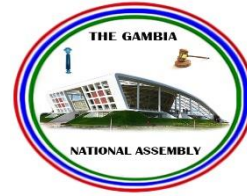




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2026 LEGISLATIVE YEAR

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OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SITTING OF

TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

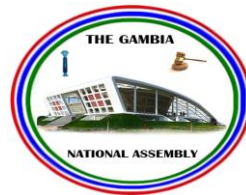
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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY



6TH LEGISLATURE IN THE 2ND REPUBLIC

2026 LEGISLATIVE YEAR THIRD & FOURTH ORDINARY SESSIONS

RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Sitting of Tuesday 15th September, 2026.

The Assembly convened at forty-five minutes after eleven o'clock in the morning (11:45 am). Prayers were read, and the Hon. Deputy Speaker, Seedy SK Njie, took the Chair.

ORDER PAPER

1. P R A Y E R S

2. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly sitting of **Monday, 14th September, 2026.**

3. BILLS

i. **Second Reading| Order 67**

Second Reading of the Competition and Consumers Protection Bill, 2026.

(By Hon. Minister for Trade, Industry, Regional Integration & Employment, Hon Mod K. Ceesay)

[Allotted, 1 hour] – SO 61(2)

ii. **Consideration Stage| Order 72**

Consideration Stage of the Gambia Investment and Export Promotion Agency (Amendments) Bill, 2025.

(By the Minister for Trade, Industry, Regional Integration & Employment, Hon Mod K. Ceesay)

4. MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED that this august Assembly do Consider and Ratify the Visa Exemption Agreement between the Government of The Gambia and the Government of Gabon for Holders of Diplomatic and Service Passports.

(By the Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation & Gambians Abroad, Hon. Sering Modou Njie)

[Allotted 1 hour] – SO 61(2)

ATTENDANCE

The following Honourable Members were ***present***:

1. Hon. Seedy SK Njie	-	Deputy Speaker
2. Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay	-	Old Yundum (Deputy Majority Leader)
3. Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo	-	Brikama North (Minority Leader)
4. Hon. Omar Darboe	-	Upper Niumi (Majority Chief Whip)
5. Hon. Sheriff S. Sarr	-	Jeshwang
6. Hon. Modou Lamin B. Bah	-	Banjul North
7. Hon. Almameh Gibba	-	Foni Kansala
8. Hon. Suwaibou Touray	-	Wuli East
9. Hon. Essa Conteh	-	Jimara
10. Hon. Kebba K. Barrow	-	Kombo South
11. Hon. Sulayman Jammeh	-	Bundungka Kunda
12. Hon. Alhagie Mbow	-	Upper Saloum
13. Hon. Amie Colley	-	Foni Brefet
14. Hon. Salifu Jawo	-	Jokadu
15. Hon. Kebba Toumanding Sanneh	-	Foni Jarrol
16. Hon. Nfally M. Kora	-	Tumana
17. Hon. Alfusainey Ceesay	-	Sami
18. Hon. Amadou Camara	-	Nianija
19. Hon. Kebba Lang Fofana	-	Nominated Member
20. Hon. Nfamara Sabally	-	Wuli West
21. Hon. Lamin Ceesay	-	Kiang West
22. Hon. Abdou Sowe	-	Kombo East
23. Hon. Dawda Jeng	-	Niamina East
24. Hon. Kebba Jallow	-	Jarra Central
25. Hon. Birom J.S. Sowe	-	Niamina West
26. Hon. Musa Cham	-	Serekunda
27. Hon. Muhamed Kanteh	-	Busumbala
28. Hon. Omar Jobe	-	Niani
29. Hon. Yaya Gassama	-	Kiang East
30. Hon. Pa Dembo Sanneh	-	Foni Bondali
31. Hon. Samba Jallow	-	Niamina Dankunku
32. Hon. Maimuna Ceesay	-	Nominated Member
33. Hon. Lamin J. Sanneh	-	Brikama South
34. Hon. Yahya Sanyang	-	Latrikunda Sabiji
35. Hon. Tamsir Cham	-	Lower Niumi
36. Hon. Alhagie Babou Ceesay	-	Sabach Sanjal
37. Hon. Bakary K. Badjie	-	Foni Bintang Karanai
38. Hon. Omar Jammeh	-	Janjanbureh
39. Hon. Sankung Dampha	-	Illiassa
40. Hon. Gibbi Mballow	-	Lower Fulladu West

