

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

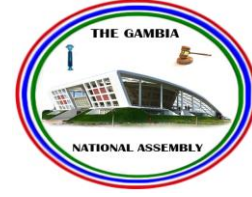
**OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
SITTING OF**

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER, 2026

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THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

6TH LEGISLATURE IN THE 2ND REPUBLIC

THIRD & FOURTH ORDINARY SESSION

RECORD OF VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Sitting of Tuesday 27th October, 2026.

The Assembly convened at fifty minutes after eleven o'clock in the morning (11:50am). 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 Monday, 26th October 2026.**

3. BILLS

(1) Order 90 1 (b)

Committee of Supply on the Appropriation Bill, 2027
(By the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs)

(2) Orders 73, 75 & 87

Third Reading of the Appropriation Bill, 2027
(By the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs)

(3) Order 73

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

4. LAYING OF PAPERS & REPORTS

Report of the Standing Committee on Defence and Security nationwide tour to Security and Defence installations and facilities

(By the Chairperson of the Committee)

[Time allotted is 1 hour] – SO 61(2)

ATTENDANCE

The following Honourable Members were **present**:

1. Hon. Fabakary Tombong Jatta-	Speaker
2. Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo	- Brikama North (Minority Leader)
3. Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay	- Old Yundum (Deputy Majority Leader)
4. Hon. Sulayman Saho	- Central Baddibu (Minority Chief Whip)
5. Hon. Assan Touray	- Bakau
6. Hon. Alfusainey Ceesay	- Sami
7. Hon. Kemo Gassama	- Lower Baddibu
8. Hon. Yaya Gassama	- Kiang East
9. Hon. Kebba Toumanding Sanneh-	Foni Jarrol
10.Hon. Almameh Gibba	- Foni Kansala
11.Hon. Alieu Baldeh	- Jarra West
12.Hon. Birom J.S. Sowe	- Niamina West
13.Hon. Tamsir Cham	- Lower Niumi
14.Hon. Kebba Lang Fofana	- Nominated Member
15.Hon. Ebrima Jaiteh	- Sandu
16.Hon. Alhagie Mbow	- Upper Saloum
17.Hon. Musa Cham	- Serekunda
18.Hon. Sulayman Jammeh	- Bundung ka Kunda
19.Hon. Gibbi Mballow	- Lower Fulladu West
20.Hon. Omar Jammeh	- Janjanbureh
21.Hon. Amadou Camara	- Nianiya
22.Hon. Fatou K. Jawara	- Nominated Member
23.Hon. Yunusa N. Bah	- Kiang Central
24.Hon. Kebba K. Barrow	- Kombo South
25.Hon. Salifu Jawo	- Jokadu
26.Hon. Nfamara Sabally	- Wuli West
27.Hon. Bakary Kora	- Upper Fulladu West
28.Hon. Lamin J. Sanneh	- Brikama South
29.Hon. Lamin Ceesay	- Kiang West

30.Hon. Yahya Sanyang	-	Latrikunda Sabiji
31.Hon. Saikou Bah	-	Basse
32.Hon. Pa Dembo Sanneh	-	Foni Bondali
33.Hon. Kebba Jallow	-	Jarra Central
34.Hon. Alhagie Babou Ceesay	-	Sabach Sanjal
35.Hon. Sainey Jawara	-	Lower Saloum
36.Hon. Amie Colley	-	Foni Brefet
37.Hon. Dawda Jeng	-	Niamina East
38.Hon. Sankung Dampha	-	Illiasa

