


REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

**SIXTH ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC
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THIRD EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
Monday, 11th September 2023**

The Assembly convened *fifty-five minutes* after *eleven o'clock* in the morning. Prayers were read, and the Hon. Speaker, Fabakary Tombong Jatta, took the Chair.

ORDER PAPER

1. PRAYERS

2. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly sitting of Thursday 7th September 2023.

3. MATTERS OF THE DAY – Order 51

(By the Hon. Sulayman Saho, Member for Central Baddibu and Minority Chief Whip)

4. LAYING OF PAPERS AND REPORTS

- i. Report of the Finance and Public Accounts Committee on the 2019 Audited Accounts of Government, Auditor General's Report on Covid-19 Response (Phase 2), Annual Activity Reports & Audited Financial Statements of Public Agencies/Institutions, Area, and Municipal Councils.

(By the Hon, Chairperson of the Committee)

5. BILLS: Order 66

- Second Reading:

Judiciary Officers (Remuneration and Other Entitlements) Bill, 2023.

(By the Hon. Attorney General & Minister for Justice)

The following Honourable Members were **present**:

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| 1. Hon. Fabakary Tombong Jatta | - | Speaker |
| 2. Hon. Muhamed Kanteh | - | Busumbala |


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3.	Hon. Omar Darboe	-	Upper Niuni
4.	Hon. Sankung Dampha	-	Illiassa
5.	Hon. Alhagie Babou Ceesay	-	Sabach Sanjal
6.	Hon. Alieu Baldeh	-	Jarra West
7.	Hon. Lamin Ceesay	-	Kiang West
8.	Hon. Kebba K. Barrow	-	Kombo South
9.	Hon. Kebba Lang Fofana	-	Nominated Member
10.	Hon. Birom J.S. Sowe	-	Niamina West
11.	Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo	-	Brikama North (Minority Leader)
12.	Hon. Kebba Toumanding Sanneh	-	Foni Jarrol
13.	Hon. Pa Dembo Sanneh	-	Foni Bondali
14.	Hon. Almameh Gibba	-	Foni Kansala
15.	Hon. Sainey Jawara	-	Lower Saloum
16.	Hon. Dawda Jeng	-	Niamina East
17.	Hon. Yahya Sanyang	-	Latrikunda Sabiji
18.	Hon. Omar Jobe	-	Niani
19.	Hon. Musa Badjie	-	Tallinding Kunjang
20.	Hon. Gibbi Mballow	-	Lower Fulladu West
21.	Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay	-	Old Yundum (Deputy Majority Leader)
22.	Hon. Kemo Gassama	-	Lower Baddibu
23.	Hon. Alfusainey Ceesay	-	Sami
24.	Hon. Nfally M. Kora	-	Tumana
25.	Hon. Tamsir Cham	-	Lower Niuni
26.	Hon. Abdoulie Njai	-	Banjul Central
27.	Hon. Amie Colley	-	Foni Berefet
28.	Hon. Lamin J. Sanneh	-	Brikama South
29.	Hon. Omar Jammeh	-	Janjanbureh
30.	Hon. Amadou Camara	-	Nianija
31.	Hon. Saikou Bah	-	Basse
32.	Hon. Kebba Jallow	-	Jarra Central
33.	Hon. Modou Lamin B. Bah	-	Banjul North
34.	Hon. Assan Touray	-	Bakau


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35. Hon. Ebrima Jaiteh	-	Sandu
36. Hon. Salifu Jawo	-	Jokadou
37. Hon. Sulayman Saho	-	Central Baddibu
38. Hon. Suwaibou Touray	-	Wuli East
39. Hon. Sulayman Jammeh	-	Bundung ka Kunda
40. Hon. Alhagie Mbow	-	Upper Saloum
41. Hon. Maimuna Ceesay	-	Nominated Member
42. Hon. Madi M.K. Ceesay	-	Serekunda West (Deputy Minority Leader)
43. Hon. Fatou K. Jawara	-	Nominated Member
44. Hon. Sheriff S. Sarr	-	Jeshwang
45. Hon. Bakary Kora	-	Upper Fulladu West
46. Hon. Yunusa N. Bah	-	Kiang Central
47. Hon. Essa Conteh	-	Jimara
48. Hon. Musa Cham	-	Serekunda
49. Hon. Haruna Barry	-	Jarra East
50. Hon. Bakary K. Badjie	-	Foni Bintang Karanai
51. Hon. Nfamara Sabally	-	Wuli West
52. Hon. Billay G. Tunkara	-	Kantora (Majority Leader)

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

53. Hon. Seedy SK Njie	-	Deputy Speaker
54. Hon. Fatoumatta Njai	-	Banjul South
55. Hon. Yaya Gassama	-	Kiang East
56. Hon. Abdou Sowe	-	Kombo East
57. Hon. Fatou Cham	-	Sanimentereng
58. Hon. Samba Jallow	-	Niamina Dankunku


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1. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly sitting of Thursday 07th September 2023.

