

6. CONSIDERATION OF CLAUSES

**6.1. Payment of Members' Expenses (Amendment) Bill 2018 –
Clauses considered**

Mr Cregeen to move.

The Speaker: Item 6, Consideration of Clauses, Payment of Members' Expenses Bill 2018, and I call on the Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew to move.

Mr Cregeen: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

At the Second Reading I reminded the House that the Standing Orders Committee of Tynwald reported on the suspension of Members in May and incorporated this Bill 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 Expenses Act 1989, including any additional sums payable to certain office holders.

The House agreed the Second Reading of this Bill a fortnight ago without division. 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 Orders of Tynwald. It is a Bill with only two clauses which, with the leave of this House, I shall move together.

The Speaker: Is that agreed, Hon. Members? (**Members:** Agreed.)
Mr Cregeen.

Mr Cregeen: Thank you, Mr Speaker; thank you, Hon. Members.

Clause 1 provides for the short title of the resulting Act. It will come into operation on the day on which Royal Assent is announced.

Clause 2 amends the Payment of Members Expenses Act 1989. The newly inserted section 7A will prevent a Member who has been suspended from Tynwald, or either Branch, from receiving any payment under sections 2, 3 or 4 of that Act and from receiving any additional payment under section 1(2) of that Act in respect of the period of suspension.

I beg to move.

The Speaker: Hon. Member for Douglas North, Mr Ashford.

Mr Ashford: I beg to second and reserve my remarks, Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: I put the question that clauses 1 and 2 stand part of the Bill. Those in favour, please say aye; those against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.

**Payment of Members' Expenses (Amendment) Bill 2018 –
Standing Orders suspended to take Third Reading**

Mr Cregeen: Mr Speaker, given that the Bill has only one operative clause, I seek the leave of the House to move that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the Bill to be read a third time at this sitting.

The Speaker: Hon. Member for Douglas North, Mr Ashford.

Mr Ashford: I beg to second, Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: If no one wishes to speak, the question is that Standing Orders be suspended to permit the Third Reading at this sitting. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.

**Payment of Members' Expenses (Amendment) Bill 2018 –
Third Reading approved**

The Speaker: Mr Cregeen.

Mr Cregeen: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I would like to thank Hon. Members for their consent to allow me to move the Third Reading. I beg to move that the Payment of Members' Expenses (Amendment) Bill 2018 be read for the third time.

The Speaker: Hon. Member for Douglas North, Mr Ashford.

Mr Ashford: I beg to second, Mr Speaker.

The Speaker: If no Member wishes to speak, I shall put the question that the Payment of Members' Expenses (Amendment) Bill 2018 be read for the third time. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.