



REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

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

THURSDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2022

The Assembly convened *fifteen* 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. Communication from the Chair

3. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly Sitting of Wednesday 09th February 2022.

4. BILL

Standing Order 65 – First reading of the following Bill:

Constitutional (Amendment) Bill, 2021

(By: Hon. Member for Banjul South)

5. MOTIONS

i. Be it RESOLVED that this august Assembly do consider and ratify the Development Objective Grant Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of the Gambia for Democracy, Peace and Stability Enhanced

(Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs)

ii. Be it RESOLVED that this august Assembly do consider and ratify the Millennium Challenge Corporation Threshold Program Grant Agreement between the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation and the Republic of the Gambia, acting through the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs

(Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs)


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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
7. Hon. Kaddy Camara	-	Foni Bondali
8. Hon. Saikou Marong	-	Latrikunda Sabiji
9. Hon. Sainey Touray	-	Jarra East
10. Hon. Saikouba Jarju	-	Busumbala
11. Hon. Alhagie Drammeh	-	Jeshwang
12. Hon. Bakary Camara	-	Kiang Central
13. Hon. Alhagie S.B Sillah	-	Niani
14. Hon. Alhagie H. Sowe	-	Jimara
15. Hon. Baba Galleh Jallow	-	Sanimentereng
16. Hon. Ndey Yassin Secka	-	Nominated Member
17. Hon. Assan Touray	-	Bakau
18. Hon. Alhagie Mbow	-	Upper Saloum
19. Hon. Salifu Jawo	-	Jokadu
20. Hon. Fatou K. Jawara	-	Tallinding Kunjang
21. Hon. Birom JS Sowe	-	Niamina West
22. Hon. Lamin F.M Conta	-	Kombo East
23. Hon. Sulayman Saho	-	Central Baddibu
24. Hon. Dembo KM Camara	-	Illiassa
25. Hon. Omar Darboe	-	Upper Niumi
26. Hon. Lamin J. Sanneh	-	Brikama South
27. Hon. Halifa Sallah	-	Serrekunda
28. Hon. Suwaibou Touray	-	Wuli East
29. Hon. Musa Amul Nyassi	-	Foni Kansala


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30.	Hon. Ousman Sillah	-	Banjul North
31.	Hon. Majanko Samusa	-	Nominated Member
32.	Hon. Bakary Njie	-	Bundunka Kunda
33.	Hon. Alhagie Darboe	-	Lower Fulladu West
34.	Hon. Kebba Jallow	-	Jarra Central
35.	Hon. Sainey Jawara	-	Lower Saloum
36.	Hon. Ousman Touray	-	Sabach Sanjal
37.	Hon. Fatoumatta Njai	-	Banjul South
38.	Hon. Momodou Camara	-	Foni Bintang Karanai
39.	Hon. Madi MK Ceesay	-	Serrekunda West
40.	Hon. Muhamed Magassy	-	Basse
41.	Hon. Alagie Jawara	-	Lower Baddibu
42.	Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay	-	Old Yundum

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

43.	Hon. Sidia S. Jatta	-	Wuli West
44.	Hon. Alfusainey Ceesay	-	Sami
45.	Hon. Dawda Kawsu Jawara	-	Upper Fulladu West
46.	Hon. Billay G. Tunkara	-	Kantora
47.	Hon. Ya Kumba Jaiteh	-	Nominated Member
48.	Hon. Kajali Fofana	-	Jarra West
49.	Hon. Yaya Gassama	-	Kiang East
50.	Hon. Alhaji Sankung Jammeh	-	Foni Jarrol
51.	Hon. Muhammed Mahanera	-	Sandu
52.	Hon. Muhammed Ndow	-	Banjul Central
53.	Hon. Amadou Camara	-	Nianija
54.	Hon. Mahtarr M. Jeng	-	Lower Niumi
55.	Hon. Momodou S. Ceesay	-	Janjanbureh
56.	Hon. Foday N.M Drammeh	-	Tumana
57.	Hon. Omar Ceesay	-	Niamina East



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Vacancy:

58. Kiang West [Deceased]

1. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly Sitting of Wednesday 09th February 2022.

The Hon. Member for Kombo East moved the motion for the Assembly to consider and approve the Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly sitting of Wednesday 09th February 2022.

The Hon. Member for Foni Brefet seconded the motion.

The Record of Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday 09th February 2022, as corrected, was approved as the true record of proceedings.

2. BILL

Standing Order 65 – First reading of the following Bill:

Constitutional (Amendment) Bill, 2021

By the Hon. Member for Banjul South)

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Banjul South handed a copy of the “Constitutional (Amendment) Bill, 2021” to the Clerk.

