

*Dé Máirt, 4 Samhain, 2003*  
*Tuesday, 4th November, 2003*

2.30 p.m.

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**ORD GNÓ**  
**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- 15.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Róta na nAirí i gcomhair Ceisteanna Parlaiminteacha.  
Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions.
- 16.** Tairiscint *maidir le* ceadú beartaithe ó Dháil Éireann do théarmaí Phrótacal Cartagena a ghabhann le Coinbhinsiún na Náisiún Aontaithe maidir leis an Éagsúlacht Bhitheolaíoch.  
Motion *re* proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Cartagena Protocol to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity.
- 3.** Bille na gCúirteanna agus na nOifigeach Cúirte (Leasú) 2003 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Courts and Court Officers (Amendment) Bill 2003 — Order for Second Stage.
- 21.** Bille na gCuideachtaí (Iniúchadh agus Cuntasaíocht) 2003 [*Seanad*]— An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Companies (Auditing and Accounting) Bill 2003 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage (*resumed*).

**GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA**  
**PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS**

- 37.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Seirbhísí Ospidéal.  
Motion *re* Hospital Services.

## I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

### *Billí ón Seanad : Bills from the Seanad*

1. An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Foirne Comhpháirteacha um Imscrúdú) 2003 [Seanad] — An Dara Céim.  
Criminal Justice (Joint Investigation Teams) Bill 2003 [Seanad] — Second Stage.

2. An Bille um Dhlí na Farraige (Píoráideacht a Chur faoi Chois) 2001 [Seanad] — An Dara Céim.  
Law of the Sea (Repression of Piracy) Bill 2001 [Seanad] — Second Stage.

### *Billí a thionscnamh : Initiation of Bills*

*Tíolactha:*

*Presented:*

3. Bille na gCúirteanna agus na nOifigeach Cúirte (Leasú) 2003 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Courts and Court Officers (Amendment) Bill 2003 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do mhéadú líon na ngnáthbhreithiúna den Ard-Chúirt; agus, chun na críche sin, do leasú Acht na gCúirteanna agus na nOifigeach Cúirte 1995.

—*An tAire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí.*

4. An Bille um Sheirbhís Bhuiséadaithe agus Comhairle Airgid 2002 — Ordú don Dara Céim.

Money Advice and Budgeting Service Bill 2002 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le seirbhís bhainistithe fiachais a fhorbairt agus a chur chun feidhme d'fhonn cuidiú le daoine aonair le linn fiachas tomhaltóra a bhainistiú, a laghdú agus a urscaoileadh; d'fhonn comhoibriú idir daoine agus an tAire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha, Pobail agus Teaghlaigh a éascú chun cuideachtaí a bhunú chun an tseirbhís a sholáthar; do dhéanamh socrú maidir leis na cuideachtaí sin do dhéanamh comhaontuithe leis an Aire chun an tseirbhís a sholáthar mar sholáthraithe seirbhíse áitiúla; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le príomhchuspóirí soláthraithe seirbhíse áitiúla; do thabhairt feidhmeanna don Aire maidir le cistiú, faireachán agus measúnú na seirbhíse; do bhunú Coiste Comhairleach Náisiúnta um Sheirbhís Bhuiséadaithe agus Comhairle Airgid chun dul i gcomhairle leis an Aire agus comhairle a thabhairt don Aire i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann le beartas i ndáil leis an tseirbhís, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to increase the number of ordinary judges of the High Court; and, for that purpose, to amend the Courts and Court Officers Act 1995.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the development and implementation of a debt management service to assist individuals in managing, reducing and discharging consumer debt; to facilitate co-operation between persons and the Minister for Social, Community and Family Affairs for the purpose of establishing companies to provide the service; to provide for those companies to enter into agreements with the Minister to provide the service as local service providers; to provide for the principal objects of local service providers; to confer on the Minister functions in respect of the funding, monitoring and evaluation of the service; to establish a National Money Advice and Budgeting Service Advisory Committee to consult with and advise the Minister on matters of policy relating to the service, and to provide for related matters.

—*An tAire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha, Pobail agus Teaghlaigh.*

**5. An Bille Ombudsman (Óglaigh na hÉireann) 2002 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
**Ombudsman (Defence Forces) Bill 2002 — Order for Second Stage.**

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú le haghaidh ceapadh agus feidhmeanna Ombudsman d'Óglaigh na hÉireann, do leasú an Achta Cosanta, 1954, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the appointment and functions of an Ombudsman for the Defence Forces, to amend the Defence Act, 1954, and to provide for related matters.

—*An tAire Cosanta.*

**6. An Bille um Choimisiúin Imscrúdúcháin 2003 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
**Commissions of Investigation Bill 2003 — Order for Second Stage.**

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le coimisiúin a bhunú ó am go ham chun imscrúdú a dhéanamh i dtaobh nithe a gceaptar gur cás suntasach leis an bpobal iad agus tuarascáil a thabhairt ar na nithe sin, do dhéanamh socrú maidir le cumhachtaí na gcoimisiún sin agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the establishment of commissions from time to time to investigate into and report on matters considered to be of significant public concern, to provide for powers of such commissions and to make provision for related matters.

—*An tAire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí.*

**7. An Bille Caidrimh Thionscail (Leasú) 2003 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
**Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill 2003 — Order for Second Stage.**

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú breise agus feabhsaithe chun caidreamh comhchuí a chur chun cinn idir oibrithe agus fostaithe, do leasú agus do leathnú na nAchtanna Caidrimh Thionscail 1946 go 2001, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to make further and better provision for promoting harmonious relations between workers and employers, to amend and extend the Industrial Relations Acts 1946 to 2001, and to provide for related matters.

—*An Tánaiste agus Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta.*

**8. An Bille Poist (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2001 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
**Postal (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2001 — Order for Second Stage.**

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le scaireanna in An Post a eisiúint agus maidir leis an Aire Fiontar Poiblí do dhíol agus do dhiúscairt scaireanna ann, do laghdú an lín stiúrthóirí ar An Post arna gceapadh ag an Aire Fiontar Poiblí faoi alt 23(1) den Acht um Páirteachas Lucht Oibre (Fiontair Stáit), 1977, do dhéanamh socrú chun ainm an Stiúrthóra Rialála Teileachumarsáide a athrú go dtí an Stiúrthóir Rialála Cumarsáide agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe comhghaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to make provision for the issue of shares in An Post and the sale and disposal of shares in it by the Minister for Public Enterprise, to reduce the number of directors of An Post appointed by the Minister for Public Enterprise under section 23(1) of the Worker Participation (State Enterprises) Act, 1977, to provide for the change of the name of the Director of Telecommunications Regulation to the Director of Communications Regulation and to provide for connected matters.

