

Bill No. 29 of 1967

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PENSIONS (SPECIAL PROVISION) (NO. 2) BILL, 1967.

Arrangement of Sections.

Section

1. Short title.
2. Certain periods to be taken into account as pensionable service.

SCHEDULE

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to make special provision with respect to the pensionable service of Doctors Thomas Reginald Jones and Ovid Ashworth Hercules Johnson.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

A.D. 1967.

1. This Act may be cited as the Pensions (Special Provision) (No. 2) Act, 1967. Short title

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary provided by any Ordinance in that behalf, in computing the amount of pension or gratuity payable to any of the public officers named in the first column of the schedule to this Act, the period mentioned in the second column of the said schedule in relation to any such officer shall be taken into account as a period of pensionable service. Certain periods to be taken into account as pensionable service.

SCHEDULE

<i>Name of Officer</i>	<i>Period</i>
Dr. T. R. Jones	From 23rd August, 1946 to 8th August, 1951 (both dates inclusive)
Dr. O. A. H. Johnson	From 10th September, 1945 to 31st January, 1953 (both dates inclusive)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Dr. T. R. Jones was awarded a Colonial Development and Welfare Scholarship in 1946 whilst he was a Technical Assistant in the Bacteriological Department. He was out of this country pursuing his studies during the period 23rd August, 1946 to 8th August, 1951 and on his return to his country he was appointed a Medical Officer with effect from 9th August, 1951. Similarly, Dr. O. A. H. Johnson, Ophthalmologist was awarded a Colonial Development and Welfare Scholarship and was out of this country during the period 10th September, 1945 to 31st January, 1953.

2. In both of these cases, the absence of the officers concerned was to be regarded as leave without salary granted on grounds of public policy. This, however, required the approval of the then Secretary of State which was never sought. In the meantime, the posts held by Dr. Jones and Dr. Johnson were filled substantively so that these officers held no post in the public service in respect of which they could be awarded superannuation benefits. The Bill therefore seeks to authorise the taking into account for superannuation benefits of those abovementioned periods of absence of Dr. Johnson and Dr. Jones when they were pursuing their studies abroad under Colonial Development and Welfare Scholarships.

L. F. S. BURNHAM,
Prime Minister.