

IN THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTH PARLIAMENT
OF THE FOURTH REPUBLIC OF GHANA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTEENTH SITTING OF THE
THIRD MEETING OF PARLIAMENT

TUESDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER, 2009

1. The House met at twelve minutes after ten o'clock in the forenoon. Prayers were read. The Hon. First Deputy Speaker took the Chair.

2. The following Hon. Members were **present**:
 1. Abayateye, Alfred W. G.
(*Sege*)
 2. Abdul-Karim, Iddrisu (Alhaji)
(*Nanton*)
 3. Abubakari, Ibrahim Dey (Alhaji)
(*Salaga*)
 4. Abu-Bonsra, Nana
(*Fomena*)
 5. Abukari, Sumani (Alhaji)
(*Tamale North*)
 6. Acheampong, Kwame Seth
(*Mpraeso*)
 7. Ackah, Stephen M. E. K.
(*Suaman*)
 8. Adda, Joseph Kofi
(*Navrongo Central*)
 9. Addae, Christopher
(*Bibiani-Anhwiaso-Bekwai*)
 10. Addai-Nimoh, Francis
(*Mampong*)
 11. Addo, Irene Naa Torshie (Mrs)
(*Tema West*)
 12. Adiyia, Akuoko Richard
(*Ahafo Ano North*)
 13. Adjaho, Edward K. D.
(*Avenor Ave*)
 14. Adjei-Baah, Seth
(*Nkawkaw*)

15. Adjei-Yeboah, Andrews
(*Tano South*)
16. Adu-Asare, Kojo
(*Adenta*)
17. Afeku, Catherine Abelema (Mrs)
(*Evalue-Gwira*)
18. Afotey-Agbo, Joseph Nii Laryea
(*Kpone-Katamanso*)
19. Agbenyefia, Lassey Richard
(*Keta*)
20. Agbesi, Alfred Kwame
(*Ashaiman*)
21. Agyapong, Ken Ohene
(*Assin North*)
22. Agyen, Frank Boakye
(*Effiduase/Asokore*)
23. Ahaligah, Raphael Kofi
(*Afram Plains South*)
24. Ahi, Sampson
(*Juaboso*)
25. Ahmed, Mustapha (Maj [rtd]) (Dr) (Alh)
(*Ayawaso East*)
26. Aidoo, Joseph Boahen
(*Amenfi East*)
27. Akolbire, Opam-Brown Emmanuel
(*Bolgatanga*)
28. Akologu, John Tia
(*Talensi*)
29. Akomea, Nana
(*Okaikwei South*)
30. Akoto, Owusu Afriyie (Dr)
(*Kwadaso*)
31. Akunye, Simon Atingban
(*Pusiga*)
32. Akyea, Samuel Atta
(*Akim Abuakwa South*)
33. Alhassan Dubie, Halutie Rafatu (Hajia)
(*Sissala East*)
34. Alhassan, Ahmed Yakubu (Dr)
(*Mion*)
35. Alidu, Iddrisu Zakari
(*Walewale*)
36. Amadu, Seidu (Alhaji)
(*Yapei/Kusawgu*)
37. Amankwanor, Joseph Sam
(*Upper West Akim*)
38. Ameyaw-Cheremeh, Kwasi
(*Sunyani East*)
39. Amoah, Osei Bonsu