—*An tAire Iompair.*

**9. An Bille um Barántas Gabhála Eorpach 2003 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
European Arrest Warrant Bill 2003 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do thabhairt éifeacht do chreat-chinneadh an 13 Meitheamh 2002 ón gComhairle maidir leis an mbarántas gabhála Eorpach agus leis na nósanna imeachta tabhartha suas idir Ballstáit; do leasú an Achta um Eiseachadadh 1965 agus achtachán áirithe eile; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann leis an méid sin.

Bill entitled an Act to give effect to Council framework decision of 13 June 2002 on the European arrest warrant and the surrender procedures between Member States; to amend the Extradition Act 1965 and certain other enactments; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

— *An tAire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí.*

**10. An Bille um Chlárú Sibhialta 2003 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
Civil Registration Bill 2003 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le hatheagrú, nuachóiriú agus ainmniú an chórais (ar a dtabharfar *the Civil Registration Service* nó, sa Ghaeilge, an tSeirbhís um Chlárú Sibhialta) le haghaidh clárú breitheanna, marbh-bhreitheanna, uchtálacha, póstaí agus básanna (lena n-áirítear breitheanna agus básanna áirithe a tharlaíonn lasmuigh den Stát), do dhéanamh socrú maidir leis an gcóras a leathnú chuig foraitheanta colscartha agus foraitheanta neamhnithe pósta agus chun na gcríoch sin d'athmheas an dlí a bhaineann leis an gcóras, do leasú an dlí a bhaineann le póstaí agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the reorganisation, modernisation and naming of the system (to be known as the Civil Registration Service or, in the Irish language, an tSeirbhís um Chlárú Sibhialta) of registration of births, stillbirths, adoptions, marriages and deaths (including certain births and deaths occurring outside the State), to provide for the extension of the system to decrees of divorce and decrees of nullity of marriage and for those purposes to revise the law relating to the system, to amend the law relating to marriages and to provide for related matters.

— *An tAire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh.*

**11. An Bille um an gCúirt Choiriúil Idirnáisiúnta 2003 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
International Criminal Court Bill 2003 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le cúirteanna sa Stát agus armchúirteanna do phionósú cinedhíothú, coireanna in aghaidh na daonnachta, coireanna cogaidh agus cionta eile atá faoi dhlínse na Cúirte Coiriúla Idirnáisiúnta, arna bunú faoi Reacht na Róimhe den Chúirt Choiriúil Idirnáisiúnta a rinneadh sa Róimh an 17 Iúil 1998; dá chumasú éifeacht a thabhairt d'iarrataí ón gCúirt sin ar chúnamh chun na coireanna sin a imscrúdú nó a ionchúiseamh, lena n-áirítear iarrataí chun daoine a ghabháil agus a thabhairt suas, chun sócmhainní a reo agus chun aon

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the punishment by courts in the State and by courts-martial of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and other offences within the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court, which was established under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, done at Rome on 17 July 1998; to enable effect to be given to requests by that Court for assistance in the investigation or prosecution of those offences, including requests to arrest and surrender persons, to freeze assets and to enforce any fines or

fhíneálacha nó forghéilleadh a fhorchuirfidh sí a fhorghníomhú; do dhéanamh socrú i ndáil le haon suíonna den Chúirt a thionólfar sa Stát; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

forfeitures imposed by it; to make provision in relation to any sittings of the Court that may be held in the State; and to provide for related matters.

—*An tAire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí.*

**12. An Bille Sláinte Poiblí (Tobac) (Leasú) 2003 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**

Public Health (Tobacco) (Amendment) Bill 2003 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do thabhairt éifeacht pháirteach do Threoir Uimh. 2001/37/CE an 5 Meitheamh 2001 ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle (1) maidir le comhfhogasú dhlíthe, rialacháin agus fhorálacha riaracháin na mBallstát a bhaineann le táirgí tobac a mhonarú, a thíolacadh agus a dhíol; do thabhairt éifeacht do Threoir Uimh. 2003/33/CE an 26 Bealtaine 2003 ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle (2) maidir le comhfhogasú dhlíthe, rialacháin agus fhorálacha riaracháin na mBallstát i ndáil le fógraíocht agus coimircíocht táirgí tobac; agus chun na gcríoch sin agus chun críoch eile, agus ag féachaint do mholadh an 2 Nollaig 2002 ón gComhairle (3) maidir le caitheamh tobac a chosc agus maidir leis na tionscnaimh chun feabhas a chur ar rialú tobac, agus do Chreat-Choinbhinsiún na hEagraíochta Sláinte Domhanda ar Rialú Tobac a rinneadh sa Ghinéiv an 21ú lá de Bhealtaine 2003, do leasú an Achta Sláinte Poiblí (Tobac) 2002.

Bill entitled an Act to give effect in part to Directive No. 2001/37/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2001 (1) on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States concerning the manufacture, presentation and sale of tobacco products; to give effect to Directive No. 2003/33/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 May 2003 (2) on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to the advertising and sponsorship of tobacco products; and for those and other purposes, and having regard to Council Recommendation of 2 December 2002 (3) on the prevention of smoking and on the initiatives to improve tobacco control, and the World Health Organisation Framework Convention on Tobacco Control done at Geneva on the 21st day of May 2003, to amend the Public Health (Tobacco) Act 2002.

—*An tAire Sláinte agus Leanaí.*

**13. An Bille um Chomhlachas Forbartha Idirnáisiúnta (Leasú) 2003 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**

International Development Association (Amendment) Bill 2003 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht dá chumasú fócaíochtaí breise nach mó san iomlán ná méid iomlán sonraithe a dhéanamh thar ceann an Rialtais leis an gComhlachas Forbartha Idirnáisiúnta.

Bill entitled an Act to enable additional payments not exceeding in aggregate a specified total amount to be made on behalf of the Government to the International Development Association.

