th	JIP	Individual Male	Reported import of millions of automatic weapons in the country during the last many years	Finance & Revenue	Taken Up
3	11 th	JIP	Joint Male and Female	Non-construction of river bridge at Chakdara that links District Dir, which was washed away as a result of last devastating floods	Communications	Taken Up
4	15 th	JIP	Individual Male	Failure of Capital Development Authority (CDA) to complete development work in Sector E-12, Islamabad	Cabinet Secretariat	Taken Up

3.0 Question Hour

Out of 296 Starred questions (requiring oral) put up by the Senators, 154 (52%) were taken up by the House. There were 286 Supplementary questions asked.

Sittings	Starred Questions of the Agenda	Starred Questions taken up by the House	Percentage of Starred Questions taken up by the House	Supplementary Questions
1 st	36	12	33%	19
2 nd	22	10	45%	23
3 rd	25	8	32%	24
4 th	19	18	95%	32
5 th	Private Members' Day			
6 th	33	10	30%	24
7 th	11	1	9%	3
8 th	22	12	55%	17
9 th	18	10	56%	16
10 th	Question Hour was not held			
11 th	17	12	71%	24
12 th	8	4	50%	10
13 th	19	9	47%	21
14 th	15	11	73%	29
15 th	Private Members' Day			
16 th	12	11	92%	15
17 th	17	9	53%	12
18 th	9	9	100%	0
19 th	13	8	62%	17
Total	296	154	52%	286

3.1 Question Hour Statistics

Senators from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa submitted the highest number of questions (105) constituting 35% of the total questions asked, followed by those from Balochistan (57) and Sindh (46). The women Senators asked 35 questions, Ulema (32) and FATA (25).

Seats	Starred	Un-starred	Total	Full Responses	No Responses	Partial Responses	Total
Balochistan	57	-	57	47	10	-	57
FATA	21	4	25	22	3	-	25
KP	105	-	105	90	14	1	105
Sindh	46	-	46	41	5	-	46
Technocrats including Ulema	32	-	32	26	6	-	32
Women	35	-	35	31	3	1	35
Total	296	4	300	257	41	2	300

3.2 Ministry-Wise Breakup of Questions and Responses

Most of the questions were addressed to the Cabinet Secretariat. Almost 85% of the 296 Starred and four Un-starred questions received a full response from the relevant ministries while there was no response to 13% of the questions. The following table shows a ministry-wise breakup of the Starred and Un-starred questions asked in the House.

Ministry Concerned	Starred	Un-starred	Total	Full Responses	No Responses	Partial Responses	Total
Cabinet Secretariat	47	4	51	39	12	-	51
Foreign Affairs	43	-	43	36	6	1	43
Commerce	26	-	26	20	6	-	26
Communications	25	-	25	25	-	-	25
Finance & Revenue	21	-	21	16	5	-	21
Interior	20	-	20	17	3	-	20
Petroleum and Natural Resources	20	-	20	20	-	-	20
Water and Power	18	-	18	18	-	-	18
States & Frontier Regions	13	-	13	12	1	-	13
Housing and Works	12	-	12	10	2	-	12
Defence	9	-	9	8	-	1	9
Railways	8	-	8	8	-	-	8
Information and Broadcasting	6	-	6	6	-	-	6
Information Technology	6	-	6	3	3	-	6
Human Rights	3	-	3	3	-	-	3
Kashmir Affairs and Northern Areas	3	-	3	2	1	-	3
Law, Justice and Human Rights	3	-	3	3	-	-	3
Postal Services	3	-	3	3	-	-	3
Industries and Production	2	-	2	-	2	-	2
Religious Affairs and Zakat and Ushr	2	-	2	2	-	-	2
Science & Technology	2	-	2	2	-	-	2
Inter-Provincial Coordination	1	-	1	1	-	-	1
Overseas Pakistanis	1	-	1	1	-	-	1
Ports & Shipping	1	-	1	1	-	-	1
Production	1	-	1	1	-	-	1
Total	296	4	300	257	41	2	300

3.3 Party-Wise Breakup of Questions

JUIF Senators asked the most Questions, followed by MQM, PML and PMLN. Each party requested for more oral responses.

