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SIXTH ASSEMBLY OF THE
SECOND REPUBLIC

2026 LEGISLATIVE YEAR

THIRD & FOURTH ORDINARY SESSIONS

RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

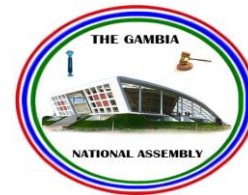
OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SITTING OF

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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

6TH LEGISLATURE IN THE 2ND REPUBLIC

2026 LEGISLATIVE YEAR
THIRD & FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION

RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Sitting of Monday 19th October, 2026.

The Assembly convened at forty-two minutes after eleven o'clock in the morning (11:42am). Prayers were read, and the Hon. Speaker, Fabakary Tombong Jatta, took the Chair.

ORDER PAPER

10:00 am

1. P R A Y E R S

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

3. B I L L S

1. **Order 67:** Second Reading of the National Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Bill, 2026.

(By Hon. Billay G. Tunkara – Member for Kantora & Majority Leader)

[Allotted 1 hour] – SO 61(2)

2. **Order 72:** Consideration Stage of the National Environment Management Bill, 2025.

(By the Hon. Minister for Environment, Climate Change & Natural Resources, Hon. Rohey John Manjang)

4. M O T I O N

i. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this august Assembly do Consider and Ratify the Rome Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organisations.

(By the Attorney General & Minister for Justice, Hon. Dawda A Jallow)

[Allotted 1 hour] – SO 61(2)

- ii. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this august Assembly do consider and Ratify the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Performance and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT) (1996).

(By the Hon. Attorney General & Minister for Justice, Hon. Dawda A Jallow)

[Allotted 1 hour] – SO 61(2)

ATTENDANCE

The following Hon. Members were *present*:

1.	Hon. Fabakary Tombong Jatta	-	Speaker
2.	Hon. Billay G. Tunkara	-	Kantora (Majority Leader)
3.	Hon. Madi M.K. Ceesay	-	Serekunda West (Deputy Minority Leader)
4.	Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo	-	Brikama North (Minority Leader)
5.	Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay	-	Old Yundum (Deputy Majority Leader)
6.	Hon. Omar Darboe	-	Upper Niumi (Majority Chief Whip)
7.	Hon. Modou Lamin B. Bah	-	Banjul North
8.	Hon. Abdoulie Njai	-	Banjul Central
9.	Hon. Fatou Cham	-	Sanimentereng
10.	Hon. Kebba Toumanding Sanneh	-	Foni Jarrol
11.	Hon. Almameh Gibba	-	Foni Kansala
12.	Hon. Sankung Dampha	-	Illiassa
13.	Hon. Suwaibou Touray	-	Wuli East
14.	Hon. Samba Jallow	-	Niamina Dankunku
15.	Hon. Assan Touray	-	Bakau
16.	Hon. Yunusa N. Bah	-	Kiang Central
17.	Hon. Kebba K. Barrow	-	Kombo South
18.	Hon. Sulayman Jammeh	-	Bundungka Kunda
19.	Hon. Alhagie Mbow	-	Upper Saloum
20.	Hon. Saikou Bah	-	Basse
21.	Hon. Amie Colley	-	Foni Brefet
22.	Hon. Salifu Jawo	-	Jokadu
23.	Hon. Alfusainey Ceesay	-	Sami
24.	Hon. Amadou Camara	-	Nianija
25.	Hon. Gibbi Mballow	-	Lower Fulladu West
26.	Hon. Nfamara Sabally	-	Wuli West
27.	Hon. Pa Dembo Sanneh	-	Foni Bondali
28.	Hon. Birom J.S. Sowe	-	Niamina West
29.	Hon. Bakary Kora	-	Upper Fulladu West