—*An tAire Airgeadais.*

*Tabhairt Isteach:**Introduction:*

- 14.** An Bille um an Seachtú Leasú is Fiche ar an mBunreacht 2003 — An Chéad Chéim.  
Twenty-seventh Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2003 — First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht chun an Bill entitled an Act to amend the  
Bunreacht a leasú. constitution.  
— *Arthur Morgan.*

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*Fógraí Tairisceana : Notices of Motions*

- 15.** “D’ainneoin aon ní i Rún an 6 Meitheamh, 2002, ón Dáil inar leagadh amach an róta ar dá réir a chuirfear Ceisteanna chun comhaltaí den Rialtas, go ndéanfar Ceisteanna le haghaidh freagra ó bhéal, a leanfaidh iad sin is neasa a bheidh curtha síos don Aire Airgeadais, a chur síos d’Airí san ord sealadach seo a leanas: That, notwithstanding anything in the Resolution of the Dáil of 6th June, 2002, setting out the rota in which Questions to members of the Government are to be asked, Questions for oral answer, following those next set down to the Minister for Finance, shall be set down to Ministers in the following temporary sequence:

An tAire Cumarsáide, Mara agus Acmhainní Nádurtha Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources

An tAire Oideachais agus Eolaíochta Minister for Education and Science

An tAire Gnóthaí Eachtracha Minister for Foreign Affairs

agus air sin leanfar den ord a bunaíodh le Rún an 6 Meitheamh, 2002, le Ceisteanna chun an Aire Ealaíon, Spóirt agus Turas-óireachta. whereupon the sequence established by the Resolution of 6th June, 2002, shall continue with Questions to the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism.”

— *Máire Ní Ainífin, Aire Stáit ag Roinn an Taoisigh.*

- 16.** “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann téarmaí Phrótaicail Cartagena a ghabhann le Coinbhinsiún na Náisiún Aontaithe maidir leis an Éagsúlacht Bhitheolaíoch, ar leagadh cóipeanna de faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 14 Deireadh Fómhair, 2003. That Dáil Éireann approves the terms of the Cartagena Protocol to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity, copies of which were laid before Dáil Éireann on 14th October, 2003.”

— *An tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil.*

- 17.** “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann, de bhun alt 2 den Acht Cosanta (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 1960, arna chur chun feidhme leis an Acht Cosanta (Leasú) 1993, díorma de na Buan-Óglaigh a chur chun bealaigh le bheith ar fiannas le Misiún na Náisiún Aontaithe sa Libéir (UNMIL), a bunaíodh an 19 Meán Fómhair, 2003, faoi Rún 1509 (2003) ó Chomhairle Slándála na Náisiún Aontaithe. That Dáil Éireann approves the despatch, pursuant to section 2 of the Defence (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 1960, as applied by the Defence (Amendment) Act 1993, of a contingent of the Permanent Defence Force for service with the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL), established on 19th September, 2003, under UN Security Council Resolution 1509 (2003).”

— *An tAire Cosanta.*



**18.** “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann na Rialacháin seo a leanas ina ndrúacht:

That Dáil Éireann approves the following Regulations in draft:

Na Rialacháin fán Acht um Shaoráil Faisnéise 1997 (Comhlachtaí Forordaithe) 2003,

Freedom of Information Act 1997 (Prescribed Bodies) Regulations 2003,

ar leagadh cóipeanna díobh ina ndrúacht faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 14 Deireadh Fómhair, 2003.

copies of which were laid in draft form before Dáil Éireann on 14th October, 2003.”

— *An tAire Airgeadais.*

**19.** “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann, de réir Airteagal 29.5.1<sup>o</sup> de Bhunreacht na hÉireann, daingniú an Chonartha Idirnáisiúnta maidir le hAcmhainní Géiniteacha Plandaí le haghaidh Bia agus Talmhaíochta.

That Dáil Éireann approves, in accordance with Article 29.5.1<sup>o</sup> of Bunreacht na hÉireann, the ratification of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.”

— *An tAire Talmhaíochta agus Bia.*

**20.** “Go dtugann Dáil Éireann dá haire an Cúigiú Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Muir agus Acmhainní Nádurtha- Raidió Áitiúil: An Próiseas Ceadúnaithe — Athbhreithniú ar an gcóras ceadúnaithe de réir na taithí atá ag Stáisiúin Raidió Áitiúil in Éirinn.

That Dáil Éireann takes note of the Fifth Report of the Joint Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources — Local Radio: The Licencing Process — a Review of the licencing system as experienced by Local Radio Stations in Ireland.”

— *Noel O’Flynn, Chairman of the Committee.*

[30 September, 2003]

## **ORDUITHE AN LAE ORDERS OF THE DAY.**

**21.** Bille na gCuideachtaí (Iniúchadh agus Cuntasaíocht) 2003 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).

Companies (Auditing and Accounting) Bill 2003 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage (*resumed*).

**22.** (l) An Bille chun Airm Núicléacha a Imshrianadh 2000 [*Seanad*] — Ordú don Tuarascáil.

(a) Containment of Nuclear Weapons Bill 2000 [*Seanad*] — Order for Report.

**23.** An Bille um Thionóntachtaí Cónaithe 2003 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).

Residential Tenancies Bill 2003 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

**24.** Ráitis maidir leis na Rialacháin Tobac.

Statements on Tobacco Regulations.

- 25.** An Bille um Oideachas do Dhaoine faoi Mhíchumas 2003 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Education for Persons with Disabilities Bill 2003 — Second Stage (*resumed*).
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- 26.** (I) An Bille um Aer Lingus 2003 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
(a) Aer Lingus Bill 2003 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

*Leasuithe ar an Tairiscint don Dara Léamh:*  
*Amendments to Motion for Second Reading:*

1. To delete all words after “That” and substitute the following:

“Dáil Éireann:

- noting that while the Aer Lingus Bill 2003 has been presented as a vehicle to give effect to the welcome Employee Share Ownership Plan (ESOP);
- believing, however, that the primary purpose of the legislation is to facilitate the privatisation of Aer Lingus, a move for which no convincing case has been made; and
- conscious of the national airline’s importance to Ireland as an island nation and a valuable tourist destination;

declines to give a second reading to the Bill.”. — *Róisín Shortall*.

2. To delete all words after “That” and substitute the following:

“prior to the publication of a White Paper on the privatisation of Aer Lingus, Dáil Éireann declines to give a second reading to the Bill.”. (*resumed*) — *Denis Naughten*.