Party	Starred	Un-starred	Total
ANP	21	-	21
BNPA	5	-	5
IND	22	4	26
JIP	13	-	13
JUIF	128	-	128
MQM	41	-	41
NP	1	-	1
PKMAP	1	-	1
PML	29	-	29
PMLN	29	-	29
PPPP	6	-	6
Total	296	4	300

3.4 Gender-Wise Submission of Questions

A total of 35 (11%) Starred questions were put forth by female Senators. The rest (Starred and Un-starred) were submitted by male Senators.

Gender	Starred	Un-starred	Grand Total
Female	35	-	35
Male	261	4	265
Total	296	4	300

Counting only those Senators who put forth questions, an average of almost 8.75 questions were asked by each female Senator and 26.5 by every male Senator.

Party	Questions Raised by Female Senators	Female Senators	Questions Raised by Male Senators	Male Senators	Total Questions Raised	Total Senators Raising Questions	Total Number of Senators in Assembly by Party	Percentage of Senators Raising Questions by Party
ANP	-	-	21	3	21	3	6	50%
BNPA	5	1	-	-	5	1	3	33%
IND	-	-	26	3	26	3	11	27%
JIP	1	1	12	2	13	3	3	100%
JUIF	-	-	128	3	128	3	9	33%
MQM	-	-	41	1	41	1	6	17%
PKMAP	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	100%
PML	-	-	29	1	29	1	21	5%
PMLN	28	1	1	1	29	2	7	29%
PPPP	1	1	5	1	6	2	27	7%
NP	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	50%
PPPS	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0%
JUI	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0%
JWP	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0%
PMLF	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0%
Total	35	4	265	17	300	21	100	21%

4.0 Legislation

A total of seven Government Bills were presented on the Orders of the Day. Of these, three Bills were passed while as many were introduced and sent to the respective Standing Committees. One was deferred.

Sr. No.	Government Bills on the Orders of the Day	Bills Debated	Status of Bills		
			Bills Introduced	Bills Passed	Bills Rejected/ Not Taken Up/ Deferred
1	The Special Economic Zones Bill 2011		Introduced		
2	The Shifa Tameer -e-Millat University Bill 2012	Debated		Passed	
3	The National Commission on the Status of Women Bill 2012	Debated		Passed	
4	The Private Power and Infrastructure Board Bill 2011	Debated		Passed	
5	The National Commission for Human Rights Bill 2011		Introduced		
6	The Delimitation of Constituencies (Amendment) Bill 2011		Introduced		
7	The Constitution (Twentieth Amendment) Bill 2012				Deferred

4.1 Private Members' Bills

Out of seven Private Members' Bills on the Orders of the Day, two were introduced and sent to the respective Standing Committees.

Sr. No	Private Members' Bills on the Orders of the Day	Bills Debated	Status of the Bills		
			Bills Introduced	Bills Passed	Bills Rejected/ Not Taken Up/ Deferred
1	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2010 (Amendment of Article 142)				
2	The Victims of Natural Calamities (Rehabilitation and Financial Assistance) Bill 2010				
3	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2010 (Amendment of Articles 1 and 239)				
4	The Regulation of Foreign Contribution Bill 2012		Introduced and sent to Standing Committee		
5	The Legal Practitioners and Bar Councils (Amendment) Bill 2011		Introduced and sent to Standing Committee		
6	The Constitution (Amendment) Bill 2010 (Amendment of Article 248)				
7	The Specific Relief (Amendment) Bill 2008				

5.0 Resolutions

Ten resolutions appeared on the Orders of the Day during the session. But only one calling for registration of a case under Article 6 of the constitution against former President General (Retd) Pervez Musharraf was passed by the House.

