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Explanatory Note

(These notes form no part of the Bill, but are intended only to indicate its general purport)

The purpose of this Bill is to provide for the payment of emoluments to certain Members of the House of Representatives who were unable to subscribe the Oath of Allegiance following the General Elections of December 10, 2001.

Clause 1 would set out the short title of the Act for which this is the Bill.

Clause 2 would provide for the authority for the payment of the emoluments.

Clause 3 would authorize the utilization of the payments in respect of a member in the calculation of the allowances of that member under the Retiring Allowances (Legislative Service) Act.

Clause 4 would exclude certain members from entitlement to the payments.

Clause 5 would stipulate that the payments would be a charge on the consolidated fund.

A BILL

AN ACT to provide for the payment of emoluments to certain members of the House of Representatives who were unable to make and subscribe the Oath of Allegiance, subsequent to the General Elections of December 10, 2001

Preamble

WHEREAS it is enacted by section 57 of the Constitution that no member of the House of Representatives or the Senate shall take part in the proceedings of that House until he has made and subscribed before that House the oath of allegiance;

AND WHEREAS certain members of the House of Representatives were unable to make and subscribe the oath of allegiance before the House following the General elections of December 10, 2001;

AND WHEREAS those members of the House, though duly elected as constituency representatives, were, therefore, not eligible for the receipt of certain emoluments;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to pay as emoluments those members for the service given to their constituents during the period

Enactment

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Members of Parliament (Payment of Emoluments) Act, 2007.

Payments

2. Notwithstanding section 57 of the Constitution, a person elected as a member of the House of Representatives (hereinafter referred to as "the House") at the General Elections held on December 10, 2001 shall be paid such emoluments as were due to a member of the House, who had made and subscribed before the House the Oath of Allegiance, during the period December 11, 2001 to August 28, 2002.

Calculation of allowances

3. The emoluments referred to in section 2 in respect of a member of the House shall be taken into account for the purposes of the calculation of allowances of the member under the Retiring Allowances (Legislative Service) Act.

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Exception

4. Section 2 shall not apply to a member of the House who was a Minister of Government or Parliamentary Secretary during the period December 11, 2001 to October 06, 2002.

Consolidated
fund

5. Payments made in accordance with this Act shall be a charge on the Consolidated Fund.

Passed in the House of Representatives this day of , 2007.

Clerk of the House

I confirm the above.

Speaker

Passed in the Senate this day of , 2007.

Clerk of the Senate