30. Hon. Musa Cham	-	Serekunda
31. Hon. Omar Jobe	-	Niani
32. Hon. Yaya Gassama	-	Kiang East
33. Hon. Sainey Jawara	-	Lower Saloum
34. Hon. Kemo Gassama	-	Lower Baddibu
35. Hon. Alieu Baldeh	-	Jarra West
36. Hon. Alhagie Babou Ceesay	-	Sabach Sanjal
37. Hon. Ebrima Jaiteh	-	Sandu
38. Hon. Muhamed Kanteh	-	Busumbala
39. Hon. Musa Badjie	-	Tallinding Kunjang
40. Hon. Bakary K. Badjie	-	Foni Bintang Karanai
41. Hon. Sheriff S. Sarr	-	Jeshwang
42. Hon. Lamin J. Sanneh	-	Brikama South
43. Hon. Kebba Lang Fofana	-	Nominated Member
44. Hon. Maimuna Ceesay	-	Nominated Member

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

45. Hon. Seedy SK Njie	-	Deputy Speaker
46. Hon. Sulayman Saho	-	Central Baddibu (Minority Chief Whip)
47. Hon. Fatoumatta Njai	-	Banjul South
48. Hon. Omar Jammeh	-	Janjanbureh
49. Hon. Haruna Barry	-	Jarra East
50. Hon. Essa Conteh	-	Jimara
51. Hon. Yahya Sanyang	-	Latrikunda Sabiji
52. Hon. Nfally M. Kora	-	Tumana
53. Hon. Fatou K. Jawara	-	Nominated Member
54. Hon. Lamin Ceesay	-	Kiang West
55. Hon. Abdou Sowe	-	Kombo East
56. Hon. Dawda Jeng	-	Niamina East
57. Hon. Kebba Jallow	-	Jarra Central
58. Hon. Tamsir Cham	-	Lower Niumi

1. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly sitting of Wednesday, 14th October, 2026.

Hon. Omar Jobe, Member for Niani, moved a motion for the Assembly to consider and approve the Record of Votes and Proceedings for the sitting of Wednesday 14th October, 2026.

The motion was seconded by Hon. Pa Dembo Sanneh Member for Foni Bondali.

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

2. BILLS

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

[Allotted 1 hour] – SO 61(2)

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Billay G Tunkara Member for Kantora (Majority Leader) moved a motion for the Second Reading of the *National Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Bill, 2026*.

Hon. Bakary Kora, Member for Upper Fulladu West, seconded the motion and participated in the debate.

DEBATE

The following Hon. Members debated on the *motion*:

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| 1. Hon. Bakary Kora | - | Upper Fulladu West |
| 2. Hon. Omar Darboe | - | Upper Niumi (Majority Chief Whip) |
| 3. Hon. Samba Jallow | - | Niamina Dankunku |
| 4. Hon. Suwaibou Touray | - | Wuli East |
| 5. Hon. Alhagie S Darbo | - | Brikama North (Minority Leader) |
| 6. Hon. Fatou Cham | - | Sanimentereng |

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the *Hon. Member* responded to issues raised and wound up the debate.

Question put and agreed to:

That the Bill be read a *Second Time*.

The Assembly unanimously agreed.

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

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 Motions.

3. MOTION

- i. BE IT RESOLVED** that this august Assembly do Consider and Ratify the Rome Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organisations.

(By the Attorney General & Minister for Justice, Hon. Dawda A. Jallow)

[Allotted time is 1 hour] – SO 61(2)

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Attorney General & Minister for Justice moved a motion for the Assembly to consider and Ratify the Rome Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organisations.

Hon. Musa Cham, Member for Serrekunda, seconded the motion and participated in the debate.

Question put and accordingly agreed to:

The Assembly agreed to consider the motion.

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Attorney General & Minister for Justice, thanked the Hon. Members and wound up the debate.

Question put and accordingly agreed to:

The Assembly agreed to adopt the motion.

- ii. BE IT RESOLVED** that this august Assembly do consider and Ratify the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Performance and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT) (1996).

(By the Attorney General & Minister for Justice, Hon. Dawda A. Jallow)

[Allotted time is 1 hour] – SO 61(2)

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Attorney General & Minister for Justice moved a motion for the Assembly to consider and Ratify the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Performance and Phonograms Treaty (WPPT) (1996).

