

  
**REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA**

**FIFTH ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC  
2022 LEGISLATIVE YEAR  
FIRST ORDINARY SESSION  
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS**

**MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

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The Assembly convened *twenty-eight* minutes after *eleven* o'clock in the morning. Prayers were read, and the Hon. Speaker, Mariam Jack Denton, took the Chair.

**ORDER PAPER**

**1. PRAYERS**

2. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly Sitting of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

3. **Vote on the Second Reading of the Constitutional (Amendment) Bill, 2021**

**4. Bill**

Standing Order 72(2) and 75 – Third Reading of the following Bill:

Public Service Pensions Bill, 2022

**(By: Her Excellency, the Vice President)**

5. Standing Order 72 – Consideration Stage of the following Bill:

Information and Communication (Amendment) Bill, 2020

**(By: Hon. Minister for Information and Communication Infrastructure)**

The following Honourable Members were **present**:

1. Hon. Mariam Jack Denton	-	Speaker
2. Hon. Momodou LK Sanneh	-	Deputy Speaker
3. Hon. Kebba K. Barrow	-	Majority Leader/Kombo South
4. Hon. Samba Jallow	-	Minority Leader/Niamina Dankunku
5. Hon. Sunkary Badjie	-	Foni Brefet
6. Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo	-	Brikama North

  
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7. Hon. Alfusainey Ceesay	-	Sami
8. Hon. Sainey Touray	-	Jarra East
9. Hon. Momodou S. Ceesay	-	Janjanbureh
10. Hon. Baba Galleh Jallow	-	Sanimentereng
11. Hon. Ndey Yassin Secka	-	Nominated Member
12. Hon. Assan Touray	-	Bakau
13. Hon. Alhagie Mbow	-	Upper Saloum
14. Hon. Amadou Camara	-	Nianija
15. Hon. Alagie Jawara	-	Lower Baddibu
16. Hon. Halifa Sallah	-	Serrekunda
17. Hon. Suwaibou Touray	-	Wuli East
18. Hon. Musa Amul Nyassi	-	Foni Kansala
19. Hon. Ousman Sillah	-	Banjul North
20. Hon. Majanko Samusa	-	Nominated Member
21. Hon. Kebba Jallow	-	Jarra Central
22. Hon. Yaya Gassama	-	Kiang East
23. Hon. Fatoumatta Njai	-	Banjul South
24. Hon. Muhammed Ndow	-	Banjul Central
25. Hon. Momodou Camara	-	Foni Bintang Karanai
26. Hon. Bakary Njie	-	Bundunka Kunda
27. Hon. Bakary Camara	-	Kiang Central
28. Hon. Sulayman Saho	-	Central Baddibu
29. Hon. Alhagie Drammeh	-	Jeshwang
30. Hon. Salifu Jawo	-	Jokadu
31. Hon. Sidia S. Jatta	-	Wuli West
32. Hon. Dembo KM Camara	-	Illiassa
33. Hon. Alhagie H. Sowe	-	Jimara
34. Hon. Alhagie Darboe	-	Lower Fulladu West
35. Hon. Ousman Touray	-	Sabach Sanjal
36. Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay	-	Old Yundum
37. Hon. Fatou K. Jawara	-	Tallinding Kunjang

  
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38. Hon. Saikouba Jarju	-	Busumbala
39. Hon. Kaddy Camara	-	Foni Bondali

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

40. Hon. Alhagi S.B Sillah	-	Niani
41. Hon. Billay G. Tunkara	-	Kantora
42. Hon. Sainey Jawara	-	Lower Saloum
43. Hon. Mahtarr M. Jeng	-	Lower Niumi
44. Hon. Saikou Marong	-	Latrikunda Sabiji
45. Hon. Alhaji Sankung Jammeh	-	Foni Jarrol
46. Hon. Muhammed Mahanera	-	Sandu
47. Hon. Lamin F.M Conta	-	Kombo East
48. Hon. Ya Kumba Jaiteh	-	Nominated Member
49. Hon. Lamin J. Sanneh	-	Brikama South
50. Hon. Omar Darboe	-	Upper Niumi
51. Hon. Muhamed Magassy	-	Basse
52. Hon. Foday N.M Drammeh	-	Tumana
53. Hon. Birom JS Sowe	-	Niamina West
54. Hon. Kajali Fofana	-	Jarra West
55. Hon. Madi MK Ceesay	-	Serrekunda West
56. Hon. Omar Ceesay	-	Niamina East
57. Hon. Dawda Kawsu Jawara	-	Upper Fulladu West

**Vacancy:**

58. Kiang West [Deceased]

1. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly Sitting of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022.



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The Hon. Member for Wuli East moved the motion for the Assembly to consider and approve the Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly sitting of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

The Hon. Member for Lower Fulladu West seconded the motion.

The Record of Votes and Proceedings of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022, as corrected, was approved as the true record of proceedings.

**2. Vote on the Second Reading of the Constitutional (Amendment) Bill, 2021**

Having confirmed that a fixed majority required under section 226(2)(b) of the Constitution was not present, and having regard to Standing Order 16(15), the Speaker delivered a ruling on the matter.

The Hon. Speaker ruled in accordance with Order 8 that the Second Reading of the Bill was *negatived*.

**3. Bill**

Standing Order 72(2) and 75 – Third Reading of the following Bill:

Public Service Pensions Bill, 2022

**(By Her Excellency, the Vice President)**

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, Her Excellency, the Vice-President moved the motion for the Third Reading of the *Public Service Pensions Bill, 2022*.

The Hon. Member for Lower Fulladu West seconded the motion

**Question put and accordingly agreed to:**

Question put that the Bill be read a *Third Time and Passed*.

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The Assembly was not divided, and the Clerk read the short title of the Bill. The Bill was deemed to have been read a *Third Time and Passed*.

4. Standing Order 72 – Consideration Stage of the following Bill:

Information and Communication (Amendment) Bill, 2020

(By: Hon. Minister for Information and Communication Infrastructure)

**CONSIDERATION STAGE: Committee of the Whole Assembly (Order 72)**

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At *two* 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*

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The Committee of the Whole Assembly agreed to consider the Bill clause-by-clause as follows:

1. Question put, that **Clause 1** stand part of the Bill with amendment as proposed in the report of the Select Committee on Education, Training, and ICT on the Information and Communications (Amendment) Bill, 2020 hereinafter referred to as the Committee's Report.
2. Question put, that *Clause 2* stand part of the Bill without amendment
3. Question put, that *Clause 3* stand part of the Bill **with** amendments as proposed in the Committee's Report.
4. Questions put, that *Clauses 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8* stand part of the Bill **without** amendment.



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**RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY**

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*At twenty-three minutes after twelve o'clock in the afternoon, the Assembly resumed.*

The Hon. Speaker informed the Assembly and the Hon. Minister that, in accordance with Standing Order 72(19) the ABC has scheduled the Third Reading of the Bill for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2022.

However, before this date, the Office of the Hon. Minister for Information and Communication Infrastructure was urged to comply with Standing Order 72(20) to ensure that the amended version of the Bill is printed and circulated to Hon. Members in advance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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*At twenty-four minutes after twelve o'clock in the afternoon, the Assembly was adjourned until Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 at 10:00 am prompt.*