

4. BILL FOR SECOND READING

**4.1. Payment of Members' Expenses (Amendment) Bill 2018 –
Second Reading approved**

Mr Cregeen to move:

That the Payment of Members' Expenses (Amendment) Bill 2018 be read a second time.

The Deputy Speaker: We therefore move on to Item 4 on our Order Paper, Bill for Second Reading, Payment of Members' Expenses (Amendment) Bill 2018, and I call on the Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew, Mr Cregeen.

5 **Mr Cregeen:** Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The Standing Orders Committee of Tynwald reported on the suspension of Members in May and incorporated this Bill, which I now move to be read for the second time.

In its report, Tynwald agreed unanimously that this Bill be brought before the House of Keys to amend the law to provide for the loss of expenses as defined in the Payment of Members' Expenses Act 1989, including any additional sums payable to certain office holders.

10 The Bill deals with the circumstances where a Member is called on to apologise for misconduct and refuses to do so and is suspended until he or she complies with the order of Tynwald. Since any suspension will involve the loss of the Member's duty to represent their constituents, Tynwald resolved that any Member whose suspension continues because of their failure to comply with an order of Tynwald should not be eligible to receive any allowances for expenses or other work on the basis that they will not be able to carry out their functions in the appropriate way.

This follows a previous resolution of Tynwald in June 2017 that all cases of suspension should involve loss of payment of expenses, including any additional sums payable to certain office holders. Legislation is required to bring Tynwald's resolution into effect accordingly.

20 On behalf of the Standing Orders Committee I move this Bill to give effect to the previous resolutions of Tynwald.

I beg to move.

25 **The Deputy Speaker:** I call on the Member for Douglas North, Mr Ashford.

Mr Ashford: Happy to second and reserve my remarks, Mr Deputy Speaker.

The Deputy Speaker: If there is no further comment, we will move straight to a vote.

30 Hon. Members, the motion before us is that the Payment of Members' Expenses (Amendment) Bill 2018 be read for a second time. Those in favour, please say aye; those against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.