


REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA

**FIFTH ASSEMBLY OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC
2022 LEGISLATIVE YEAR
FIRST ORDINARY SESSION
VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS
THURSDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2022**

The Assembly convened *thirty* 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 Wednesday 16th February 2022.

3. BILL

Standing Order 66 – Second Reading of the following Bill:

Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021

(By the Hon. Member for Banjul South)

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. Sunkary Badjie	-	Foni Brefet
5. Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo	-	Brikama North
6. Hon. Saikou Marong	-	Latrikunda Sabiji
7. Hon. Alfusainey Ceesay	-	Sami
8. Hon. Sainey Jawara	-	Lower Saloum
9. Hon. Sainey Touray	-	Jarra East
10. Hon. Saikouba Jarju	-	Busumbala
11. Hon. Alhagie Drammeh	-	Jeshwang
12. Hon. Bakary Camara	-	Kiang Central
13. Hon. Alhagi S.B Sillah	-	Niani
14. Hon. Alhagie H. Sowe	-	Jimara
15. Hon. Muhammed Ndow	-	Banjul Central
16. Hon. Baba Galleh Jallow	-	Sanimentereng


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17. Hon. Ndey Yassin Secka	-	Nominated Member
18. Hon. Momodou Camara	-	Foni Bintang
19. Hon. Assan Touray	-	Bakau
20. Hon. Alhagie Mbow	-	Upper Saloum
21. Hon. Kajali Fofana	-	Jarra West
22. Hon. Salifu Jawo	-	Jokadu
23. Hon. Fatou K. Jawara	-	Tallinding Kunjang
24. Hon. Birom JS Sowe	-	Niamina West
25. Hon. Lamin F.M Conta	-	Kombo East
26. Hon. Yaya Gassama	-	Kiang East
27. Hon. Sulayman Saho	-	Central Baddibu
28. Hon. Madi MK Ceesay	-	Serrekunda West
29. Hon. Amadou Camara	-	Nianija
30. Hon. Dembo KM Camara	-	Illiassa
31. Hon. Omar Darboe	-	Upper Niuni
32. Hon. Ya Kumba Jaiteh	-	Nominated Member
33. Hon. Abdoulie Ceesay	-	Old Yundum
34. Hon. Alagie Jawara	-	Lower Baddibu
35. Hon. Samba Jallow	-	Minority Leader/Niamina Dankunku
36. Hon. Halifa Sallah	-	Serrekunda
37. Hon. Fatoumatta Njai	-	Banjul South
38. Hon. Suwaibou Touray	-	Wuli East
39. Hon. Musa Amul Nyassi	-	Foni Kansala
40. Hon. Sidia S. Jatta	-	Wuli West
41. Hon. Ousman Sillah	-	Banjul North
42. Hon. Majanko Samusa	-	Nominated Member

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

43. Hon. Muhammed Mahanera	-	Sandu
44. Hon. Dawda Kawsu Jawara	-	Upper Fulladu West
45. Hon. Omar Ceesay	-	Niamina East


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46. Hon. Mahtarr M. Jeng	-	Lower Niuni
47. Hon. Alhaji Sankung Jammeh	-	Foni Jarrol
48. Hon. Foday N.M Drammeh	-	Tumana
49. Hon. Bakary Njie	-	Bundunka Kunda
50. Hon. Kaddy Camara	-	Foni Bondali
51. Hon. Momodou S. Ceessay	-	Janjanbureh
52. Hon. Alhagie Darboe	-	Lower Fulladu West
53. Hon. Billay G. Tunkara	-	Kantora
54. Hon. Kebba Jallow	-	Jarra Central
55. Hon. Muhamed Magassy	-	Basse
56. Hon. Lamin J. Sanneh	-	Brikama South
57. Hon. Ousman Touray	-	Sabach Sanjal

Vacancy:

58. Kiang West [Deceased]

1. Correction and Approval of Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly Sitting of Wednesday 16th February 2022.

The Hon. Member for Jimara moved the motion for the Assembly to consider and approve the Record of Votes and Proceedings of the National Assembly sitting of Wednesday 16th February 2022.

The Hon. Member for Lower Saloum seconded the Motion.

The Record of Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday 16th February 2022, as corrected, was approved as the true record of proceedings.

2. BILL

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At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Banjul South moved the motion for the Second Reading of the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

The Hon. Nominated Member, Hon. Ndey Yassin Secka, seconded and spoke on the motion.

ENSUING DEBATE

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

1. Hon. Sainey Jawara	-	Lower Saloum
2. Hon. Muhammed Ndow	-	Banjul Central
3. Hon. Sidia S. Jatta	-	Wuli West
4. Hon. Fatou K. Jawara	-	Tallinding Kunjang
5. Hon. Saikouba Jarju	-	Busumbala
6. Hon. Assan Touray	-	Bakau
7. Hon. Alfusainey Ceesay	-	Sami
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15. Hon. Musa Amul Nyassi	-	Foni Kansala
16. Hon. Momodou Camara	-	Foni Bintang Karanai
17. Hon. Suwaibou Touray	-	Wuli East
18. Hon. Omar Darboe	-	Upper Niumi
19. Hon. Samba Jallow	-	Minority Leader/Niamina Dankunku
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25. Hon. Alagie Jawara	-	Lower Baddibu
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27. Hon. Alhagie S. Darbo	-	Brikama North
28. Hon. Sulayman Saho	-	Central Baddibu
29. Hon. Madi MK Ceesay	-	Serrekunda West

At the invitation of the Hon. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Banjul South responded to issues raised and wound-up the debate.

QUESTION ON THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL (Order 66)

The division bell was rung for four minutes for Hon. Members to take their seat.

Having considered the requirement of section 226(2)(b) of the 1997 Constitution of three-quarters of all Members and noting Standing Order 16 (15) which requires that the Assembly shall not proceed to a vote on that question unless and until a number of Members equivalent to such fixed majority is present at the time for voting, the Hon. Speaker suspended the voting on the “*Second Reading*” of the Bill and adjourned the Assembly until Monday 21st February 2022 for the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At *twenty-four* minutes after *three* o’clock in the afternoon, the Assembly was adjourned until Monday 21st February 2022 at 10:00 pm prompt.