Sr. No.	Sitting No.	Resolutions	Party	Status
1	15 th	Resolution calling the government should take steps to fix the consultation fee of private doctors	MQM	Not Taken Up
2	5 th	Resolution calling for registering a case against the former President General (Retd) Pervez Musharraf under Article 6 of the constitution	JUI-F	Accepted
3		Resolution for the loans written off by the Government departments, banks and financial institutions so far may be recovered immediately	JUI-F	Not Taken Up
4		Resolution on the authority to allot Government accommodations on out-of-turn basis be withdrawn	JIP	Not Taken Up
5		Resolution for necessary reforms be made in F.C.R.	IND	Rejected
6		Resolution calling the government for PIA operation flights between Islamabad-Kashgar-Urumqi to facilitate general public of the area	JUI-F	Not Taken Up
7		Resolution calling the Government to take immediate steps to declare Urdu as official language of the country in pursuance of Article 251 (1) of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973	PMLN, JIP and PMLN	Not Taken Up

Sr. No.	Sitting No.	Resolutions	Party	Status
8	5 th	Resolution calling the Government to take steps to fix consultation fee of private doctors	MQM	Not Taken Up
9		Resolution calling the Government to encourage maximum Ph.D programmes on the "Personality and Political career of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah" in Higher Education institutions of the country	IND	Not Taken Up
10		Resolution calling the government to take immediate steps to fix the maximum fee charged by private schools in the country	MQM	Not Taken Up

6.0 Question of Privilege (QoP)

A PPPP Senator raised a Question of Privilege on the federal secretaries' negligence to give written answers to queries put up in the Question Hour. Another QoP by a JIP Senator was about the performance report of public institutions while the Leader of the Opposition raised one about the misconduct of the Sui Gas department officials in Karachi and Quetta.

Sr. No	Sitting No.	Party	Issue Raised through QoP
1	8 th	PPPP	Federal Secretaries must submit written answers to questions raised during Question Hour
2	2 nd	JIP	The public institutions which are bound, under the constitution, are not sending their performance reports,
3	2 nd	JUIF	Against the misbehaviour of Sui-Gas department officials (Quetta and Karachi)

7.0 Points of Orders

Speeches by Senators and Treasury rejoinders on Points of Order consumed 502 minutes of the total session time. However, none of the 168 Points of Order prompted the Chair's formal ruling. Unless the Chairman gives a formal ruling on a Point of Order, speeches and rejoinders do not contribute to any Senate output.

Sitting No	Points of Order	Time Consumed
1 st	17	48
2 nd	8	15
3 rd	22	66
4 th	0	0
5 th	0	0
6 th	23	90
7 th	9	18
8 th	1	3
9 th	14	47
10 th	7	10
11 th	0	0
12 th	7	15
13 th	0	0
14 th	22	60
15 th	0	0
16 th	0	0
17 th	22	90
18 th	8	15
19 th	8	25
Total	168 POs	502 Minutes

7.1 Issues Raised in Points of Order

The Points of Order raised during the session have been categorized into 20 broader themes. Most issues raised by the Senators pertained to Balochistan (41), business of the house and health (18 each) and corruption issues (15).

Issues	ANP	BNPA	IND	JIP	JUI	JUIF	JWP	MQM	NP	PKMAP	PML	PMLF	PMLN	PPPP	Total
18th Amendment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Balochistan Related Issues	5	4	2	2	-	3	3	3	1	3	7	-	2	6	41
Business of the House	2	-	1	4	-	1	-	3	-	-	1	-	3	3	18
Communications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	2	4
Corruption	4	-	1	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	2	14
Criticism of General Pervez Musharraf	2	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	2	-	1	-	1	2	13
Decorum of House	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Development Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Development Works	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Drone Attacks	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
ECP	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Employment	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Energy	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
FATA related issues	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Foreign Affairs	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Health	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	4	1	1	4	18
Interior	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Inter-Provincial Autonomy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Kidnapping	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Labour Rights	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Law and Order	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Load-Shedding	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	4
Miscellaneous Affairs	3	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	4	-	-	3	15
Narcotics	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Oil Prices	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	3
Pak-US relations	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5
PTA	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Security Affairs	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	3
Total	24	6	12	18	1	15	3	18	8	5	21	2	10	25	168

8.0 Standing Committee Report

Twelve Standing Committees presented reports in the House during the session, of which the House took up nine. Among them were the first quarterly report of State Bank of Pakistan on economy and annual reports of the National Economic Council for the financial year 2010-11 and the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) for the financial year ending on 30 June 2010. The Standing Committees on Cabinet Secretariat and Rules of Procedure and Privileges presented three reports each.