- (*Aburi-Nsawam*)
40. Amoah-Tetteh, Elizabeth (Mrs)
(*Twifu-Atti Morkwaa*)
 41. Amoako, Samuel K. (Prof [Emeritus])
(*Akim Abuakwa North*)
 42. Amoakoh, Nana
(*Upper Denkyira East*)
 43. Anane, Richard W. (Dr)
(*Nhyiaeso*)
 44. Annan, Joseph (Dr)
(*Komenda Edina/Eguafo/Abrem*)
 45. Appiah, Justice Joe
(*Ablekuma North*)
 46. Appiah-Kubi, Kojo (Dr)
(*Atwima Kwanwoma*)
 47. Appiah-Ofori, P.C.
(*Asikuma/Odoben/Brakwa*)
 48. Arthur, Francis Kojo
(*Gomoa West*)
 49. Arthur, George Kofi
(*Amenfi Central*)
 50. Asare, Kofi (Dr.)
(*Akwatia*)
 51. Asare-Akoto, Joses (Rev) (Dr)
(*Asuogyaman*)
 52. Asiamah, Amankwa Kwabena
(*Fanteakwa*)
 53. Asimah, Simon Edem
(*South Dayi*)
 54. Assumeng, David Tetteh
(*Shai Osudoku*)
 55. Asum-Ahensah, Alex
(*Jaman North*)
 56. Avedzi, James Klutse
(*Ketu North*)
 57. Avoka, Apul Cletus
(*Zebilla*)
 58. Awuah, Ignatius Baffour
(*Sunyani West*)
 59. Ayeh, Benjamin Kofi
(*Upper Denkyira West*)
 60. Ayeh-Paye, Samuel
(*Ayensuano*)
 61. Azong, Alhassan
(*Builsa South*)
 62. Azumah, Dominic Azimbe
(*Garu/Tempene*)
 63. Azumah-Mensah, Juliana (Mrs)
(*Ho East*)
 64. Baffour, Fritz Frederic
(*Ablekuma South*)
 65. Bagbin, Alban S. K.
(*Nadowli West*)
 66. Baidoe-Ansah, Joe
(*Effia Kwesimintim*)

67. Banda, Ben Abdallah
(*Offinso South*)
68. Bandua, Emmanuel Kwasi
(*Biakoye*)
69. Barton-Odro, Ebo
(*Cape Coast*)
70. Bayirga, Haruna H.
(*Sissala West*)
71. Bayon, Godfrey Tangu
(*Wa East*)
72. Bedzrah, Emmanuel Kwasi
(*Ho West*)
73. Blankson, George Kuntu
(*Mfantseman East*)
74. Boafo, William Ofori
(*Akropong*)
75. Boakye, George
(*Asunafo South*)
76. Boampong, Michael Coffie
(*Bia*)
77. Boateng, Beatrice Bernice (Ms)
(*New Juaben South*)
78. Boforo, Mary Salifu (Hajia)
(*Savelugu*)
79. Bosompem, Joseph Ampomah
(*Akim Swedru*)
80. Botchway, Shirley A. (Ms)
(*Weija*)
81. Botwe, Daniel
(*Okere*)
82. Bukari, Joseph Nikpe
(*Saboba*)
83. Chaie, Theophilus Tetteh
(*Ablekuma Central*)
84. Chireh, Joseph Yieleh
(*Wa West*)
85. Cobbina, Herod
(*Sefwi Akontombra*)
86. Dadzie, Anthony Christian
(*Abura-Asebu-Kwamankese*)
87. Dakura, Francis Bawaana (Dr)
(*Jirapa*)
88. Dapaah, Cecilia Abena (Ms)
(*Bantama*)
89. Daramani-Sakande, Adamu
(*Bawku Central*)
90. Darko-Mensah, Kwabena Okyere
(*Takoradi*)
91. Debrah, Ernest Akobuor
(*Tano North*)
92. Dua, Nii Nortey R.
(*Ledzokuku*)
93. Duut, Emmanuel Kwame
(*Bunkpurugu/Yunyoo*)
94. Eduamoah, Ekow Panyin Okyere
(*Gomoa East*)