Hon. Billay G Tunkara, Member for Kantora & Majority Leader, 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. Billay G. Tunkara | - | Kantora (Majority Leader) |
| 2. Hon. Omar Darboe | - | Upper Niumi (Majority Chief Whip) |

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Attorney General & Minister for Justice responded to issue raised and wound up the debate.

Question put and accordingly agreed to:

The Assembly agreed to adopt the motion.

4. CONSIDERATION STAGE | ORDER 72

Consideration Stage of the National Environment Management Bill, 2025.

(By the Minister for Environment, Climate Change & Resources, Hon. Rohey John Manjang)

CONSIDERATION AT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY

At fifty-one minutes after twelve o'clock in the afternoon (12:51 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 stands part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 3. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 4, 5 to 10 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 4. Question put and agreed to that Clause 11 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 5. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 12, 13 and 14 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 6. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 15 and 16 stand part of the Bill as amended.*

- 7. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 17 and 18 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 8. Question put and agreed to that Clause 19 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 9. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 20, 21 to 30 stand part of the Bill without amendment.*
- 10. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 31 and 32 stand part of the Bill as amended.*
- 11. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 33, 34, 35 and 37 stand part of the Bill without amendment.*
- 12. Question put and agreed to that Clause 38 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 13. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 39 and 40 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 14. Question put and agreed to that Clause 41 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 15. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 42, 43 to 50 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 16. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 51, 52 to 58 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 17. Question put and agreed to that Clause 59 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 18. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 60, 61 to 64 stand part of the Bill without amendment.*
- 19. Question put and agreed to that Clause 65 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 20. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 66, 67 to 70 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 21. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 71, 72 to 73 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 22. Question put and agreed to that Clause 74 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 23. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 75, 76 to 79 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*

- 24. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 80 and 81 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 25. Question put and agreed to that Clause 82 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 26. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 83, 84 to 89 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 27. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 90, 91 to 94 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 28. Question put and agreed to that Clause 95 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 29. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 96, 97 to 100 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 30. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 101, 102 to 110 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 31. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 111, 112 to 114 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 32. Question put and agreed to that Clause 115 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 33. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 116, 117 to 120 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 34. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 121, 122 to 125 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 35. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 126, 127 to 130 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 36. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 131, 132 to 134 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 37. Question put and agreed to that Clause 135 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 38. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 136, 137 to 140 stand part of the Bill without amendmenst.*
- 39. Question put and agreed to that Clauses 141, 142 to 145 stands part of the Bill without amendments.*

RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY

At fifty minutes after four o'clock in the afternoon (16:50pm), the Assembly resumed.

MOTION TO SIT BEYOND SIX O'CLOCK

Hon. Omar Darboe, Member for Upper Niumi and Majority Chief Whip, moved a motion for the Assembly to sit beyond six o'clock to finish business

The motion was seconded by Hon. Fatou Cham, Member for Sanimentereng.

Question put and accordingly agreed to;

The Assembly agreed to sit beyond six o'clock to finish business.

SUSPENSION AND RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY (Order 13)

At fifty-two minutes after four o'clock in the afternoon (16:52pm), the Hon. Speaker suspended the Assembly for prayers (thirty-eight minutes).

The Assembly resumed at forty-two minutes after five o'clock (16:42pm)

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY CONTINUED...

40. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 146 and 147 stand part of the Bill as amended.

41. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 148, 149 and 150 stand part of the Bill without amendments.

42. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 151, 152 to 159 stand part of the Bill without amendments.

43. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 160 and 161 stand part of the Bill without amendments.

44. Question put and agreed to that Clause 162 stands part of the Bill as amended.

45. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 163, 164 to 169 stand part of the Bill without amendments.

46. Question put and agreed to that Clause 170 stands part of the Bill without amendment.

47. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 171 and 172 stand part of the Bill as amended.

48. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 173, 174 to 178 stand part of the Bill without amendments.

RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY

At forty-four minutes after six o'clock (18:44 pm), the Assembly resumed.

ADJOURNMENT

At forty-seven minutes after six o'clock in the evening (18:47pm), the Assembly was adjourned until Tuesday 20th October, 2026, at 10:00 am.