The following Honourable Members were **absent with permission:**

39.Hon. Seedy SK Njie	-	Deputy Speaker
40.Hon. Billay G. Tunkara	-	Kantora (Majority Leader)
41.Hon. Madi M.K. Ceesay Leader	-	Serekunda West (Deputy Minority Leader)
42. Hon. Omar Darboe	-	Upper Niumi (Majority Chief Whip)
43.Hon. Maimuna Ceesay	-	Nominated Member
44.Hon. Abdoulie Njai	-	Banjul Central
45.Hon. Suwaibou Touray	-	Wuli East
46.Hon. Fatou Cham	-	Sanimentereng
47.Hon. Essa Conteh	-	Jimara
48.Hon. Fatoumatta Njai	-	Banjul South
49.Hon. Omar Jobe	-	Niani
50.Hon. Musa Badjie	-	Tallinding Kunjang
51.Hon. Muhamed Kanteh	-	Busumbala
52.Hon. Modou Lamin B. Bah	-	Banjul North
53.Hon. Samba Jallow	-	Niamina Dankunku

The following Honourable Members were **absent without permission:**

54.Hon. Nfally M. Kora	-	Tumana
55.Hon. Haruna Barry	-	Jarra East
56.Hon. Abdou Sowe	-	Kombo East
57.Hon. Bakary K. Badjie	-	Foni Bintang Karanai
58.Hon. Sheriff S. Sarr	-	Jeshwang

1. Correction and Approval of the Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly sitting of Monday 26th October, 2026.

Hon. Alfusainey Ceesay, Member for Sami West moved a motion for the Assembly to consider and approve the Record of Votes and Proceedings for the sitting of Monday 26th October, 2026,

Hon. Alhagie Babou Ceesay, Member for Sabach Sanjal seconded the motion.

The Record of Votes and Proceedings was approved without amendments.

2. Standing Order 90 1 (b)

Committee of Supply on the Appropriation Bill, 2027
(By: Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs)

CONSIDERATION AT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY

At twenty-six minutes after *twelve* o'clock in the afternoon, the Hon. Speaker resolved the Assembly into Committee of the Whole Assembly.

Consideration at the Committee of the Whole House

The Committee of Supply considered the Appropriation Bill, 2027 as follows:

Question put that Heads:	AMOUNT (Dalasis)
1) 01 – Office of the President	740,795.234
2) 02 – National Assembly	648,387.457
3) 03 – Judiciary	399,745.782
4) 04 – Independent Electoral Commission	607,797.083
5) 05 – Public Service Commission	28,912.997
6) 06 – National Audit Office	428,892.765
7) 07 – Ministry of Defence	1,875,585.671
8) 08 - Ministry of Interior	2,381,269.590
9) 09 – Ministry of Tourism and Culture	5,411.360
10) 10- Ministry of Foreign Affairs	2,232,844.341
11) 11-Ministry of Justice	236,332.484
12) 12-Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs	2,241,601.178
13) 13 – Pensions and Gratuities	719,900.000
14) 14 – Office of Ombudsman	56,986.642

15)	15 – Centralized Services	1,439,471.700
16)	16 – Ministry of Land and Regional Government	387,514.865
17)	17 – Ministry of Agriculture	1,765,174.517
18)	18 – Ministry of Transport, Works & Infrastructure	1,809,449.996
19)	19 – Ministry of Trade, Industry & Employment	235,187.860
20)	20 – Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education	6,129,483.968
21)	21 – Ministry of Health	4,109,980.640
22)	22 – Ministry of Youth and Sports	156,680.225
23)	23 – Ministry of Environment & Climate Change	
24)	Natural Resources and Wildlife	322,837.048
25)	24 – Ministry of Information, Media & Broadcasting Services	57,758.402
26)	25 – Ministry of Fisheries and Water Resources	72,288.815
27)	27 – Ministry of Higher Education Research Science & Technology	517,768.390
28)	29 – Ministry of Petroleum and Energy	1,359,461.967
29)	31 – Ministry of Gender, Children & Social Welfare	127,068.875
30)	33 – National Human Rights Commission	91,250.319
31)	34 – Ministry of Communication & Digital Economic	120,738.272
32)	35 – Ministry of Public Service, Administrative Reforms and Policy Coordination	652,947.031
33)	36 – Office of the Vice President	393,628.070
33)	50 – National Debt Service	16,174,300.372

Total Appropriation	D48,599,453.916
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Stand part of the schedule **as amended.**

Questions put and agreed to that Clauses:

1 – Short title and Commencement stand part of the Bill without amendments.