95. Effah-Baafi, Yaw
(*Kintampo South*)
96. Ennin, Edward M.
(*Obuasi*)
97. Essilfie, Gabriel Kodwo
(*Shama*)
98. Fobih, Dominic K. (Prof)
(*Assin South*)
99. Forson, Cassiel Ato
(*Ajumako/Enyan/Essiam*)
100. Frimpong, Kofi
(*Kwabre East*)
101. Gbediame, Gershon K. B.
(*Nkwanta South*)
102. Ghartey, Joe
(*Esikadu/Ketan*)
103. Gidisu, Wisdom
(*Krachi East*)
104. Gyamfi, Emmanuel Akwasi
(*Odotobri*)
105. Gyan-Baffour, George Yaw (Prof)
(*Wenchi*)
106. Gyetuah, John
(*Amenfi West*)
107. Hayibor, Prince Jacob
(*Hohoe North*)
108. Hodogbey, Charles S.
(*North Tongu*)
109. Humado, Clement Kofi
(*Anlo*)
110. Ibrahim, Ahmed
(*Tain*)
111. Ibrahim, Tanko Abdul-Rauf
(*Yagaba/Kubori*)
112. Imoro, Yakubu Kakpagu
(*Kumbungu*)
113. Jabaah, John Bennam
(*Zabzugu/Tatale*)
114. Jabanyite, Samuel Abdulai
(*Chereponi*)
115. Johnfiah, Samuel
(*Ahanta West*)
116. Jumah, Maxwell Kofi
(*Asokwa*)
117. Kan-Dapaah Albert
(*Afigya-Sekyere West*)
118. Klenam, Gifty
(*Lower West Akim*)
119. Koffie, Francis Adu-Blay
(*Prestea/Huni-Valley*)
120. Kunsu, Stephen
(*Kintampo North*)
121. Kyei-Mensah-Bonsu, Osei
(*Suame*)
122. Larbie, David Nana
(*Awutu-Senya*)

123. Likpalimor, Kwajo Tawiah
(*Kpandai*)
124. Manu, S. K. Balado
(*Ahafo Ano South*)
125. Mohammed, Issifu Pangabu (Alhaji)
(*Ejura-Sekyedumase*)
126. Narh, Samuel Evans Ashong
(*Tema East*)
127. Nasah, Thomas Kwesi
(*Gushegu*)
128. Nayan, Joseph Kwaku
(*Nkwanta North*)
129. Nfojoh, G. K. (Capt) (rtd)
(*Ho Central*)
130. Nitiwul, Dominic B. A.
(*Bimbilla*)
131. Nkrumah, Samia Yaba Christina
(*Jomoro*)
132. Ntim, Augustine Collins
(*Offinso North*)
133. Ntow, Mathias Kwame
(*Aowin*)
134. Ntow-Ababio, Yaw
(*Dormaa East*)
135. Nyaunu, Michael Teye
(*Lower Manya*)
136. Obodai, Samuel K.
(*Agona West*)
137. Oduro, Derek Yaw (Maj. [rtd])
(*Nkoranza North*)
138. Ofori, Joseph Kwadwo
(*Akan*)
139. Ofori-Kuragu, E. Nana Yaw
(*Bosome-Freho*)
140. Ohene-Konadu, Gifty (Mrs)
(*Asante Akim South*)
141. Okoh, Paul
(*Asutifi North*)
142. Opere-Ansah, Frederick
(*Suhum*)
143. Oquaye, Aaron Michael (Prof.)
(*Dome-Kwabanya*)
144. Osei, Anthony Akoto (Dr)
(*Old Tafo*)
145. Osei, Isaac
(*Subin*)
146. Osei-Mensah, Simon
(*Bosomtwe*)
147. Osei-Opere, Akosua Frema (Mrs)
(*Ayawaso West Wuogon*)
148. Osei-Owusu, Joseph
(*Bekwai*)
149. Osei-Prempeh, Kwame
(*Nsuta-Kwamang Beposo*)
150. Osei-Sarfo, Francis Yaw
(*Krachi West*)

151. Owusu-Aduomi, Kwabena
(*Ejisu-Juaben*)
152. Owusu-Agyemang, Hackman
(*New Juaben North*)
153. Owusu-Ankomah, Papa
(*Sekondi*)
154. Owusu-Ansah, Emmanuel Asamoah
(*Kwabre West*)
155. Owusu-Boateng, Yaw
(*Akim Oda*)
156. Owusu-Mainu, Emmanuel
(*Atebubu/Amanting*)
157. Pelpuo, Abdul-Rashid
(*Wa Central*)
158. Prempeh, Matthew Opoku (Dr)
(*Manhyia*)
159. Puozaa, Mathias A.
(*Nadowli East*)
160. Quansah, Aquinas
(*Mfantseman West*)
161. Quaye, I. C. (Sheikh)
(*Ayawaso Central*)
162. Quaye-Kumah, Nii Oakley (Dr)
(*Krowor*)
163. Saani, Iddi (Alhaji)
(*Wulensi*)
164. Sackey, Elizabeth K. T. (Mrs)
(*Okaikwei North*)
165. Sarfo-Mensah, Robert
(*Asunafo North*)
166. Soditey, Donald Dari
(*Sawla/Tuna/Kalba*)
167. Tackie-Komme, Jonathan
(*Ododiodioo*)
168. Tawiah, Raymond A.
(*Yilo Krobo*)
169. Tettey-Enyo, Alexander Narh
(*Ada*)
170. Tia, Alfred Sugri (Dr)
(*Nalerigu/Gambaga*)
171. Twumasi, Kwame Amporfo
(*Nkoranza South*)
172. Twumasi-Appiah, Felix
(*Sene*)
173. Woyome, Kobena Mensah
(*South Tongu*)

