

**REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA**  
**National Assembly, New Assembly Building, Reginald Pye Lane**  
**Banjul, The Gambia**

**SIXTH ASSEMBLY OF THE**  
**SECOND REPUBLIC**

**2026 LEGISLATIVE YEAR**

**THIRD & FOURTH ORDINARY SESSIONS**

**RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**  
**SITTING OF**

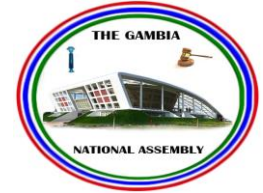
**MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2026**

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## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### 6<sup>TH</sup> LEGISLATURE IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup> REPUBLIC

#### 2026 LEGISLATIVE YEAR THIRD & FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION

#### RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

#### *Sitting of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2026.*

*The Assembly convened at twenty-four minutes after twelve o'clock in the afternoon (12:24pm). Prayers were read, and the Hon. Speaker, Fabakary Tombong Jatta, 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 Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026.**

#### 4. LAYING OF PAPERS AND REPORTS

**Consolidated Report of the Finance and Public Accounts Committee on the Committees' consideration of the 2027 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia**  
**(By: Hon. Chairperson of the Committee)**

#### 5. BILLS

**Order 65 – First Reading of the National Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Bill, 2026**  
**(By Hon. Billay G. Tunkara – Member for Kantora & Majority Leader)**

#### 6. MOTION – Order 86 (7)

**Debate on the 2027 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia and the FPAC Consolidated Report**  
**(By: Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs)**

## ATTENDANCE

The following Hon. Members were ***present***:

|                                 |   |                                         |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------------|
| 1. Hon. Fabakary Tombong Jatta  | - | Speaker                                 |
| 2. Hon. Seedy SK Njie           | - | Deputy Speaker                          |
| 3. Hon. Billay G. Tunkara       | - | Kantora (Majority Leader)               |
| 4. Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo        | - | Brikama North (Minority Leader)         |
| 5. Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay         | - | Old Yundum (Deputy Majority Leader)     |
| 6. Hon. Madi M.K. Ceesay        | - | Serekunda West (Deputy Minority Leader) |
| 7. Hon. Omar Darboe             | - | Upper Niumi (Majority Chief Whip)       |
| 8. Hon. Sulayman Saho           | - | Central Baddibu (Minority Chief Whip)   |
| 9. Hon. Kebba Toumanding Sanneh | - | Foni Jarrol                             |
| 10. Hon. Almameh Gibba          | - | Foni Kansala                            |
| 11. Hon. Lamin J. Sanneh        | - | Brikama South                           |
| 12. Hon. Suwaibou Touray        | - | Wuli East                               |
| 13. Hon. Samba Jallow           | - | Niamina Dankunku                        |
| 14. Hon. Assan Touray           | - | Bakau                                   |
| 15. Hon. Yahya Sanyang          | - | Latrikunda Sabiji                       |
| 16. Hon. Kebba K. Barrow        | - | Kombo South                             |
| 17. Hon. Sulayman Jammeh        | - | Bundungka Kunda                         |
| 18. Hon. Kebba Lang Fofana      | - | Nominated Member                        |
| 19. Hon. Lamin Ceesay           | - | Kiang West                              |
| 20. Hon. Dawda Jeng             | - | Niamina East                            |
| 21. Hon. Bakary K. Badjie       | - | Foni Bintang Karanai                    |
| 22. Hon. Kebba Jallow           | - | Jarra Central                           |
| 23. Hon. Musa Cham              | - | Serekunda                               |
| 24. Hon. Fatou K. Jawara        | - | Nominated Member                        |
| 25. Hon. Sainey Jawara          | - | Lower Saloum                            |
| 26. Hon. Abdoulie Njai          | - | Banjul Central                          |
| 27. Hon. Alfusainey Ceesay      | - | Sami                                    |
| 28. Hon. Nfamara Sabally        | - | Wuli West                               |
| 29. Hon. Nfally M. Kora         | - | Tumana                                  |
| 30. Hon. Modou Lamin B. Bah     | - | Banjul North                            |
| 31. Hon. Saikou Bah             | - | Basse                                   |
| 32. Hon. Musa Badjie            | - | Tallinding Kunjang                      |
| 33. Hon. Pa Dembo Sanneh        | - | Foni Bondali                            |
| 34. Hon. Salifu Jawo            | - | Jokadu                                  |
| 35. Hon. Tamsir Cham            | - | Lower Niumi                             |
| 36. Hon. Sheriff S. Sarr        | - | Jeshwang                                |
| 37. Hon. Maimuna Ceesay         | - | Nominated Member                        |