Sr. No.	Name of Standing Committee Report	Name of Committee	Status of Report
1	Report on the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Bill 2011	Cabinet Secretariat	No
2	Report of the Committee (Interior) for the period from 27th March, 2010 to 12th March, 2011	Interior	No
3	The First Quarterly Report for the year 2011-12 of the Central Board of Directors of the State Bank of Pakistan on the state of Pakistan's Economy, as required under section 9A (f) of the State Bank of Pakistan Act, 1956	Finance, Revenue & Planning and Development	Yes
4	The Annual Report of the National Economic Council for the financial year 2010-11 as required by clause (5) of Article 156 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan	Cabinet Secretariat	Yes
5	Revised report of the Committee on the proposed Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Senate	Rules of Procedure & Privileges	Yes

Sr. No.	Name of Standing Committee Report	Name of Committee	Status of Report
6	Report of the Committee on the Privilege Motion moved by Senator regarding incorrect replies to Starred question Nos. 162 and 36 by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources	Rules of Procedure & Privileges	Yes
7	The Annual Report of Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) for the financial year ended on 30th June, 2010 as required by sub-section (2) of section 22 of the Competition Commission Act, 2010	Finance, Revenue & Planning and Development	Yes
8	Report of the Committee on the Privilege Motion moved by the then Senator Muhammad Azam Khan Swati regarding the forged passport and ID card carrying his picture used by unknown person for import of car	Rules of Procedure & Privileges	Yes
9	Report of the Committee (Human Rights) for the period from August, 2009 to November, 2011	Human Rights	Yes
10	Report on the Special Economic Zones Bill 2010	Law & Justice	Yes
11	Report on the Constitution (Twentieth Amendment) Bill, 2012	Law & Justice	Yes

9.0 Protests, Boycotts and Walkout

The Upper House witnessed four walkouts and two protests during the 77th session. The ANP Senators walked out for not getting permission to speak on the adopted Resolution calling for registration of a case against former President General (Retd) Pervez Musharraf under Article 6 of the constitution. On the other hand, Senators representing JIP and JUIF staged a walkout against drone attacks while those from PMLN, JUI, ANP, MQM and JIP jointly walked out to protest increase in prices of petroleum products. Another JIP Senator walked out in protest over longer duration of the session.

All Senators protested the murder of the family members of a Member of Balochistan Assembly and the absence of relevant ministers.

Sitting No	Party	Reason	Time	Protest/Walkout/ Boycott
5th	ANP	Against not being granted permission to speak on the adopted Resolution	7	Walkout
6th	JIP	Against the drone attacks in Pakistan	8	Walkout
	JUIF			
12th	All Senators	Against the absence of relevant Ministers	5	Protest
	PMLN, JUI, ANP, MQM and JIP	Against increase in prices of petroleum products	5	Walkout
14th	JIP Senator	Against prolonging for no reason	3	Walkout
17th	All Senators	Against the murder of the family members of a Member of Balochistan Assembly (Mir Bakhtiar Domki)	10	Protest
Total			38 minutes	

GLOSSARY

Adjournment Motion

A motion to adjourn the business of the House for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of recent and urgent public importance.

Amendments

A motion to amend an earlier motion before that earlier motion is put to the Assembly for its decision.

Assent

Refers to the power of the President to assent the bill passed by the House or return the same to the House for reconsideration.

Chairperson

In relation to a sitting, any person who is presiding at that sitting.

Calling Attention Notice

A Senator who wishes to raise a matter of sufficient public importance can call attention of the Minister to such matter by giving notice in writing. The Chairman would select one of them but not more than two notices in a week for a statement by the Minister.

Chair

The Presiding Officer at a meeting of the House or a Committee.

Chamber

The place where the Senate meets to transact its business.

Deputy Chairman

When the office of Chairman is vacant or Chairman is absent or is unable to perform his functions due to any cause the Deputy Chairman acts as the Chairman of the House.

Election

The process of choosing a representative by vote.

Leader of the Opposition

"Leader of the Opposition" means a Senator who, in the opinion of the Chairman, is the leader of the majority of Opposition Senators for a certain time period.