174. Wusah, Sammy B.
(*Damongo/Daboya*)
175. Yakah, Ernest Kofi
(*New Edubiase*)
176. Yakubu, Stephen
(*Binduri*)
177. Yeboah, David Hennric
(*Afigya-Sekyere East*)
178. Yemoh, Daoud Anum
(*Domeabra-Obom*)
179. Zigah, Albert Kwasi
(*Ketu South*)

3. The following Hon. Members were absent with Permission:

1. Abdul-Rahman, Masoud Baba
(*Pru*)
2. Agyenim-Boateng, Kwaku
(*Berekum*)
3. Ameyaw-Akumfi, Christopher (Prof)
(*Techiman North*)
4. Fuseini, Inusah Abdulai B.
(*Tamale Central*)
5. Hammond, Kobina Tahir
(*Adansi Asokwa*)

6. Iddrisu, Dawuda
(*Karaga*)
7. Idrissu, Sulemana Ibun Baba
(*Yendi*)
8. Namoale, Nii Amasah
(*Dade Kotopon*)
9. Saaka, Joseph Akati
(*Bole/Bamboi*)

4. The following Hon. Members were **absent:**

1. Abdul-Razaq, A. Umar
(*Tolon*)
2. Abongo, Albert
(*Bongo*)
3. Addai, Simons

- (Techiman South)*
4. Addo, Grace (Ms)
(Amansie West)
 5. Afful, Yaw Maama
(Jaman South)
 6. Agyabeng, John
(Agyona East)
 7. Agyeman, Elizabeth
(Oforikrom)
 8. Agyeman-Manu, Kwaku
(Dormaa West)

9. Aidoo, Evans Paul
(Sefwi-Wiawso)
10. Alowe, Leo Kabah
(Chiana/Paga)
11. Amenowode, Joseph Z.
(Hohoe South)
12. Amoah, Anthony Evans
(Mpohor Wassa East)
13. Ankamah Annoh, Kwasi
(Atiwa)
14. Anyimadu-Antwi, Kwame
(Asante Akim North)
15. Appiah-Pinkrah, Kwabena
(Akrofuom)

16. Armah, Ernest Attuquaye
(*Trobu-Amasaman*)

17. Asaga, Moses
(*Nabdam*)

18. Ashietey, Nii Armah
(*Klotey Korle*)

19. Asiamah, Isaac Kwame
(*Atwima-Mponua*)

20. Awontiirim, Ataboadey Timothy
(*Builsa North*)

21. Baah, Yaw
(*Kumawu*)

22. Baloroo, Doughr John
(*Lambussie*)

23. Buah, Emmanuel Armah-Kofi
(*Ellembele*)

24. Dansua, Akua Sena (Ms)
(*North Dayi*)

25. Dauda, Collins
(*Asutifi South*)

26. Dery, P. Ambrose
(*Lawra/Nandom*)

27. Didieye, Aboagye Emmanuel
(*Afram Plains North*)

28. Donkor, Benjamin B. (Rev)
(*Hemang Lower Denkyira*)

29. Gidisu, Joe Kwashie

(Central Tongu)

