

**5.2. A Bill to provide for a Debtors Register –
Leave to introduce granted**

The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to move:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill for to provide for a Debtors Register to be based in the General Registry; and for connected purposes

The Speaker: Hon. Members, we turn now to Item 5.2 and I call on the Member for Douglas North, Mr Houghton.

Mr Houghton: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I rise to seek support of Hon. Members to allow me to return to this House with a Bill making the legislative provision for a public Debtors Register which would be administered by the General Registry.

Hon. Members will recall my Debt Recovery and Enforcement Act passing through the legislative process some time ago. In order to trigger an appointed day for those clauses to come into effect, it has been identified that a component is required to give *vires* to a proposed register to permit licensed debt collectors under the Debt Recovery and Enforcement Act to access a debtors register containing details of judgments and executions in the High Court going forward.

I have been in consultation with the General Registry together with senior Treasury officials for a long time and although the proposal is relatively simple, this requires a considerable amount of complicated consideration, to which I am most grateful to the Treasury Minister for assisting me in this piece of work.

I beg to move.

The Speaker: I call on the Hon. Member for Ayre, Mr Teare.

Mr Teare: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I beg to second and to reserve my remarks, if I may.

The Speaker: If no one wishes to speak, I will put the question. Those in favour of the motion set out at Item 5.2. Leave to Introduce, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.