

HON. SPEAKER;

In accordance with Clause 54 (1) of the Standing Orders of the National Assembly, I rise to move that this “august Assembly do stand adjourned Sine-Die”

Hon. Speaker, in moving this motion, I would like to give this august Assembly a summary of what transpired during this First Ordinary Session in the 2022 Legislative Year, for the period 03rd February 2022 to date.

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During the course of our deliberations, we considered and adopted Records of Votes and Proceedings of the daily sittings of the National Assembly; and accommodated Questions for Oral Answers Session by the following Hon. Ministers as regard their various portfolios:

- Her Excellency, the Vice President**
- Hon. Minister for Petroleum and Energy**
- Hon. Minister for Trade, Industry, Regional Integration and Employment**
- Hon. Minister for Works, Transport and Infrastructure**
- Hon. Minister for Agriculture**
- Hon. Minister for Interior**
- Hon. Minister for Tourism and Culture**
- Hon. Minister for Lands and Regional Government**
- Hon. Minister for Basic and Secondary Education**
- Hon. Minister for Environment, Climate Change, and Natural Resources**

LAYING OF PAPERS AND REPORTS

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

The following reports were laid by Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons of various committees of the National Assembly and adopted by this plenary:

- i. Report of the Finance and Public Accounts Committee on The Gambia Anti-Corruption Bill, 2019
- ii. Report of the Joint Committee on Public Enterprises and Finance and Public Accounts on the Public Service Pensions Bill, 2020
- iii. Report of the Standing Committee on Human Rights and Constitutional Matters on the Prevention and Prohibition of Torture Bill, 2020
- iv. Report of the Public Appointments Standing Committee for confirmation of one of the shortlisted persons for appointment as Commissioner at the National Human Rights Commission

MOTIONS

HONOURABLE SPEAKER,

Equally, the following Motions were moved by the Hon. Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs for the Assembly's consideration and Ratification:

- i. The Development Objective Grant Agreement between the United States of America and the

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and Stability Enhanced**

- ii. **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**
- iii. **The Loan Agreement between Republic of The Gambia and Islamic Development Bank regarding the Widening of the Bertil Harding Highway Project-The Gambia**
- iv. **The Loan Agreement between the Republic of The Gambia and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa regarding the Widening of the Bertil Harding Highway Project**

BILLS

HONOURABLE SPEAKER;

The following Bills were considered during this Ordinary Session and unanimously passed at their Third Readings by Her Excellency, the Vice President and the Hon. Minister for Information and Communication Infrastructure:

- I. **Public Service Pensions Bill, 2022 - By Her Excellency, the Vice President and;**
- II. **The Information and Communications (Amendment) Bill, 2022 - By the Hon. Minister for Information and Communication Infrastructure**

However, the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2021 tabled by the Hon. Member for Banjul South could not pass the Second Reading due to the absence of the Constitutional Requirement of Section 226 (2) (B) and (4) (b) which required a threshold of two-third of all the Members present to vote.

Honourable Speaker, the pending businesses of the Assembly will form part of the legacy Report of the Fifth Legislature for the Sixth Legislature to take charge and carry on.

Honourable Speaker, this august Assembly is here today to commence the motion on the adjournment debate for the Assembly to *Stand Adjourned Sine-Die*.

Hon, Speaker,

A few weeks from now, almost five years in the service of our country, I shall lay down the responsibilities as Majority Leader of the Fifth Legislature of this National Assembly.

This evening I come to you with a message of leave-taking and farewell, and to share a few final thoughts with you - Members of the Assembly, and fellow citizens. Like every other citizen, I wish the Sixth Legislature, peace, prosperity, and a successful parliamentary term for all.

Our people expect us (Members of the National Assembly), to find essential agreement on issues of great moment, the wise resolution of which will better shape the future of the Nation, and to the best of our abilities, this parliament of the fifth legislative has so delivered.

Hon. Speaker, on behalf of both sides of this Assembly, I wish to seize this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the people of The Gambia for the trust and confidence repose on us in this august Assembly. We reassure them of the Assembly's continued resolve to serve the supreme interest of The Gambia, without fear or favor or party affiliation.

To Hon. Colleagues, I would thank you for your foresight and dedication to national duty. It has been a challenging yet fulfilling journey with all of you, in the service of the People of The Gambia. History will undoubtedly remember us all, collectively, and individually.

Hon. Speaker, I would also like to thank the Clerk and staff of the National Assembly Service for all the support and services rendered to Hon. Members during this Session and over the years.

Honourable Speaker: I beg to move!