The following Honourable Members were absent *with permission*:

41.	Hon. Fabakary Tombong Jatta	-	Speaker
42.	Hon. Billay G. Tunkara	-	Kantora (Majority Leader)
43.	Hon. Madi M.K. Ceesay	-	Serekunda West (Deputy Minority Leader)
44.	Hon. Sulayman Saho	-	Central Baddibu (Minority Chief Whip)
45.	Hon. Fatoumatta Njai	-	Banjul South
46.	Hon. Sainey Jawara	-	Lower Saloum
47.	Hon. Kemo Gassama	-	Lower Baddibu
48.	Hon. Ebrima Jaiteh	-	Sandu
49.	Hon. Alieu Baldeh	-	Jarra West
50.	Hon. Bakary Kora	-	Upper Fulladu West
51.	Hon. Abdoulie Njai	-	Banjul Central
52.	Hon. Fatou Cham	-	Sanimentereng
53.	Hon. Yunusa N. Bah	-	Kiang Central
54.	Hon. Fatou K. Jawara	-	Nominated Member
55.	Hon. Musa Badjie	-	Tallinding Kunjang
56.	Hon. Assan Touray	-	Bakau
57.	Hon. Haruna Barry	-	Jarra East
58.	Hon. Saikou Bah	-	Basse

1. Correction and Approval of the Record of Votes and Proceedings of the sitting of Monday 14th September, 2026.

Hon. Maimuna Ceesay, Nominated Member, moved a motion for the Assembly to consider and approve the Record of Votes and Proceedings for the sitting of Monday 14th September, 2026.

The motion was seconded by Hon. Omar Darboe, Member for Upper Niumi (Majority Chief Whip)

The Record of Votes and Proceedings, as corrected, was approved.

VARIATION OF THE ORDER PAPER: 14(3)

The Hon. Speaker invoked Order 14 (3) of the Standing Orders and varied the order of the business to allow the Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation & Gambians Abroad table his motion.

2. MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED that this august Assembly do Consider and Ratify the Visa Exemption Agreement between the Government of The Gambia and the Government of Gabon for Holders of Diplomatic and Service Passports.

(By the Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation & Gambians Abroad, Hon. Sering Modou Njie)

[Allotted, 1 hour] – SO 61(2)

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation & Gambians Abroad moved a motion for the Assembly to consider and ratify the Visa Exemption Agreement between the Government of The Gambia and the Government of Gabon for Holders of Diplomatic and Service Passports.

Hon. Amie Colley, Member for Foni Brefet, seconded the motion and participated in the debate.

Question put and accordingly agreed to:

The Assembly agreed to consider the motion.

ENSUING DEBATE

The following Hon. Members participated in the debate on the ***motion***:

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| 1. Hon. Amie Colley | - | Foni Brefet |
| 2. Hon. Salifu Jawo | - | Jokadu |
| 3. Hon. Sulayman Jammeh | - | Bundungka Kunda |
| 4. Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay | - | Old Yundum (Deputy Majority Leader) |
| 5. Hon. Almameh Gibba | - | Foni Kansala |
| 6. Hon. Yahya Sanyang | - | Latrikunda Sabiji |
| 7. Hon. Bakary K. Badjie | - | Foni Bintang Karanai |
| 8. Hon. Samba Jallow | - | Niamina Dankunku |
| 9. Hon. Lamin Ceesay | - | Kiang West |
| 10. Hon. Maimuna Ceesay | - | Nominated Member |
| 11. Hon. Birom JS Sowe | - | Niamina West |
| 12. Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo | - | Brikama North (Minority Leader) |
| 13. Hon. Musa Cham | - | Serekunda |
| 14. Hon. Modou Lamin B. Bah | - | Banjul North |
| 15. Hon. Kebba Toumanding Sanneh | - | Foni Jarrol |
| 16. Hon. Abdou Sowe | - | Kombo East |