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| 38. Hon. Amadou Camara        | - | Niani         |
| 39. Hon. Fatoumatta Njai      | - | Banjul South  |
| 40. Hon. Kemo Gassama         | - | Lower Baddibu |
| 41. Hon. Yaya Gassama         | - | Kiang East    |
| 42. Hon. Amie Colley          | - | Foni Brefet   |
| 43. Hon. Essa Conteh          | - | Jimara        |
| 44. Hon. Alhagie Babou Ceesay | - | Sabach Sanjal |
| 45. Hon. Alhagie Mbow         | - | Upper Saloum  |
| 46. Hon. Abdou Sowe           | - | Kombo East    |
| 47. Hon. Birom J.S. Sowe      | - | Niamina West  |
| 48. Hon. Haruna Barry         | - | Jarra East    |
| 49. Hon. Omar Jammeh          | - | Janjanbureh   |

The following Hon. Members were absent *with permission*:

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| 50. Hon. Muhamed Kanteh | - | Busumbala          |
| 51. Hon. Omar Jobe      | - | Niani              |
| 52. Hon. Gibbi Mballow  | - | Lower Fulladu West |
| 53. Hon. Sankung Dampha | - | Illiassa           |
| 54. Hon. Bakary Kora    | - | Upper Fulladu West |
| 55. Hon. Fatou Cham     | - | Sanimentereng      |
| 56. Hon. Yunusa N. Bah  | - | Kiang Central      |
| 57. Hon. Ebrima Jaiteh  | - | Sandu              |
| 58. Hon. Alieu Baldeh   | - | Jarra West         |

### **1. Correction and Approval of the Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly sitting of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2026.**

Hon. Essa Conteh, Member for Jimara, moved a motion for the Assembly to consider and approve the Record of Votes and Proceedings for the sitting of Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2026,

Hon. Omar Darboe Member for Upper Niumi seconded the motion.

The Record of Votes and Proceedings was approved without amendments.

### **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 Assembly proceed with Bill.

#### **i. First Reading of the National Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Bill, 2026 (By Hon. Billay G. Tunkara – Member for Kantora & Majority Leader)**

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Billay G. Tunkara ,Member for Kantora & Majority Leader handed over a copy of the Bill to the Clerk.

The Clerk read aloud the short title of the Bill and it was accordingly deemed to have been read the **First Time**.

The next stage of the Communications Bill, 2025 was appointed for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 for the Person-in-Charge of the Bill to move a motion for its Second Reading.

## **2. LAYING OF PAPERS AND REPORTS**

Consolidated Report of the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC) on the Committee's consideration of the 2026 Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Republic of The Gambia

**(By: Hon. Chairperson of the Committee)**

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo, Member for Brikama North and Chairperson of the Committee, moved a motion to table the Committee's Report.

Hon. Lamin Ceesay, Member for Kiang West, seconded the motion and participated in the debate.

**Question put and accordingly agreed to:**

The Assembly agreed to consider the motion.