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- 27.** An Bille um an Oifig Náisiúnta d’Fhorbairt Eacnamaíoch agus Shóisialach 2002 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
National Economic and Social Development Office Bill 2002 — Second Stage (*resumed*).
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- 28.** Tairiscintí Airgeadais ón Aire Airgeadais [2002] (*Tairiscint 11, atógáil*).  
Financial Motions by the Minister for Finance [2002] (*Motion 11, resumed*).
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- 29.** An Bille um Sheirbhísí Slándála Príobháidí 2001 — Ordú don Tuarascáil.  
Private Security Services Bill 2001 — Order for Report.
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- 30.** An Bille um Chosaint Sceithirí 1999 — An Coiste.  
Whistleblowers Protection Bill 1999 — Committee.
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- 31.** Bille an Aire Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta (Cumhachtaí agus Feidhmeanna) 2003 — Ordú don Tuarascáil.  
Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (Powers and Functions) Bill 2003 — Order for Report.
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32. An Bille um Dhumpáil ar Farraige (Leasú) 2000 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Dumping at Sea (Amendment) Bill 2000 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage (*resumed*).
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33. An Bille um Fháлтаis ó Choireacht (Leasú) 1999 — An Coiste.  
Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Bill 1999 — Committee.
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34. Bille na bPaitinní (Leasú) 1999 — An Coiste.  
Patents (Amendment) Bill 1999 — Committee.
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35. An Bille um Shábháilteacht Iarnróid 2001 — Ordú don Tuarascáil.  
Railway Safety Bill 2001 — Order for Report.
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### GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

*Gnó a ordáíodh:*  
*Business ordered:*

36. An Bille um Atáirgeadh Daonna 2003 — An Dara Céim.  
Human Reproduction Bill 2003 — Second Stage.

— *Mary Upton.*

*Fógraí Tairisceana:*  
*Notices of Motions:*

37. “That Dáil Éireann:

- aware that after more than six years in office at a time of unprecedented economic growth, the Fianna Fáil/PD Government has failed to deliver an acute hospital service that meets public need;
- aware that despite the publication in 2002 of the National Health Strategy and the Brennan and Prospectus reports in June of this year and the promise that hospital waiting lists would be eliminated by May 2004, no fundamental reform of the health service has taken place;
- notes the Report of the National Task Force on Medical Staffing (the Hanly Report);
- believes that equality and ease of access to the highest quality possible of medical care should be a central feature of our hospital service;
- calls for an immediate commitment, as required in the Hanly Report to the provision of and funding for:
  - 3,000 additional hospital beds,
  - a doubling of hospital consultant numbers to 3,600,
  - the establishment of regional speciality self-sufficiency, and
  - the upgrading and retraining of Emergency Medical Technicians; and
- further calls for the absolute recognition of the principle that all citizens in every part of the country must have access in reasonable time to world class accident and emergency services.” — *Liz McManus, Pat Rabbitte, Emmet Stagg, Thomas P. Broughan, Joan Burton, Joe Costello, Eamon Gilmore, Michael D. Higgins, Brendan Howlin, Kathleen Lynch, Breeda Moynihan-Cronin, Brian O'Shea, Jan O'Sullivan, Seamus Pattison, Willie Penrose, Ruairi Quinn, Seán Ryan, Joe Sherlock, Róisín Shortall, Mary Upton, Jack Wall.*

[4 November, 2003]

38. “That Dáil Éireann aware of the growing number of families on housing lists and the great financial difficulties facing those trying to buy homes;

- condemns the decision of the Government to abolish the first time buyers housing grant;
- believes that the decision will make it more difficult for first time buyers to compete with investors in the housing market; and
- calls for the immediate reversal of the decision and the reinstatement of the grant scheme.” — *Eamon Gilmore, Pat Rabbitte, Liz McManus, Emmet Stagg, Thomas P. Broughan, Joan Burton, Joe Costello, Michael D. Higgins, Brendan Howlin, Kathleen Lynch, Breeda Moynihan-Cronin, Brian O’Shea, Jan O’Sullivan, Seamus Pattison, Willie Penrose, Ruairi Quinn, Seán Ryan, Joe Sherlock, Róisín Shortall, Mary Upton, Jack Wall.*

[18 November, 2002]

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39. “That Dáil Éireann notes:

- the growing crisis in the care of the disabled;
- Government failure to fund the additional residential, respite or day care places required to meet either planned or emergency demand in 2003;
- the complete absence of training, sheltered employment or day placements to meet the needs of this years disabled school leavers;
- the continuing practice of placing disabled persons in psychiatric hospitals;
- the withdrawal of the waiting list funding programme while 1,700 people still await residential services; and
- mindful that 2003 is the European Year of the People with Disabilities and also the year Ireland hosts the Special Olympics, calls on the Government:
  - to restore funding for the New Services Development Programme until waiting lists for residential care are reduced to realistic and manageable levels;
  - to ensure every disabled school leaver can access a day service appropriate to their needs; and
  - to finally end the travesty whereby the parents, siblings and other carers of the disabled are repeatedly forced onto the streets to campaign for basic services.”

— *Olivia Mitchell, Enda Kenny, Richard Bruton, Bernard Allen, Pat Breen, John Bruton, Paul Connaughton, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Bernard J. Durkan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Tom Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Padraic McCormack, Dinny McGinley, Paul McGrath, Gay Mitchell, Gerard Murphy, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Fergus O’Dowd, Jim O’Keeffe, John Perry, Michael Ring, David Stanton, Billy Timmins.*

[29 January, 2003]

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40. “That Dáil Éireann:

- expresses its deep concern at the major build-up of troops and weapons in the Gulf Region by the United States and a number of other countries, apparently in preparation for a war against Iraq at a time when the United Nations Arms Inspectors have not yet completed their mandate and when the Security Council has not yet considered what response, if any, is required to the report of the Inspectors;

- notes with alarm a recent UN report pointing to the potentially catastrophic consequences of a war, which include half a million direct or indirect casualties, the outbreak of disease and the displacement of hundreds of thousands of civilians;
- further expresses concern at the provision of facilities at Shannon Airport for US troops and equipment as part of the build up for war, especially without any reference to the Oireachtas; and
- condemns Saddam Hussein for the heinous crimes he has committed against his own people and calls on the Iraqi Government to comply in full with all resolutions of the UN Security Council;

calls on the Irish Government to:

- join with countries like France and Germany in efforts to avoid war and to promote a specific settlement of this dispute, in accordance with the principles of Article 29.2 of the Constitution; and
- suspend the provision of any facilities at Shannon Airport that could be used to facilitate preparations for a war against Iraq.” — *Pat Rabbitte, Liz McManus, Emmet Stagg, Thomas P. Broughan, Joan Burton, Joe Costello, Eamon Gilmore, Michael D. Higgins, Brendan Howlin, Kathleen Lynch, Breeda Moynihan-Cronin, Brian O’Shea, Jan O’Sullivan, Seamus Pattison, Willie Penrose, Ruairi Quinn, Seán Ryan, Joe Sherlock, Róisín Shortall, Mary Upton, Jack Wall.* [29 January, 2003]

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41. “That Dáil Éireann, taking account of the humanitarian issues involved and the consequent need for care and consideration, calls on the Government to confirm:

- its opposition to unilateral attacks against Iraq;
- that only multi-lateral action supported by the UN will be considered;
- that prior Dáil approval for Irish refuelling or over-flight facilities will be sought if multi-lateral action is authorised by the UN;
- that they have sought independent verification of the Blair dossier on Iraq which makes specific claims about Iraq’s weapon stocks;
- that every proactive step possible is being taken to show that we stand with civilised, democratic states and against demagogues and dictators;
- that Ireland’s security and defence needs have been reassessed;
- that the General Affairs and External Relations Council of the EU will be asked to consider what contribution the EU will make to stability and prosperity in Iraq post Saddam Hussein; and
- that it is raising the alarming concerns expressed by UN Inspector Dr. Hans Blix in relation to unanswered questions concerning the possession by Iraq of weapons of mass destruction, and unequivocally condemns the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein.” — *Gay Mitchell, Enda Kenny, Richard Bruton, Bernard Allen, Pat Breen, John Bruton, Paul Connaughton, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Bernard J. Durkan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Tom Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Pádraic McCormack, Dinny McGinley, Paul McGrath, Olivia Mitchell, Gerard Murphy, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Fergus O’Dowd, Jim O’Keeffe, John Perry, Michael Ring, David Stanton, Billy Timmins.*

[4 February, 2003]

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**42.** “That Dáil Éireann:

- concerned that an estimated 1.5 million citizens who have paid their PRSI contributions are being denied their rights and entitlement to dental treatment as a result of the ongoing dispute between the Minister for Social and Family Affairs; and
- aware that the continuation of this dispute has and will continue to cause undue hardship;

calls on the Minister for Social and Family Affairs to immediately enter into discussions which will bring an end to this dispute;

and to put in place a system of guaranteed repayments for those people who have incurred unnecessary dental expenses arising from this dispute.” — *Michael Ring, Enda Kenny, Richard Bruton, Bernard Allen, Pat Breen, John Bruton, Paul Connaughton, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Bernard J. Durkan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Tom Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Padraic McCormack, Dinny McGinley, Paul McGrath, Gay Mitchell, Olivia Mitchell, Gerard Murphy, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Fergus O'Dowd, Jim O'Keeffe, John Perry, David Stanton, Billy Timmins.*

[4 February, 2003]

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**43.** “That Dáil Éireann,

condemns:

- the illegal and criminal invasion of Iraq by United States and British forces;
- the slaughter of large numbers of men, women and children in the US/British bombardment of cities and towns;
- the slaughter of large numbers of Iraqi conscripts by the massively more heavily armed forces of invasion and also the needless deaths of ordinary US and British soldiers;

declares:

- that the invasion is an imperialist venture to secure Iraqi oil fields and extend its control over the Middle East Region;
- that those who initiated this war bear full criminal responsibility for the consequent deaths and destruction;

notes that the US has announced that 120,000 more troops are to be sent to join the invasion;

demands that none of these troops be allowed facilities at Shannon Airport or at any other location in this State;

further demands that the Minister for Foreign Affairs summons the senior US envoy to Ireland and the British Ambassador to lodge a forceful protest over the killing of Iraqi civilians; and

calls for the future of the peoples and resources of Iraq and the Middle East generally to be determined by the people there, based on the principles of freedom, justice, democracy and human rights free from both local dictatorships and imperialist and corporate interference.” — *Joe Higgins, Tony Gregory, Paudge Connolly, Jerry Cowley, Seamus Healy, Finian McGrath, Liam Twomey.*

[2 April, 2003]

44. “That Dáil Éireann:

condemning the 8% reduction in funding for the Arts Council for 2003, constituting a reduction in funding from €47.7 million in 2002 to €44 million in 2003, and resulting in:

- the deferral and curtailment of many important arts programmes, making it impossible for the Arts Council to meet their objectives as stated in the Arts Plan 2002 — 2006; and
- the inevitable loss of key personnel from arts organisations across the country, which is already having a seriously detrimental effect upon participation with, and access to, the arts nationally;

calls upon the Government:

- to immediately assess the current standing of all projects awarded monies under the Access Programme of the Department of Arts, Sport and Tourism, and to reallocate to the Arts Council any monies short-listed for projects that are now no longer to proceed;
- to provide €61.9 million funding to the Arts Council for 2004 as outlined in the Arts Plan 2002 — 2006; and
- to honour the commitment to support this third Arts Plan as detailed in the Fianna Fáil/ Progressive Democrats joint Programme for Government.” — *Jimmy Deenihan, Enda Kenny, Richard Bruton, Bernard Allen, Pat Breen, John Bruton, Paul Connaughton, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, John Deasy, Bernard J. Durkan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Tom Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Padraic McCormack, Dinny McGinley, Paul McGrath, Gay Mitchell, Olivia Mitchell, Gerard Murphy, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Fergus O'Dowd, Jim O'Keeffe, John Perry, Michael Ring, David Stanton, Billy Timmins.*

[7 May, 2003]

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45. “That Dáil Éireann:

- notes the latest figures from the European Environmental Agency which reveal that Ireland now has the worst record within the European Union regarding our failure to comply with the targets set under the Kyoto Protocol, with a 31% increase in climate change emissions since 1990;
- calls on Government to immediately scrap its ineffective Climate Change Strategy, and undertake a root and branch reform of the Programme for Government to ensure compliance with the Kyoto Protocol, to avoid massive fines, and to reduce the risk of future flooding and other extreme weather events; and
- furthermore calls on the Government to:
- increase spending on public transport;
- improve energy efficiency in the building regulations;
- radically transform our energy policies;
- support improvement in insulation and efficiency in existing buildings; and
- initiate a root and branch reform of the Programme for Government in order to attain the targets set under the Kyoto Protocol.” — *Ciarán Cuffe, Trevor Sargent, John Gormley, Dan Boyle, Paul Gogarty, Eamon Ryan.*