Hon. Maimuna Ceesay, Nominated Member moved the motion, and it was seconded by Hon. Sheriff S Sarr, Member for Jeshwang, for the Assembly to consider and approve the Record of Votes and Proceedings of the sitting of Thursday 07th September 2023.

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

2. MATTERS OF THE DAY – Order 51

(By Hon. Sulayman Saho, Member for Central Baddibu and Minority Chief Whip)

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Sulayman Saho, Member for Central Baddibu delivered a statement on the “Ban of Female Circumcision in The Gambia”.

The following Honourable Members made statements on the Matters of the Day:

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| 1. Hon. Amie Colley | - | Foni Berefet |
| 2. Hon. Alfusainey Ceesay | - | Sami |
| 3. Hon. Yahya Sanyang | - | Latrikunda Sabiji |
| 4. Hon. Maimuna Ceesay | - | Nominated Member |
| 5. Hon. Fatou K. Jawara | - | Nominated Member |
| 6. Hon. Sheriff S. Sarr | - | Jeshwang |
| 7. Hon. Sainey Jawara | - | Lower Saloum |
| 8. Hon. Lamin J. Sanneh | - | Brikama South |
| 9. Hon. Almameh Gibba | - | Foni Kansala |


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3. LAYING OF PAPERS AND REPORTS

- i. Report of the Finance and Public Accounts Committee on the 2019 Audited Accounts of Government, Auditor General's Report on Covid-19 Response (Phase 2), Annual Activity Reports & Audited Financial Statements of Public Agencies/Institutions, Area, and Municipal Councils.
(By the 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 the motion to table the Report of the Committee.

Hon. Gibbi Mballow, Member for Lower Fulladu West, seconded the motion to table the Report and participated in the debate.

Question put and accordingly agreed to:

The Assembly agreed to consider the Report.

DEBATE

The following Honourable Members took part in the debate on the Report:

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| 1. Hon. Yahya Sanyang | - | Latrikunda Sabiji |
| 2. Hon. Sainey Jawara | - | Lower Saloum |
| 3. Hon. Lamin J Sanneh | - | Brikama South |
| 4. Hon. Lamin Ceesay | - | Kiang West |


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SUSPENSION AND RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY: Order 13(1)

At forty-three minutes after two o'clock in the afternoon, the Hon. Speaker suspended the Assembly for prayers and lunch break.

The Assembly resumed at fifty-five minutes after three o'clock in the afternoon.

CONTINUATION OF THE DEBATE...

5. Hon. Sulayman Saho	-	Central Baddibu
6. Hon. Sheriff S. Sarr	-	Jeshwang
7. Hon. Omar Jammeh	-	Janjanbureh
8. Hon. Musa Badjie	-	Tallinding Kunjang
9. Hon. Suwaibou Touray	-	Wuli East
10. Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay	-	Old Yundum

MOTION TO SIT BEYOND SIX O'CLOCK: Order 13(2)

Hon. Kebba Lang Fofana, Nominated Member moved a motion, and it was seconded by Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay, Member for Old Yundum, for the Assembly to sit beyond six o'clock to complete the debate on the Report of the *Finance and Public Accounts Committee on the 2019 Audited Accounts of Government, Auditor General's Report on Covid-19 Response (Phase 2), Annual Activity Reports & Audited Financial Statements of Public Agencies/Institutions, Area, and Municipal Councils.*

Question put and accordingly agreed to:

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


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11.Hon. Alhagie Babou Ceesay	-	Sabach Sanjal
12.Hon. Almameh Gibba	-	Foni Kansala
13.Hon. Modou Lamin B Bah	-	Banjul North
14.Hon. Madi M.K Ceesay	-	Serrekunda West
15.Hon. Bakary K. Badjie	-	Foni Bintang Karanai
16.Hon. Muhamed Kanteh	-	Busumbala
17.Hon. Kebba K. Barrow	-	Kombo South
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25.Hon. Birom J.S Sowe	-	Niamina West
26.Hon. Kebba Lang Fofana	-	Nominated Member

END OF DEBATE

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo, Member for Brikama North, and mover of the Motion, responded to issues raised and wound up the debate.

Question put and agreed to:

The Report was unanimously adopted with amendment.

ADJOURNMENT

At ten minutes after nine o'clock in the evening, the Assembly was adjourned until Tuesday 12th September 2023 at 10am.