### **Motion to impose time limit – Order 61(2)**

Hon. Sainey Jawara, Member for Lower Saloum moved a motion for the Assembly to allot a time limit of ten (10) minutes for each Member during the debate on the motion, and it was seconded by Hon. Kebba Toumanding Sanneh, Member for Foni Jarrol

**Question put and accordingly agreed to:**

The Assembly agreed to limit time to ten minutes.

## **ORDERS 30(1) & 86 (7)**

In opening the floor for debate, the Hon. Speaker advised the Assembly to take note of the provisions of Orders 30(1) and 86(7) of the Standing Orders for guidance during the debate.

## ENSUING DEBATE

The following Honourable Members participated in the debate:

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| 1. Hon. Lamin Ceesay       | - | Kiang West           |
| 2. Hon. Fatoumatta Njai    | - | Banjul South         |
| 3. Hon. Almameh Gibba      | - | Foni Kansala         |
| 4. Hon. Yaya Gassama       | - | Kiang East           |
| 5. Hon. Alhagie Mbow       | - | Upper Saloum         |
| 6. Hon. Bakary K. Badjie   | - | Foni Bintang Karanai |
| 7. Hon. Abdoulie Njai      | - | Banjul Central       |
| 8. Hon. Sulayman Jammeh    | - | Bundungka Kunda      |
| 9. Hon. Modou Lamin B. Bah | - | Banjul North         |
| 10. Hon. Yahya Sanyang     | - | Latrikunda Sabiji    |
| 11. Hon. Sheriff S. Sarr   | - | Jeshwang             |
| 12. Hon. Pa Dembo Sanneh   | - | Foni Bondali         |
| 13. Hon. Alfusainey Ceesay | - | Sami                 |

## SUSPENSION AND RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY (Order 13)

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*At twenty-seven minutes after three o'clock in the afternoon (15:27pm), the Hon. Speaker suspended the Assembly for prayers (thirty-five minutes).*

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*The Assembly resumed at thirty-four minutes after four o'clock in the afternoon (16:34pm)*

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## DEBATE CONTINUED...

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| 14. Hon. Sainey Jawara | - | Lower Saloum |
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## HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER, SEEDY SK NJIE, TOOK THE FLOOR

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| 15. Hon. Musa Cham               | - | Serekunda                           |
| 16. Hon. Abdou Sowe              | - | Kombo East                          |
| 17. Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay         | - | Old Yundum (Deputy Majority Leader) |
| 18. Hon. Amadou Camara           | - | Nianiya                             |
| 19. Hon. Kebba Toumanding Sanneh | - | Foni Jarrol                         |

## MOTION TO SIT BEYOND SIX O'CLOCK

Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay, Member for Old Yundum and Deputy Minority Leader, moved a motion for the Assembly to sit beyond six o'clock to complete the debate on the 2027 Estimates and Revenue and Expenditure.

The motion was seconded by Hon. Kebba Jallow, Member for Jarra Central.

**Question put and accordingly agreed to;**

*The Assembly agreed to sit beyond six o'clock to complete the debate.*

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**DEBATE CONTINUED...**

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| 21. Hon. Alhagie Babou Ceesay | - | Sabach Sanjal                         |
| 22. Hon. Sulayman Saho        | - | Central Baddibu (Minority Chief Whip) |
| 23. Hon. Musa Badjie          | - | Tallinding Kunjang                    |
| 24. Hon. Billay G. Tunkara    | - | Kantora (Majority Leader)             |
| 25. Hon. Saikou Bah           | - | Basse                                 |

**END OF DEBATE**

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Minister for Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment stepping in for the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs, took the floor and responded to issues raised during the debate.

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo, Member for Brikama North (Minority Leader) and the Chairperson of the Finance and Public Accounts Committee (FPAC), took the floor and responded to issues raised in the report and wound-up the debate.

**Question put and agreed to:**

*The Assembly agreed to adopt the Report without amendments.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

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*At thirteen minutes after seven o'clock in the evening (19:13pm), the Assembly was adjourned until Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2026 at 10:00am.*