The Clerk read aloud the short title of the Bill. The *Bill was deemed have been read for the first time.*

3. MOTIONS


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- i. Be it RESOLVED that this august Assembly do consider and ratify the Development Objective Grant Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of the Gambia for Democracy, Peace and Stability Enhanced
(Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs)

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs moved the motion for the consideration and ratification by the Assembly, *the Development Objective Grant Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of the Gambia for Democracy, Peace and Stability Enhanced.*

The Hon. Member for Lower Saloum seconded motion.

Question put and agreed to

Question put, that the august Assembly do consider the motion.

The Assembly was *NOT divided*. The Assembly agreed to consider the motion.

ENSUING DEBATE

The Hon. Speaker opened the floor, and the following Hon. Members took part in the debate.

1. Hon. Ousman Touray	-	Sabach Sanjal
2. Hon. Samba Jallow	-	Minority Leader/Niamina Dankunku
3. Hon. Ousman Sillah	-	Banjul North
4. Hon. Musa Amul Nyassi	-	Foni Kansala
5. Hon. Sulayman Saho	-	Central Baddibu
6. Hon. Suwaibou Touray	-	Wuli East
7. Hon. Halifa Sallah	-	Serrekunda
8. Hon. Bakary Camara	-	Kiang Central
9. Hon. Saikou Marong	-	Latrikunda Sabiji
10. Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo	-	Brikama North


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11. Hon. Fatoumatta Njai	-	Banjul South
12. Hon. Alhagie Mbow	-	Upper Saloum
13. Hon. Kebba K. Barrow	-	Majority Leader/Kombo South
14. Hon. Omar Darboe	-	Upper Niumi
15. Hon. Saikouba Jarju	-	Busumbala
16. Hon. Majanko Samusa	-	Nominated Member
17. Hon. Bakary Njie	-	Bundunka Kunda
18. Hon. Sainey Touray	-	Jarra East
19. Hon. Dembo KM Camara	-	Illiassa

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs responded to issues raised and wound-up the debate.

Question put, and accordingly agreed to

Question put, that this Assembly do ratify the *Development Objective Grant Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of the Gambia for Democracy, Peace and Stability Enhanced*.

The Assembly was **NOT** divided. The Agreement was ratified.

- ii. Be it RESOLVED that this august Assembly do consider and ratify the Millennium Challenge Corporation Threshold Program Grant Agreement between the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation and the Republic of the Gambia, acting through the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs*

(Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs)

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs moved the motion for the consideration and ratification by the Assembly, the *Millennium Challenge Corporation Threshold Program Grant Agreement between the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation and the Republic of the Gambia, acting through the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs*.


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The Hon. Member for Jarra East seconded and spoke on the motion

Question put and agreed to

Question put, that the august Assembly do consider the motion.

The Assembly was *NOT divided*. The Assembly agreed to consider the motion

ENSUING DEBATE

The Hon. Speaker opened the floor, and the following Hon. Members took part in the debate.

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| 1. Hon. Sulayman Saho | - | Central Baddibu |
| 2. Hon. Momodou Camara | - | Foni Bintang Karanai |
| 3. Hon. Sunkary Badjie | - | Foni Brefet |
| 4. Hon. Momodou LK Sanneh | - | Deputy Speaker |
| 5. Hon. Saikou Marong | - | Latrikunda Sabiji |
| 6. Hon. Ousman Touray | - | Sabach Sanjal |
| 7. Hon. Ousman Sillah | - | Banjul North |
| 8. Hon. Suwaibou Touray | - | Wuli East |

At nineteen minutes after three o'clock in the afternoon,
THE HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER, MOMODOU LK SANNEH, TOOK THE CHAIR.

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| 9. Hon. Halifa Sallah | - | Serrekunda |
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At twenty-seven minutes after three o'clock in the afternoon,
THE HON. SPEAKER, MARIAM JACK DENTON, TOOK THE CHAIR.

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs responded to issues raised and wound-up the debate.



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Question put, and accordingly agreed to

Question put, that this Assembly do ratify the *Millennium Challenge Corporation Threshold Program Grant Agreement between the United States of America, acting through the Millennium Challenge Corporation and the Republic of the Gambia, acting through the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs.*

The Assembly was **NOT** divided. The Agreement was ratified.

ADJOURNMENT

At *eight minutes after four o'clock* in the afternoon, the Assembly was adjourned until *Monday 14th February 2022 at 10:00am prompt.*