30. Hammah, Mike Allen
(*Effutu*)
 31. Iddrisu, Haruna
(*Tamale South*)
 32. Kamel, Henry Ford
(*Buem*)
 33. Kusi, Gifty Eugenia (Mrs)
(*Tarkwa-Nsuaem*)
 34. Kwao, Stephen Amoanor
(*Upper Manya*)
 35. Mensah, Enoch Teye
(*Ningo-Prampram*)
 36. Muntaka, Mohammed-Mubarak (Alhaji)
(*Asawase*)
 37. Obeng Dappah, Esther (Ms)
(*Abirem*)
 38. Ofosu, Asamoah
(*Kade*)
 39. Oppon-Kusi, David
(*Ayirebi/Ofoase*)
 40. Owusu-Bio, Benito
(*Atwima-Nwabiagya*)
 41. Pepera, Peter Wiafe
(*Abetifi*)
 42. Sorogho, Amadu B. (Alhaji)
(*Abokobi-Madina*)
5. Mr. Ebenezer A. Djietror, a Clerk at the Table informed the House of the absence of the Rt. Hon. Speaker from the Country and indicated that, the First Deputy Speaker shall perform the duties and exercise the authority of the Rt. Hon. Speaker in relation to all Proceedings of the House until the Rt. Hon. Speaker resumes the Chair in accordance with Order 13 (2) of the Standing Orders of the House.

6. The First Deputy Speaker read to the House a communication received from H.E. the President informing the House of His Excellency's absence from the country from **Tuesday 24th November 2009 to Wednesday 2nd December, 2009 to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting at the Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago in accordance with article 59 of the Constitution.**

The Communication also indicated that H.E. the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President during the period in accordance with article 60(8) of the Constitution.

7. The Votes and Proceedings of the sixteenth Sitting of the Third meeting held on Friday 20th November, 2009 were adopted as the true record of proceedings.
8. The following Questions were *asked of* and *answered by* the Minister for Education, Hon. Alexander Narh Tettey-Enyo.

- *190. Mr. Stephen Kunsu (Kintampo North)**
- *191. Mr. Ben Abdallah Banda (Offinso South)**
- *250. Mr. Samuel Ayeh-Paye (Ayensuano)**
- *251 & 252. Prof. (Emeritus) Samuel K. Amoako (Akim Abuakwa North) on behalf of Mr. Kwasi Annoh Ankamah (Atiwa)**

9. The following Questions were also *asked of* and *answered by* the Minister for Tourism, Hon. Juliana Azumah-Mensah.

- *241. Prof. (Emeritus) Samuel K. Amoako (Akim Abuakwa North) on behalf of Mr. Kwasi Annoh Ankamah (Atiwa)**
- *242. Mr. Emmanuel Kwasi Bedzrah (Ho West)**

The Hon. First Deputy Speaker thanked the Ministers for attending upon the House to respond to the Questions.

10. The Member for Savelugu Hon. Hajia Mary Salifu Boforo made a statement to **commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women which falls on 25th November.**

11. The following Bills were presented and read the *first time*

By the Deputy Minister for Finance and Economic Planning, Hon. Fifi Fiavi Kwetey on behalf of the Minister.

- (a) Minerals and Mining (Amendment) Bill, 2009.

The Hon. First Deputy Speaker *referred* the Bill to the Committee on Mines and Energy for consideration and report.

(b) Customs and Excise (Duties and Other Taxes) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2009.

The Hon. First Deputy Speaker *referred* the Bill to the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

12. INTERPRETATION BILL

At the Consideration Stage

i. Clause 1, *agreed to*

ii. Clause 2 –Amendment proposed –Sub-clause (2), line 1, between “and” and “to” *delete* “applies”
(Chairman of the Committee)

Question put and amendment agreed to.

iii. Clause 2, as amended *agreed to*

iv. Clause 3, *agreed to*

v. Clause 4 – Amendment proposed –Sub-clause (2), line 3, *delete* and *substitute* “Passed by Parliament and assented to by the President”

Question proposed: debate arising
Debate deferred :

(Chairman of the Committee)

vi. Clause 5 – Amendment proposed –*Add* a new sub-clause as follows:

“(5) Where the Bill was passed in accordance with the relevant provisions of article 108 of the Constitution, the Clerk shall, before causing the copies to be presented to the President, submit them to the Speaker who, if satisfied that the power to pass the Bill is conferred on Parliament in accordance with the Constitution shall sign on each copy a certificate in the Form set out in the First Schedule”

(Chairman of the Committee)

