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BILL

Entitled

**AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PRESCRIPTION BY PARLIAMENT
OF THE PRIVILEGES, IMMUNITIES AND POWERS OF PARLIA-
MENT AND ITS MEMBERS.**

ENACTED by the National Parliament of Solomon Islands

Short title	1. This Act may be cited as the Prescription of
Commencement	Parliamentary Privileges, Immunities and Powers Act 2007 and shall come into operation on the date of the publication of the Act in the Gazette.
Prescription of Parliamentary Privileges, Immunities and Powers	2. For the purposes of Section 69 of the Constitution and until otherwise prescribed by Parliament, the privileges, immunities and powers of Parliament and its members shall be those of the Commons House of Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and its members existing as at July 7, 1978.

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Objects and Reasons

This Bill responds to prevailing doubts and resulting uncertainty caused by the failure of Parliament, since independence, to exercise its power to prescribe the privileges, immunities and powers of Parliament and its members under Section 69 of the Constitution.

Proposed for enactment by Parliament in exercise of its prescriptive power under Section 69 as well as its plenary power to legislate for “the peace, order and good government of Solomon Islands” under Section 57(1) of the Constitution, this Bill foreshadows future legislative initiatives and action arising from the work and recommendations of the Special Select Committee established by Parliamentary resolution passed on August 17, 2007.

The Bill comprises 2 clauses. Clause 1 cites its short title and date of commencement. Clause 2 provides an interim legislative solution to the existing vacuum in our applicable laws by stipulating that until otherwise prescribed by Parliament, the privileges, immunities and powers of Parliament and its members shall be those of the Commons House of Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and its members existing as at July 7, 1978.

PRIME MINISTER