

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS AND BUSINESS SCHEDULE FOR
THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2020

Thursday 26 March 2020 (11.00 a.m. – 9.50 p.m.)

Motions without debate:	11.00 a.m.
- Motion re election of Leas-Cheann Comhairle	
- Motion re non-application of Planning and Development Act 2000 to certain classes of development, and exemptions for restaurants re sale of food for consumption off-premises [<i>Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government</i>]	
Government legislation:	11.00 a.m. – 9.50 p.m.
- Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid-19) Bill 2020 (Second Stage)	11.00 a.m. – 3.20 p.m.
<i>Suspension of sitting</i>	3.20 p.m. – 4.50 p.m.
Government legislation (resumed):	
- Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid-19) Bill 2020 (Committee and Remaining Stages)	4.50 p.m. – 9.50 p.m.
<i>Adjournment</i>	9.50 p.m.

The proposed arrangements for the taking of business are as follows:

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS
<p>Thursday proposal no. 1 – Late sitting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Dáil shall sit later than 8.03 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of the Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid-19) Bill 2020
<p>Thursday proposal no. 2 – Business of the Dáil</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, the only business to be taken shall be the business as set out in the Report of the Business Committee dated 24 March 2020, with no Questions on Promised Legislation
<p>Thursday proposal no. 3 – Conduct of divisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, if a division is demanded, the bells shall be rung for a period of not less than three minutes, and the doors locked after a further five minutes have elapsed: Provided that after the three minutes of ringing the bells, the doors may be locked as soon as 50 members (apart from the Chair) are present in the chamber
<p>Thursday proposal no. 4 – Motion re election of Leas-Cheann Comhairle, and Motion re non-application of Planning and Development Act 2000 to certain classes of development, and exemptions for restaurants re sale of food for consumption off-premises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shall be taken without debate Any divisions demanded shall be taken immediately
<p>Thursday proposal no. 5 – Suspension of sitting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the conclusion of Second Stage of the Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid-19) Bill 2020, the sitting shall be suspended for an hour and 30 minutes
<p>Thursday proposal no. 6 – Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (Covid-19) Bill 2020 – All Stages</p>

Second Stage

- The proceedings on Second Stage, shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after four hours and 20 minutes and any division demanded on the conclusion of Second Stage shall be taken immediately
- Speeches on Second Stage shall be in the following order and shall not exceed the following times:
 - Minister for Health – 5 minutes, followed by 5 minutes for each party/group
 - Minister for Finance – 10 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for each party/group
 - Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government – 5 minutes, followed by 5 minutes for each party/group
 - Minister of State at the Department of Defence – 5 minutes, following by 5 minutes for each party/group, and
 - 10 minute wrap-up by a Minister or Minister of State

Committee and Remaining Stages

- Proceedings on Committee and Remaining Stages shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after five hours
- Each Part of the Bill on Committee Stage shall be brought to a conclusion by one question, which shall, in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister
- The first contribution by a mover of an amendment shall not exceed 2 minutes, and any other contributions shall not exceed one minute

Thursday proposal no. 7 – Adjournment

- The Dáil on its rising shall adjourn until 2.00 p.m. on Thursday 2nd April 2020

BUSINESS COMMITTEE
24 March 2020