

## AN BILLE UM OIFIG AN PHOIST (LEASU), 1969 POST OFFICE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

- 1. The purposes of the Bill are:
  - (a) to enable free postage facilities to be provided,
  - (b) to transfer to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs certain powers vested in the Minister for Finance, and
  - (c) to give greater freedom in the handling of mail other than letter mail.
- 2. Section 1 of the Bill provides for certain necessary definitions.
- 3. Section 2 provides for the extension of the regulation-making powers in the Post Office Act, 1908 to permit postal packets of any prescribed class or classes to be sent free of postage.
- 4. Section 3 provides for the transfer to the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs of the powers vested in the Minister for Finance to make regulations under sections 4 and 82 of the Post Office Act, 1908 subject to the consent of the Minister for Finance where postal charges, fees or other financial considerations are involved.
- 5. Section 4 provides for the removal of the restriction in Section 15 of the Post Office Act, 1908 on the power of the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs to postpone the despatch or delivery of postal packets other than letters where the treatment of letter mails would otherwise be delayed. At present the despatch or delivery of such postal packets may be postponed only until the despatch or delivery next following that by which they would ordinarily be despatched or delivered.
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