



REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

SIXTH ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC  
2023 LEGISLATIVE YEAR  
THIRD ORDINARY SESSION  
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS  
TUESDAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023

The Assembly convened *twenty-three minutes* after *eleven o'clock* in the morning. Prayers were read, and the *Hon. Deputy Speaker, Seedy S.K Njie*, took the Chair.

**ORDER PAPER**

1. **PRAYERS**

2. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly sitting of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

3. **BILLS: Order 66**

- Second Reading:

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

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

ii. Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2023

**(By Hon. Alhagie Mbow, Member for Upper Saloum)**

iii. Medicines and Related Products (Amendment) Bill, 2023

**(By Hon. Amadou Camara, Member for Nianija)**

4. **MOTION**

i. Be it RESOLVED that this august Assembly do consider and ratify the UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export, and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property

**(By Hon. Minister for Tourism and Culture)**

ii. Be it RESOLVED that this august Assembly do consider and adopt the Charter for the Rights and Dignity of Women, Girls, and Women with Disabilities in The Gambia.

**(By Hon. Chairperson of the Gender, Children & Social Welfare Select Committee)**

  
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The following Honourable Members were **present**:

1. Hon. Seedy SK Njie	- Deputy Speaker
2. Hon. Muhamed Kanteh	- Busumbala
3. Hon. Omar Darboe	- Upper Niumi
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 Niumi
26. Hon. Abdoulie Njai	- Banjul Central
27. Hon. Amie Colley	- Foni Berefet
28. Hon. Lamin J. Sanneh	- Brikama South
29. Hon. Omar Jammeh	- Janjanbureh

  
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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
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. Billay G. Tunkara	-	Kantora (Majority Leader)
52. Hon. Fatou Cham	-	Sanimentere

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

53. Hon. Fabakary Tombong Jatta	-	Speaker
54. Hon. Fatoumatta Njai	-	Banjul South
55. Hon. Yaya Gassama	-	Kiang East
56. Hon. Abdou Sowe	-	Kombo East
57. Hon. Samba Jallow	-	Niamina Dankunku
58. Hon. Nfamara Sabally	-	Wuli West

  
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**1. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly sitting of Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

Hon. Fatou K. Jawara, Nominated Member moved a motion, and it was seconded by Hon. Yunusa N. Bah, Member for Kiang Central, for the Assembly to consider and approve the Record of Votes and Proceedings of the sitting of Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

***Question put and agreed to:***

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

**3. BILLS:** Order 66

- Second Reading:

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

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

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Attorney General & Minister for Justice moved the motion for the *Second Reading* of the bill.

Hon Sainey Jawara, Member for Lower Saloum, seconded the motion and took part in the debate.

**Question put and agreed to:**

The Assembly agreed to consider the motion.

**The following Honourable Members took part in the debate on the motion:**

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|---------------------------|---|------------------|
| 1. Hon. Alfusainey Ceeday | - | Sami             |
| 2. Hon. Almameh Gibba     | - | Foni Kansala     |
| 3. Hon. Kebba Lang Fofana | - | Nominated Member |
| 4. Hon. Amadou Camara     | - | Nianija          |

  
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5. Hon. Lamin Ceesay	-	Kiang West
6. Hon. Alhagie Mbow	-	Upper Saloum
7. Hon. Muhammed Kanteh	-	Busumbala
8. Hon. Alhagie S. Darboe	-	Brikama North (Minority Leader)
9. Hon. Assan Touray	-	Bakau
10. Hon. Maimuna Ceesay	-	Nominated Member
11. Hon. Salifu Jawo	-	Jokadu
12. Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay	-	Old Yundum
13. Hon. Alhagie Babou Ceesay	-	Sabach Sanjal
14. Hon. Kebba Toumanding Sanneh	-	Foni Jarrol
15. Hon. Sheriff S. Sarr	-	Jeshwang
16. Hon. Abdoulie Njai	-	Banjul Central
17. Hon. Suwaibou Touray	-	Wuli East
18. Hon Sulayman Jammeh	-	Bundungka Kunda

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

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

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*The Assembly resumed at eleven minutes after four o'clock in the afternoon.*

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**CONTINUATION OF THE DEBATE...**

19. Hon. Musa Badjie	-	Tallinding Kunjang
20. Hon. Modou Lamin B. Bah	-	Banjul North
21. Hon. Lamin J. Sanneh	-	Brikama South
22. Hon. Kebba Jallow	-	Jarra Central
23. Hon. Essa Conteh	-	Jimara
24. Hon Bakary K. Badjie	-	Foni Bintang Karanai
25. Hon. Gibbi Mballow	-	Lower Fulladu West

  
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26. Hon. Alieu Baldeh	-	Jarra West
27. Hon. Kebba K. Barrow	-	Kombo South
28. Hon. Ebrima Jaiteh	-	Sandu
29. Hon. Fatou Cham	-	Sanimentereng
30. Hon. Bakary Kora	-	Upper Fulladu West
31. Hon. Omar Jammeh	-	Janjanbureh

**MOTION TO SIT BEYOND SIX O’CLOCK: Orders 13(2) & 53(i)**

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With the permission of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Sainey Jawara, Member for Lower Saloum 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 business of the day.

**Question put and accordingly agreed to:**

*The Assembly agreed to sit beyond six o’clock to complete the business of the day.*

**CONTINUATION OF THE DEBATE...**

32. Hon. Yahya Sanyang	-	Latrikunda Sabiji
33. Hon. Musa Cham	-	Serekunda
34. Hon. Billay G. Tunkara	-	Kantora (Majority Leader)
35. Hon. Birom J.S Sowe	-	Niamina West
36. Hon. Sulayman Saho	-	Central Baddibu
37. Hon. Nfally M. Kora	-	Tumana
38. Hon. Omar Jobe	-	Niani

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

**Question put and agreed to:**

The Assembly was divided; votes were taken, and results pronounced as follows:

The “*Ayes*” 18 votes

The “*Noes*” 21 votes

The motion failed to be carried and therefore lost.

ii. 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 moved a motion for the *Second Reading* of the bill.

Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo, Member for Brikama North and Minority Leader, seconded the motion and took part in the debate on the motion.

**Question put and agreed to:**

The Assembly agreed to consider the motion.

**The following Honourable Members took part in the debate on the motion:**

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| 1. Hon. Amadou Camara   | - | Nianija           |
| 2. Hon. Lamin Ceesay    | - | Kiang West        |
| 3. Hon. Suwaibou Touray | - | Wuli East         |
| 4. Hon. Omar Darboe     | - | Upper Niumi       |
| 5. Hon. Fatou Cham      | - | Sanimentereng     |
| 6. Hon. Yahya Sanyang   | - | Latrikunda Sabiji |

  
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7. Hon. Sheriff S. Sarr	-	Jeshwang
8. Hon. Nfally M. Kora	-	Tumana
9. Hon. Abdoulie Njai	-	Banjul Central
10. Hon. Sainey Jawara	-	Lower Saloum
11. Hon. Saikou Bah	-	Basse
12. Hon. Almameh Gibba	-	Foni Kansala
13. Hon. Kebba Lang Fofana	-	Nominated Member
14. Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay	-	Old Yundum (Deputy Majority Leader)

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 Assembly unanimously agreed to *Read* the bill for a **Second Time**.

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

ii. Medicines and Related Products (Amendment) Bill, 2023

**(By Hon. Amadou Camara, Member for Nianija)**

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Amadou Camara, Member for Nianija moved a motion for the *Second Reading* of the bill.

Hon. Gibbi Mballow, Member for Lower Fulladu West, seconded the motion and took part in the debate on the motion.

**Question put and agreed to:**

The Assembly agreed to consider the motion.

**The following Honourable Members took part in the debate:**



  
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1. Hon. Modou Lamin B. Bah	-	Banjul North
2. Hon. Musa Badjie	-	Tallinding Kunjang
3. Hon. Lamin Ceesay	-	Kiang West
4. Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay	-	Old Yundum (Deputy Majority Leader)
5. Hon. Sulayman Saho	-	Central Baddibu
6. Hon. Sheriff S. Sarr	-	Jeshwang
7. Hon. Fatou Cham	-	Sanimentereng
8. Hon. Suwaibou Touray	-	Wuli East
9. Hon. Almameh Gibba	-	Foni Kansala
10. Hon. Kebba Lang Fofana	-	Nominated Member
11. Hon. Bakary K. Badjie	-	Foni Bintang Karanai

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

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*At sixteen minutes after nine o'clock in the evening, the Hon. Speaker suspended the Assembly.*

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*The Assembly resumed nineteen minutes after nine o'clock in the evening.*

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At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, Hon. Amadou Camara, Member for Nianija and mover of the motion, responded to issues raised and wound up the debate.

**Question put and agreed to:**

The Assembly unanimously agreed to *Read* the bill for a Second Time.

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

  
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**4. MOTION**

- i. Be it RESOLVED that this august Assembly do consider and ratify the UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export, and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property.

**(By Hon. Minister for Tourism and Culture)**

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Attorney General & Minister for Justice, on behalf of the Minister for Tourism and Culture, moved the motion.

Hon Alhagie Mbow, Member for Upper Saloum, seconded the motion and took part in the debate.

***Question put and agreed to:***

The Assembly agreed to consider the motion.

**The following Honourable Members took part in the debate:**

- |                           |   |                                 |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. Hon. Billay G. Tunkara | - | Kantora (Majority Leader)       |
| 2. Hon. Sulayman Saho     | - | Central Baddibu                 |
| 3. Hon. Omar Darboe       | - | Upper Niumi                     |
| 4. Hon. Musa Badjie       | - | Tallinding Kunjang              |
| 5. Hon. Almameh Gibba     | - | Foni Kansala                    |
| 6. Hon. Birom J.S Sowe    | - | Niamina West                    |
| 7. Hon. Suwaibou Touray   | - | Wuli East                       |
| 8. Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo  | - | Brikama North (Minority leader) |
| 9. Hon. Sheriff S. Sarr   | - | Jeshwang                        |
| 10.Hon. Abdoulie Njai     | - | Banjul Central                  |
| 11.Hon. Saikou Bah        | - | Basse                           |
| 12.Hon. Fatou Cham        | - | Sanimentereng                   |
| 13.Hon. Nfally M. Kora    | - | Tumana                          |

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

***Question put and agreed to:***

The motion was unanimously ratified.

- ii. Be it RESOLVED that this august Assembly do consider and adopt the Charter for the Rights and Dignity of Women, Girls, and Women with Disabilities in The Gambia  
**(By Hon. Chairperson of the Gender, Children & Social Welfare Select Committee)**

The Hon. Speaker invited Hon. Suwaibou Touray, Member for Wuli East to move the motion on behalf of the Hon. Chairperson of the Gender, Children & Social Welfare Select Committee.

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW: ORDER 60**

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Hon. Suwaibou Touray, Member for Wuli East, moved a motion to withdraw the motion to *adopt the Charter for the Rights and Dignity of Women, Girls, and Women with Disabilities in The Gambia.*

Hon. Maimuna Ceesay, Nominated Member, seconded the motion.

***Question put and agreed to:***

The Assembly unanimously agreed for the motion to be withdrawn.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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*At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock in the evening, the Assembly was adjourned until Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 10am.*