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation & Gambians Abroad, responded to issues raised and wound up the debate.

Question put and accordingly agreed to:

The Assembly agreed to adopt the motion.

3. BILLS

i. SECOND READING | ORDER 67

Second Reading of the Competition and Consumers Protection Bill, 2026.

(By Hon. Minister for Trade, Industry, Regional Integration & Employment, Hon Mod K. Ceesay)

[Allotted, 1 hour] – SO 61(2)

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon Minister for Trade, Industry, Regional Integration & Employment, moved a motion for the Second Reading of the ***Competition and Consumers Protection Bill, 2026.***

Hon. Kebba Jallow, Member for Jarra Central, seconded the motion and participated in the debate.

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE | ORDER 53(c)

With the leave of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Kebba Jallow, Member for Jarra Central moved a motion for the Assembly to adjourn the debate on the motion for the Second Reading of ***The Competition and Consumers Protection Bill, 2026,*** and to refer the Bill to the Assembly Business Committee for Committal to either a Committee of the Assembly or Committee of the Whole Assembly.

The motion was seconded by Hon. Musa Cham, Member for Serekunda.

Question put and accordingly agreed to:

The Assembly agreed to adopt the motion.

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Minister for Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment thanked all the Members for their support.

Question put and agreed to:

That the Bill be read a Second Time.

The Clerk read the Short Title of the Bill, and it was deemed to have been read a Second Time.

ii. CONSIDERATION STAGE | ORDER 73

Consideration Stage of the Gambia Investment and Export Promotion Agency (Amendments) Bill, 2025.

(By the Minister for Trade, Industry, Regional Integration & Employment, Hon Mod K. Ceesay)

CONSIDERATION AT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY

At fifteen minutes after one o'clock in the afternoon (13:15 pm), the Hon. Speaker resolved the Assembly into the Committee of the Whole Assembly to consider the Bill clause-by-clause.

CONSIDERATION AT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY

- 1. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 1 and 2 stand part of the Bill as amended.*
- 2. Question put and agreed to that Clause 3 amendment of Act No. 20 of 2015 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 3. Question put and agreed to that Clause 4 amendment of section 2 be deleted and maintain the principal Act.*
- 4. Question put and agreed to that Clause 5 amendment of section 27 stands part of the Bill without amendment.*
- 5. Question put and agreed to that Clause 6 amendment of section 38 stands part of the Bill without amendment.*
- 6. Questions put and agreed to that Clause 7 amendment of section 39 stands part of the Bill without amendment.*
- 7. Question put and agreed to that Clause 8 amendment of section 44 stands part of the Bill without amendment.*
- 8. Question put and agreed to that Clause 9 amendment of section 45 stands part of the Bill without amendment.*
- 9. Question put and agreed to that Clause 10 be deleted.*
- 10. Question put and agreed to that Clause 11 amendment of section 55 stands part of the Bill without amendment.*
- 11. Question put and agreed to that Clause 12 amendment of section 72 stands part of the Bill without amendment.*
- 12. Question put and agreed to that Clause 13 amendment of section 78 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 13. Question put and agreed to that Clause 14 amendment of section 80 stands part of the Bill as amended.*

RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY

At thirty minutes after two o'clock (14:30pm), the Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At thirty-two minutes after two o'clock (14:32 pm), the Assembly was adjourned until Wednesday 16th September, 2026 at 10 am.