[14 May, 2003]

**46.** “That, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, the Standing Orders of Dáil Éireann relative to Public Business are hereby amended by the adoption of the following as an additional Standing Order of Dáil Éireann relative to Public Business:

‘**172.** Members of Parliament elected to constituencies comprising in whole or in part Counties Antrim, Armagh, Derry, Down, Fermanagh and Tyrone shall have the right to speak in the Dáil, subject to the foregoing Standing Orders as they apply to Teachtaí Dála.’” — *Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Seán Crowe, Martin Ferris, Arthur Morgan, Aengus Ó Snodaigh.*

[28 May, 2003]

**47.** “That, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, the Standing Orders of Dáil Éireann relative to Public Business are hereby amended as follows:

(a) by the deletion of Standing Order 26A; and

(b) by the adoption of the following in substitution for Standing Order 26:

‘26. (1) Every sitting of the Dáil shall be governed by a printed Order Paper, which shall be prepared under the direction of the Ceann Comhairle.

(2) The Taoiseach shall have the right to determine the order in which Government business shall appear on the Order Paper and, by announcement at the commencement of public business, the order in which it shall be taken each day; and may propose, on motion made without notice at the commencement of public business, arrangements for sittings and for the taking of such business until such business has been disposed of; save where any such proposal is opposed, the Ceann Comhairle shall permit a brief statement from a representative from each party in opposition and the Taoiseach before he or she puts the question thereon.

(3) Following the announcement by the Taoiseach and the disposal of any motion comprehended by paragraph (2), the Ceann Comhairle may permit, at his or her discretion—

(a) a brief question not exceeding two minutes from each Leader in Opposition to the Taoiseach about a matter of topical public importance and in respect of which the following arrangements shall apply:

(i) The Taoiseach shall be called upon to reply for a period not exceeding three minutes,

(ii) The Leader in Opposition who asked the original question may then ask a brief supplementary question not exceeding one minute,

(iii) The Taoiseach shall then be called upon in conclusion for a period not exceeding one minute.

(b) the total time allowed for Leaders’ Questions on any given day under this Standing Order shall not exceed twenty-one minutes and the Taoiseach may nominate another member of the Government to take Leaders’ Questions in his or her absence.

(c) in this Standing Order, Leader in Opposition“ means the leader of a group as defined in Standing Order 114(1): Provided that the Leader of a party which is a group under Standing Order 114(1)(a) shall have precedence over the designated Leader of a group recognised under paragraph (1)(b) of the Standing Order.



(d) questions from any member about business on the Order Paper; about the taking of business which has been promised, including legislation promised either within or outside the Dáil; about the making of secondary legislation; about arrangements for sittings; and as to when Bills or other documents on the Order Paper needed in the House will be circulated: Provided that, the Taoiseach may defer replying to a question relating to the making of secondary legislation to another day.’” — *Enda Kenny, Bernard J. Durkan, Richard Bruton, Bernard Allen, Pat Breen, John Bruton, Paul Connaughton, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Tom Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Pádraic McCormack, Dinny McGinley, Paul McGrath, Gay Mitchell, Olivia Mitchell, Gerard Murphy, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Fergus O’Dowd, Jim O’Keeffe, John Perry, Michael Ring, David Stanton, Billy Timmins.*

[1 July, 2003]

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48. “That Dáil Éireann resolves to annul Statutory Instrument number 264 of 2003 (Freedom of Information Act 1997 (Fees) Regulations 2003) with immediate effect.” — *Enda Kenny.*

[2 July, 2003]

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49. “That Dáil Éireann:

- conscious of the commitments made by this State in signing the Good Friday Agreement to ‘further strengthen the protection of human rights in this jurisdiction’ and to ‘initiate a widespread review of the Offences Against the State Acts 1939 — 1985 with a view to both reform and dispensing with those elements no longer required as circumstances permit’;
- conscious of the fact that in the intervening five years not only has the Government failed to reform the emergency legislation as required, it has instead done the exact opposite by further expanding emergency powers under the Offences Against the State (Amendment) Act of 1998;
- conscious of the corrosive effect of the operation of emergency legislation on human rights, civil liberties, and democratic life in this State — particularly during the protracted periods of its non-emergency operation over six decades, and specifically in the current period following the Good Friday Agreement;
- conscious of the fact that the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform has utterly failed to demonstrate that the operation of this legislation is presently necessary to the security of the people of this State:
  - resolves that the continuing operation of emergency legislation is not warranted; and
  - further calls on the Government to repeal in their entirety the Offences Against the State Acts 1939 — 1998 at the earliest practicable date.” — *Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Seán Crowe, Martin Ferris, Arthur Morgan, Aengus Ó Snodaigh.*

[2 July, 2003]

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50. “That Dáil Éireann resolves that the Freedom of Information Act 1997 (Fees) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 264 of 2003) made by the Minister for Finance on the 30th June, 2003, be and are hereby annulled.” — *Joan Burton, Pat Rabbitte, Liz McManus, Emmet Stagg, Thomas P. Broughan, Joe Costello, Eamon Gilmore,*



Michael D. Higgins, Brendan Howlin, Kathleen Lynch, Breeda Moynihan-Cronin, Brian O'Shea, Jan O'Sullivan, Seamus Pattison, Willie Penrose, Ruairi Quinn, Seán Ryan, Joe Sherlock, Róisín Shortall, Mary Upton, Jack Wall.