Legislation

The process of crafting law.

Legislative Process

The processes by which bills are approved by Assembly.

'List of Business'

The 'List of Business' includes the business scheduled for an Assembly sitting.

Member

A member of the Assembly and for purposes of moving or opposing a Bill, an amendment, a motion or a resolution, includes a Minister.

Member-in-Charge

In the case of Government Bill, a Minister or a Parliamentary Secretary acting on behalf of the Government and in the case of a private member's Bill, the member who has introduced it or any other member authorized by him in writing to assume charge of the Bill in his absence.

Minister

May refer to the Prime Minister, a Federal Minister or a Minister of State, or a Parliamentary Secretary in respect of any function delegated or entrusted to him by a Minister.

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Motion

A proposal made by a member or a Minister relating to any matter, which may be discussed by the House and includes an amendment.

Mover

The mover of a Bill, a resolution, a motion or an amendment of a Bill, a resolution or a motion and in the case of a Government Bill, a resolution, a motion or an amendment, a Minister or a Parliamentary Secretary acting on behalf of the Government.

Opposition

The party or parties who do not belong to the governing party.

Orders of the Day

"Orders of the Day" means the list of business to be brought before the House on any day.

Point of Order

A member can raise a point of order relating to the interpretation or enforcement of the rules or such Articles of the Constitution as regulate the business of the Senate, and are in the cognizance of the Chairman. A point of order can also be raised in relation to the business before the Senate at the moment.

Private Member

A member who is not a Minister or a Parliamentary Secretary.

Private Member's Bill

A proposed law introduced by a Private member.

Proceedings

The actions taken by the House or by a committee, the most important parts of the proceedings are the decisions that are taken.

Quorum

Quorum is the minimum number of members of Senate necessary to conduct the business of the Assembly. (One-fourth of the House)

Question Hour

A time fixed under the rules for asking and answering questions.

Resolution

A motion for the purpose of discussing and expressing an opinion on a matter of general public interest.

Starred Question

A question that requires an oral answer in addition to a written reply.

Senate

The Upper House of Majlis-e-Shoora (Parliament) known by that name.

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Unstarred Question

"Unstarred Question" means a question for a written answer.

About FAFEN

Free and Fair Election Network (FAFEN), established in 2006, is a coalition of 42 leading civil society organizations, working to strengthen all forms of democratic accountabilities in Pakistan. Governed by Trust for Democratic Education and Accountability (TDEA), FAFEN's key achievements are:

- Observed the public display of Pakistan's draft electoral rolls and conducted the country's first statistically-valid voters' list audit in 2007
- Deployed more than 18,829 trained, neutral Election Day observers nationwide to watch the February 18, 2008 polls and 264 long-term observers to monitor the pre-election process
- Fielded long-term observers nationwide and published 19 pre-election reports
- For the February 18, 2008, General Elections, FAFEN conducted 260 simultaneous Parallel Vote Tabulations (PVTs)- the largest effort in the world
- Conducted its first survey, Constituents Aspirations Survey, in December 2008 with a sample size of 3,124 respondents to get the description of the state of public opinion and also to get a deeper understanding of the values, attitudes and beliefs of people living in the constituencies
- Conducted mapping of organizations working for human rights within Pakistan
- Observed general elections at Gilgit-Baltistan in 2009 and by-elections in various constituencies of the Punjab, Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in 2010
- Implemented a unique methodology to observe parliamentary proceedings under its Parliamentary Watch Project
- Monitors public institutions across Pakistan and issues monthly reports on the state and performance of educational, health and other local level institutions. In addition, monthly reports on prices, crimes, incidence of disease, caseload in lower courts and political and electoral violence are issued

FAFEN continues to implement robust programs in-between elections related to monitoring parliamentary affairs, connecting constituents to their elected representatives, monitoring the performance of public and elected institutions and advocating electoral and democratic reforms. FAFEN is also monitoring political and electoral violence, peace activities and promoting active citizenry through ongoing civic education activities across the country. FAFEN is currently implementing Supporting Transparency, Accountability and Electoral Processes in Pakistan in 200 National Assembly constituencies in 119 districts across Pakistan.

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