

**SIXTH ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC
2023 LEGISLATIVE YEAR
THIRD ORDINARY SESSION
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

Thursday, 7th September 2023

The Assembly convened fifty-five minutes after ten 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 Wednesday 6th September 2023.

3. LAYING OF PAPERS AND REPORTS

- i. Report of The Gambian Delegation to the Second Ordinary Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Pan-African Parliament, held in Midrand, Republic of South Africa, 08th May – 02nd June 2023.
(By the Head of Delegation)

4. BILLS

Order 65– First Reading

- i. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2023
(By Hon. Alhagie Mbow, Member for Upper Saloum)
- ii. The Medicines and Related Products (Amendment) Bill, 2023
(By Hon. Amadou Camara, Member for Nianija)

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The following Honourable Members were **present**:

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| 1. Hon. Fabakary Tombong Jatta | - | Speaker |
| 2. Hon. Madi M.K. Ceesay | - | Serekunda West (Deputy Minority Leader) |
| 3. Hon. Sheriff S. Sarr | - | Jeshwang |
| 4. Hon. Musa Badjie | - | Tallinding Kunjang |
| 5. Hon. Kebba Toumanding Sanneh | - | Foni Jarrol |
| 6. Hon. Almameh Gibba | - | Foni Kansala |
| 7. Hon. Bakary K. Badjie | - | Foni Bintang Karanai |
| 8. Hon. Muhamed Kanteh | - | Busumbala |
| 9. Hon. Lamin J. Sanneh | - | Brikama South |
| 10. Hon. Sankung Dampha | - | Illiassa |
| 11. Hon. Alieu Baldeh | - | Jarra West |
| 12. Hon. Abdou Sowe | - | Kombo East |
| 13. Hon. Lamin Ceesay | - | Kiang West |
| 14. Hon. Alfusainey Ceesay | - | Sami |
| 15. Hon. Suwaibou Touray | - | Wuli East |
| 16. Hon. Alhagie Mbow | - | Upper Saloum |
| 17. Hon. Samba Jallow | - | Niamina Dankunku |
| 18. Hon. Salifu Jawo | - | Jokadou |
| 19. Hon. Musa Cham | - | Serekunda |
| 20. Hon. Kebba Jallow | - | Jarra Central |
| 21. Hon. Fatou K. Jawara | - | Nominated Member |
| 22. Hon. Birom J.S. Sowe | - | Niamina West |
| 23. Hon. Nfamara Sabally | - | Wuli West |
| 24. Hon. Amie Colley | - | Foni Brefet |
| 25. Hon. Pa Dembo Sanneh | - | Foni Bondali |
| 26. Hon. Essa Conteh | - | Jimara |
| 27. Hon. Tamsir Cham | - | Lower Niumi |
| 28. Hon. Sulayman Jammeh | - | Bundungka Kunda |
| 29. Hon. Sainey Jawara | - | Lower Saloum |
| 30. Hon. Kemo Gassama | - | Lower Baddibu |
| 31. Hon. Dawda Jeng | - | Niamina East |
| 32. Hon. Kebba Lang Fofana | - | Nominated Member |

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33. Hon. Assan Touray	-	Bakau
34. Hon. Fatou Cham	-	Sanimentereng
35. Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo	-	Brikama North (Minority Leader)
36. Hon. Yahya Sanyang	-	Latrikunda Sabiji
37. Hon. Maimuna Ceesay	-	Nominated Member
38. Hon. Kebba K. Barrow	-	Kombo South
39. Hon. Ebrima Jaiteh	-	Sandu
40. Hon. Gibbi Mballow	-	Lower Fulladu West
41. Hon. Sulayman Saho	-	Central Baddibu
42. Hon. Alhagie Babou Ceesay	-	Sabach Sanjal
43. Hon. Amadou Camara	-	Nianija
44. Hon. Yunusa N. Bah	-	Kiang Central
45. Hon. Billay G. Tunkara	-	Kantora (Majority Leader)
46. Hon. Bakary Kora	-	Upper Fulladu West
47. Hon. Omar Jobe	-	Niani
48. Hon. Fatoumatta Njai	-	Banjul South
49. Hon. Modou Lamin B. Bah	-	Banjul North
50. Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay	-	Old Yundum (Deputy Majority Leader)
51. Hon. Omar Darboe	-	Upper Niumi

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

52. Hon. Seedy SK Njie	-	Deputy Speaker
53. Hon. Yaya Gassama	-	Kiang East
54. Hon. Saikou Bah	-	Basse
55. Hon. Omar Jammeh	-	Janjanbureh

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

56. Hon. Nfally M. Kora	-	Tumana
57. Hon. Haruna Barry	-	Jarra East
58. Hon. Abdoulie Njai	-	Banjul Central

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1. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly sitting of Wednesday 6th September 2023.

Hon. Bakary Kora, Member for Upper Fulladu West, moved the motion and it was seconded by Hon. Fatou Cham, Member for Sanimentereng, for the Assembly to consider and approve the Record of Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday 6th September 2023.

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

2. LAYING OF PAPERS AND REPORT

- i. Report of The Gambian Delegation to the Second Ordinary Session of the Sixth Parliament of the Pan-African Parliament, held in Midrand, Republic of South Africa, 08th May – 02nd June 2023.

(By the Head of Delegation)

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Alhagie Mbow, Member for Upper Saloum and Head of Delegation moved the motion to table the Report.

Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo, Member for Brikama North 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.

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ENSUING DEBATE

The following Honourable Members debated on the Report:

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| 1. Hon. Almameh Gibba | - | Foni Kansala |
| 2. Hon. Lamin Ceesay | - | Kiang West |
| 3. Hon. Bakary K Badjie | - | Foni Bintang Karanai |
| 4. Hon. Fatou K Jawara | - | Nominated Member |
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| 12. Hon. Suwaibou Touray | - | Wuli East |
| 13. Hon. Fatoumatta Njai | - | Banjul South |
| 14. Hon. Amadou Camara | - | Nianija |
| 15. Hon. Billay G Tunkara | - | Kantora (Majority Leader) |

END OF DEBATE

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Alhagie Mbow, Member for Upper Saloum, and mover of the motion responded to issues raised and wound up the debate.

Question put and agreed to:

The Report was unanimously adopted.

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3. BILLS

- i. The Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2023
(By Hon. Alhagie Mbow, Member for Upper Saloum)

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Alhagie Mbow, Member for Upper Saloum, handed over a copy of the Bill to the Clerk of the National Assembly.

The Clerk read aloud the short title of the Bill.

The Bill was deemed to have been Read the First Time.

- ii. The Medicines and Related Products (Amendment) Bill, 2023
(By Hon. Amadou Camara, Member for Nianija)

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The Clerk read aloud the short title of the Bill.

The Bill was deemed to have been Read the First Time.

ADJOURNMENT

At three o'clock in the afternoon, the Assembly was adjourned until Monday 11th September 2023.