2 – Expenditure of D 48,599,453.916 out of Authorised Consolidated Revenue Funds stand part of the Bill as amended.

RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY

At seven minutes after one o'clock in the afternoon,(13:07pm) the Assembly resumed.

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs reported that the Bill entitled the Appropriation Bill, 2027 having gone through the Committee of Supply and the Report of the Committee of Supply be adopted with amendments

Question put and agreed that:

The Report of the Committee of Supply on the Appropriation Bill, 2027 be adopted

The Assembly agreed

THIRD READING:

At the invitation of the Hon, Speaker, the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs moved that the Bill entitled the Appropriation Bill, 2027 having been considered be read a Third Time and Passed

Question put and agreed that:

The Bill entitled the Appropriation Bill, 2027 be read a Third Time and Passed.

The Assembly agreed.

The Clerk read aloud the Short title of the Bill, and was deemed to have been read the Third time and passed.

i. CONSIDERATION STAGE | ORDER 73

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

CONSIDERATION AT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ASSEMBLY

At seventeen minutes after one o'clock in the afternoon (13:17 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. Question put and agreed to that Clause 1 stands part of the Bill without amendment.*
- 2. Question put and agreed to that Clause 2 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 3. Question put and agreed to that Clause 3 stands part of the Bill without amendment.*
- 4. Question put and agreed to that Clause 4 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 5. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 5, 6, to 11 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 6. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 12, 13, to 119 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 7. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 20 and 21 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 8. Question put and agreed to that Clause 22 stands part of the Bill as amended.*
- 9. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 23, 24 to 29 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 10. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 30, 31 to 39 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 11. Questions put and agreed to that Clauses 40, 41 to 45 stand part of the Bill without amendments.*
- 12. Question put and agreed to that Clause 46 stands part of the Bill without amendment.*

13. Questions put and agreed to that Clause 47 and 48 stand part of the Bill as amended.

14. Questions put and agreed to that Clause 49 and 50 stand part of the Bill as amended.

15. Question put and agreed to that the Schedule stands part of the Bill without amendments.

RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY

At twenty minutes after three o'clock in the afternoon, (15:20pm) the Assembly resumed.

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo, Member for Brikama North & Minority Leader reported to the Assembly what transpired at the Committee of the Whole Assembly.

Question put and agreed to that:

The Assembly adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole Assembly on the National Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Bill, 2026 with amendments.

Third Reading of the National Assembly (Powers and Privileges) Bill, 2026 was referred to the Assembly Business Committee for scheduling of its Third Reading.

QUORUM – ORDER 12

In accordance with Order 12 of the Standing Orders, the Hon. Speaker instructed for Hon. Members to be summoned by their respective Whips. After ten (10) minutes, a quorum was still not present.

The following Honourable Members were **present**:

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| 1. Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo | - | Brikama North (Minority Leader) |
| 2. Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay | - | Old Yundum (Deputy Majority Leader) |
| 3. Hon. Sulayman Saho | - | Central Baddibu (Minority Chief Whip) |
| 4. Hon. Salifu Jawo | - | Jokadu |
| 5. Hon. Almameh Gibba | - | Foni Kansala |

6. Hon. Amadou Camara	-	Nianiya
7. Hon. Fatou K. Jawara	-	Nominated Member
8. Hon. Alhagie Babou Ceesay	-	Sabach Sanjal
9. Hon. Amie Colley	-	Foni Brefet
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11. Hon. Yaya Gassama	-	Kiang East
12. Hon. Saikou Bah	-	Basse
13. Hon. Bakary Kora	-	Upper Fulladu West
14. Hon. Pa Dembo Sanneh	-	Foni Bondali

ADJOURNMENT

At thirty-five minutes after three o'clock in the afternoon, (15:35pm) the Assembly was adjourned until Wednesday 28th October, 2026 at 10:00am.