



RASSED's Report on the Parliament Performance for the Fourth Week of the First Ordinary Session

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- **RASSED recommends the publication of attendance names.**
- **RASSED praises the House Council's decision to adopt electronic voting.**
- **8 Parliamentary committees held 10 meetings during the fourth week.**

The House of Representatives held a parliamentary session in the fourth week of its first ordinary session dedicated to the budget statement hearing, and 8 parliamentary committees held 10 supervisory and legislative meetings.

The House of Representatives delegated the public budget law project of 2017 to the Financial Committee of the House, along with the governmental units' budgets for next year. The Financial Committee will hold its first meeting next Sunday to set the program for the execution of meetings.

RASSED praises the mechanism adopted by the House to vote on resolutions electronically via designated tablets. The Speaker of the House, Atif Al Tarawneh, ensured that on the Wednesday's session that the electronic voting mechanism will begin to be used for the First Ordinary Session. Such a voting method will enhance transparency and allow electoral constituents to view their representatives voting patterns under the dome. RASSED highly praises the adoption of electronic voting and hopes that the General Secretariat of the House will publish the attendees and absences of each parliamentary session, where it was noted in the last period that attendance names and unexcused absences were not published. Not publishing such information would limit the transparency of Parliamentary work.

As for permanent parliamentary committee meetings, ten meetings were held, all supervisory and regulatory except for one, which was legislative side. Three meetings were held by the Education Committee, while the rest were about Energy, Administration, Health, Tourism, Media & National Steering, Economy & Investments, and Public Services & Transport. The Transport meeting discussed Provisional Law No. 33 of 2010, the public transport of passengers law (Rejected by the Senate).

Most of the meeting were held in order to develop practical mechanisms, except for the Media & National Steering Committee, which devoted its time to discussing issues of journalists and the House of Representatives, and the Education Committee, which examined the issue of violence at the University of Jordan. Finally, the Committee of Economy & Investments discussed aid with a foreign delegation.

The parliamentary committees' meetings maintained that a quorum be held, which should be praised, and called for a continuation of this positive approach in dealing with committee meetings because of its positive effect on legislation.

RASSED also recommends that MPs attend the Finance Committee's meetings for the discussion of the draft of the State Budget Law for the fiscal year of 2017, and the Draft of Governmental Units Budget for 2017, to propose recommendations that would develop the legislative process the House of Representatives.



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Presidency of the House of Representatives adopt electronic voting as a way to identify voting patterns of MPs on the laws presented for revisions.

RASSED recommends the General Secretariat of the House of Representatives to publish the attendance and absences of parliamentary sessions.

Parliamentary committees' actions during the fourth week of the first ordinary session

Committee Name	No. of meetings	Quorum
Education Committee	3	Available in 3 meetings
Energy & Mineral Resources Committee	1	Available
Administration Committee	1	Available
Health & Environment Committee	1	Available
Tourism Committee	1	Available
Media & National Steering Committee	1	Available
Economy & Investments Committee	1	Available
Public Services & Transportation Committee	1	Available