Question proposed: debate arising
Debate deferred:

vii. Clauses 6 to 9 *agreed to*

viii. Clause 10 – Amendment proposed –Sub-clause (1), paragraph (b), line 4, after “Parliament” *add* “as well as the Government White Paper”

(Chairman of the Committee)
(Mr. William Ofori Boafo)

Question proposed: debate arising
Question put and amendment agreed to.

ix. Clause 10 – Amendment proposed –Sub-clause (1), paragraph (c), *delete* line 1 and *substitute* “a relevant treaty, agreement or convention or any other international instrument which”

(Chairman of the Committee)

Question proposed: debate arising
Question put and amendment agreed to.

x. Clause 10 – Amendment proposed –Sub-clause (3), *delete* and *substitute* the following:

“subject to article 115 of the Constitution, a Court shall have recourse to Parliamentary debates under sub-section (2), where the legislative intention behind the ambiguous or obscure words is clearly disclosed in the Parliamentary debate”

(Chairman of the Committee)

Question proposed: debate arising
Question put and amendment agreed to.

xi. Clause 10, as amended *agreed to*

xii. Clause 11 – Amendment proposed –Sub-clause (4), lines 1 and 4, before “Part” *insert* “Chapter”

(Chairman of the Committee)

Question put and amendment agreed to.

- xiii. Clause 11 – Amendment proposed –Sub-clause (5), line 2, before “Parts” *insert* “Chapter”

(Chairman of the Committee)

Question put and amendment agreed to.
- xiv. Clause 11 – Amendment proposed –Sub-clause (6), line 5, before “Part” *inserts* “Chapter”

(Chairman of the Committee)

Question put and amendment agreed to.
- xv. Clause 11, as amended *agreed to*
- xvi. Clause 12 – Amendment proposed –Sub-clause (3), line 2, *delete* “for the time being”

(Chairman of the Committee)

Question proposed: debate arising
Question put and amendment agreed to.
- xvii. Clause 12, as amended *agreed to*
- xviii. Clauses 13 to 17 *agreed to*
- xix. Clause 18 – Amendment proposed –Sub-clause (3), paragraph (a), line 2, after “Proclamation” *insert* “or any other statutory instrument”

(Chairman of the Committee)

Question proposed: debate arising
Debate *deferred*:
- xx. Clause 18 – Amendment proposed –Sub-clause (3), after paragraph (b), at end of the phrase “that Proclamation” *add* “or other statutory instrument”

(Chairman of the Committee)
Question proposed: debate arising
Debate *deferred*:

xxi Clauses 19 to 28 *agreed to*

13. That this House do now adjourn.

(Moved by the Majority Leader, Hon. A.S.K. Bagbin and seconded by Mr. Kwame Osei Prempeh)

Question put and agreed to

14. ADJOURNMENT

And at a quarter before two o'clock in the afternoon the House was adjourned till Wednesday next at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

R.A. APODOLLA
First Deputy Speaker

HON. E.K.D. ADJAHO

Deputy

Clerk

S U P P L E M E N T

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1. *Opening*

The Committee met on Tuesday, 24th November, 2009 at 12.30 p.m. and discussed its draft report on the Annual Report of Ghana Environmental Protection Agency for 2003.

Dr. Ahmed Yakubu Alhassan Presided:

2. *Attendance*

The following Hon. Members were present;

- i. Hajia Mary Salifu Boforo
- ii. Mr. David Tetteh Assumeng
- iii. Mr. Kwajo Tawiah Likpalimor
- iv. Mr. Clement Kofi Humado
- v. Mr. Francis Addai-Nimoh
- vi. Mr. Justice Joe Appiah
- vii. Mr. Godfrey Tangu Bayon
- viii. Mr. David Hennric Yeboah

3. *In Attendance*

- i. Mr. George Kuntu Blankson MP

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| ii. | Mr. Joseph Armo Ndah | Parliamentary Service |
| iii. | Mr. Michael Adu | “ |
| iv. | Mr. Frederick Enyan | “ |
| v. | Ms. Edith Edilyn Adjei | Assistant Clerk |
| vi. | Ms. Abigail Aba Anso | Clerk to the Committee |

4. *Closing*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.