[30 September, 2003]

**51. “That Dáil Éireann:**

- recalling the apology given by the Taoiseach on the 11th May, 1999, to the victims of childhood abuse, in the following terms:
  - *‘On behalf of the State and of all citizens of the State, the Government wishes to make a sincere and long overdue apology to the victims. Abuse ruined their childhoods and has been an ever present part of their adult lives, reminding them of a time when they were helpless. I want to say to them that we believe that they were gravely wronged and that we must do all we can to overcome the lasting effects of their ordeals.*
  - What the Government has decided on today is not a break with the past; it is a facing up to the past and all that this involves. This may well be a painful process; but it can not and should not be avoided.
  - *This country has a lot to be proud of. We are developing in many ways and for the first time we are seeing movement on a range of serious problems. But we cannot truly advance unless we acknowledge and deal with the more uncomfortable elements of our past. Only when we do this will we have matured as a self-confident and inclusive society . . .*
  - *‘The time has long since arrived when we must take up the challenge which the victims of childhood abuse have given us all. A new, comprehensive approach is required to dealing with both the effects and prevention of this abuse.’;*
- further recalling the announcement of the same day of a Commission to Inquire into Abuse of Children, the subsequent appointment of Ms. Justice Mary Laffoy as Chairperson of the Commission and the statements of the then Minister for Education and Science that the Commission *‘will be specifically mandated to carry out a thorough and comprehensive inquiry into allegations and establish responsibility at the level of the individual abuser, the institution and management and regulatory authorities’* and that *‘the Committee will have available to it the resources and all the legal powers and protections it needs to do this’;*
- noting the clear mandate given to the Commission by the enactment of the Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse Act 2000 (as amended by the Residential Institutions Redress Act 2002), including in particular the mandate *‘to provide, for persons who have suffered abuse in childhood in institutions during the relevant period, an opportunity to recount the abuse, and make submissions, to a Committee’* and the requirement that the Commission and its committees must bear in mind the need of persons who have suffered abuse in childhood to recount to others such abuse, their difficulties in so doing and the potential beneficial effect on them of so doing’;
- acknowledging the commitment and integrity of Ms. Justice Laffoy and the high esteem in which she is held and continues to be held, especially by those connected with the Commission and those who appeared before her;
- condemning the Government’s treatment of the requests of Ms. Justice Laffoy for the resources necessary to enable the Commission adequately to fulfil its statutory obligations and, in particular, the Government’s effective rejection of the proposals

put forward by the Commission on the 8th November, 2002, for parallel hearings in four divisions, conducted on a modular basis, which would in its estimation have seen matters conclude by mid 2005;

- acknowledging with regret that Ms. Justice Laffoy has felt compelled to give notice of her intention to resign as Chairperson of the Commission, due to the fact that, in her own words, *‘since its establishment, the Commission has never been properly enabled by the Government to fulfil satisfactorily the functions conferred on it by the Oireachtas’*;
- noting that the Taoiseach publicly accepted the criticisms articulated by Ms. Justice Laffoy in her letter of the 2nd September, 2003, a position contradicted by the Government’s subsequent response to her letter of resignation;
- deploring the Government’s handling of the resignation of Ms. Justice Laffoy, in particular the attempts by the Government to misrepresent its own position and to undermine both the Commission’s Chairperson, the Commission itself and the Oireachtas mandate of the Commission;
- believing that the issue of the costs of the Commission has been allowed by the Government to achieve a spurious primacy over the mandate which the Commission received from the Oireachtas:—
  - demands that the Government publish the findings of the review of the Commission completed on 26th February and publish the Heads of a Bill brought to Cabinet by the Minister for Education and Science which were approved by Government on 8th April, together with all Government memoranda and Departmental observations;
- rejects:
  - apparent proposals for a ‘sampling’ method to be applied to the investigation of abuse, which would entirely fail to discharge the Taoiseach’s undertaking to victims of abuse in 1999 to *‘do all we can to overcome the lasting effects of their ordeals’*,
  - the proposal floated that, in lieu of the proper investigation of childhood abuse complaints as provided for in the legislation, alleged abusers might instead be summoned to attend before the Confidential Committee of the Commission, a body with no mandate or legal capacity to establish the truth or otherwise of allegations or to make any findings of fact, and
  - an apparent proposal that the number and type of residential institutions to be investigated by the Commission be drastically reduced;
- deplores as negligent and profligate the deed of indemnity agreed between the Government and certain religious orders on the 5th June, 2002, and in particular the facts that the agreement was drafted by solicitors for those orders and not in the Attorney General’s Office; that the agreement was neither debated in nor approved by this House; that former Minister Michael Woods, TD, was unaccompanied by Government law officers at critical negotiating meetings; that the Department of Finance had recommended a 50/50 apportionment of liability between Church and State but this recommendation was ignored; that all costs of whatever kind, contemplated or not, in excess of €128m will instead be borne by the Exchequer; that approximately one third of the €128m to be contributed by the orders is to comprise property already donated to the State; and that the Attorney General was not involved in the finalisation of the deed of indemnity;

- condemns as incompetence on a monumental scale the fact that, four months after the Government had purportedly agreed to additional resources for the Commission, to enable it to implement its proposals of the 8th November, 2002, and just one week after the Government had approved recommendations arising from its first review of the Commission's operations and designed to control costs, Minister Dempsey then returned to Government to secure a second review whose net effects will be to:
  - remove the entitlement to a hearing from the vast majority of abuse victims,
  - further extend the timeframe within which the Commission will complete its work, and
  - force disappointed victims from the Commission to the High Court, with consequent increased expense which the taxpayer must cover;
- acknowledges the fact that several thousand of our fellow citizens, who were exposed under grossly inadequate State supervision to differing types and degrees of physical injury, sexual abuse and continuing injury to mental and emotional wellbeing, have now been further betrayed in their expectations by the Government's mishandling of this situation and that the delay and uncertainty arising therefrom have caused additional and unnecessary distress and suffering for many; and
- concludes that the Government collectively, as well as the present and former Ministers for Education and Science individually, was neither open nor transparent in its dealings with the Commission and the victims of childhood abuse; that it was at no stage motivated solely by a concern to achieve justice for those who had been denied it for so long; and that all Government members in consequence share responsibility for the present disastrous state of affairs.” — *Pat Rabbitte, Liz McManus, Emmet Stagg, Thomas P. Broughan, Joan Burton, Joe Costello, Eamon Gilmore, Michael D. Higgins, Brendan Howlin, Kathleen Lynch, Breeda Moynihan-Cronin, Brian O'Shea, Jan O'Sullivan, Seamus Pattison, Willie Penrose, Ruairi Quinn, Seán Ryan, Joe Sherlock, Róisín Shortall, Mary Upton, Jack Wall.*

[30 September, 2003]

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**52.** “That Dáil Éireann:

- firmly reiterates its view as expressed by vote of the House on 28th May, 2003 that it deeply regrets the decision of the British Government to postpone the Assembly elections scheduled for 29th May, 2003, a decision taken without the support of the Irish Government;
- strongly reiterates its view that those elections should take place quickly and, regardless of any other considerations, no later than the autumn; and
- demands, therefore, that the British Government calls Assembly elections without further delay.” — *Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Seán Crowe, Martin Ferris, Arthur Morgan, Aengus Ó Snodaigh.*

[30 September, 2003]

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**53.** “That Dáil Éireann:

- deplores the fundamentally flawed waste management policy of the Government as implemented by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Martin Cullen, T.D., which has:

- led directly to the current situation of confrontation in Dublin and to the imprisonment of bin charges protesters, including elected representatives who should be released,
  - deprived elected representatives on local authorities of powers to determine waste management policy,
  - empowered and encouraged city and county managers to refuse to collect refuse from homes who have not paid the bin tax or who are in arrears, thereby creating a serious health hazard,
  - compounded the double taxation of refuse charges, and
  - facilitated the privatisation of waste management and other local authority services; and
- demands that the Minister bring forward without delay legislation to amend the Protection of the Environment Act 2003 to ensure that local authorities fulfil their responsibility for public health and safety and provide a refuse collection service to all householders and replaces refuse charges on householders with the proper application of the polluter pays principle to target the main producers of waste as part of a comprehensive and effective waste management strategy.”— *Arthur Morgan, Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Seán Crowe, Martin Ferris, Aengus Ó Snodaigh.*  
[30 September, 2003]

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**54. “That Dáil Éireann:**

- notes a whole series of debacles during the summer recess which displays this Government’s ineptitude:
  - the incompetent handling of the review of the Laffoy Commission and the resultant resignation of Justice Laffoy;
  - the series of crises at Accident and Emergency departments which can only get worse in the winter months;
  - Ireland coming bottom of the OECD league table for secondary level education expenditure and the axing of childcare for VTOS students;
  - the reneging on election promises for a focused school-building programme;
  - the €9 million windfall for a developer in Co. Louth in a rezoning decision that will quadruple a village’s population;
  - the chaotic situation with regard to local authority refuse collection, particularly in Dublin;
  - the continuously delayed construction of the Luas and the non-event that was car-free day;
  - the war of words between the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform and Gardaí and allegations of ill-treatment in Garda custody;
  - the granting of planning permission to the ESB for developments at Moneypoint which will increase its output of greenhouse gases by 126,000 tonnes a year;
  - the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government’s opposition to the ban on smoking in the workplace; and
  - the disastrous fish kills on the Donegal coast;

— calls on the Government to:

- put an independent body in place to oversee the Laffoy Commission's work because of the Department of Education and Science's conflict of interest;
- publish without further delay the Hanley Report on the health services;
- provide increased resources for education, particularly at earlier stages where inequalities take root which are reflected much later in third level participation rates;
- make it clear to the licensing trade that the ban on smoking will be implemented in full;
- drop its incineration-led policy on waste disposal and introduce proper recycling systems and incentives to recycle and reduce waste generation;
- restore confidence in the Gardaí by introducing an independent complaints board which could deal with complaints from the public, or indeed, from the Minister;
- tackle the long-standing environmental problems with fish farms and research alternative less-intensive aquaculture systems;
- join the Luas lines with an on-street tram line and to re-open the Western Rail corridor;
- adopt a coherent approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions including a revenue-neutral carbon tax; and
- reverse immediately its opposition to the Green Party bill which would restrict rezoning to lands that are publicly owned.” — *Trevor Sargent, John Gormley, Dan Boyle, Ciarán Cuffe, Paul Gogarty, Eamon Ryan..*

[30 September, 2003]

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**55.** “That Dáil Éireann agrees that all necessary steps should be taken to allow Deputy Joe Higgins a temporary release from prison in order to attend Dáil Éireann to fulfill his obligations as a Dáil Deputy and as Leader of the Independent Group under the Constitution.” — *Tony Gregory, James Breen, Paudge Connolly, Jerry Cowley, Marian Harkin, Seamus Healy, Finian McGrath, Paddy McHugh, Liam Twomey.*

[7 October, 2003]

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**56.** “That Dáil Éireann notes the failure of the Government to sanction the construction of a new Cork School of Music, despite a Government announcement of its development before the general election in early 2002 and now calls on the Government to proceed with the project without further delay in view of the hardship to students and staff alike because of the unsafe and overcrowded conditions that they are working and studying under and in view of the Comptroller and Auditor General's Report on the project.” — *Bernard Allen, Simon Coveney, Gerard Murphy, Jim O'Keeffe, David Stanton.*

[7 October, 2003]

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**57.** “That Dáil Éireann, in regard to the National Monument at Carrickmines Castle in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown and South Dublin:

- notes the decision of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to place an Order before it on 3rd July, 2003 under section 14 of the National Monuments Act 1930 allowing the Government to:
  - demolish or remove wholly or in part or to disfigure, deface, alter or in any manner to injure or interfere with any such national monument without or otherwise than the consent hereinafter mentioned, and
  - excavate, dig, plough, or otherwise disturb ground within, around, or in proximity to any such national monument without or otherwise than in accordance with the consent hereafter mentioned;
- acknowledges that under section 15 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1994, an Order annulling the Order can be passed by Dáil Éireann within the next twenty-one days on which that House has sat after the Order is laid before it, the Order shall be annulled accordingly, but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder; and
- resolves that the Order shall be annulled and calls on the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, in conjunction with the relevant agencies, to modify the route and junction layout if necessary of the proposed south eastern motorway in the vicinity of the National Monument so as to re-route the road to the south west of the substantial Castle remains.” — *Ciarán Cuffe, Trevor Sargent, John Gormley, Dan Boyle, Paul Gogarty, Eamon Ryan.*

[14 October, 2003]

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**58.** “That Dáil Éireann noting the appalling conditions of disadvantage and violence being endured by the street children of Central America, calls on the Irish Government to take all possible diplomatic action to ensure that the plight of street children in Guatemala and Honduras is recognised and acted on, and that the Irish Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and relevant agencies, take appropriate steps to reduce the threat of violence and improve the living conditions of children in these countries.” — *Ciarán Cuffe, Trevor Sargent, John Gormley, Dan Boyle, Paul Gogarty, Eamon Ryan.*

[14 October, 2003]

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**59.** “That Fine Gael condemns the Minister for Agriculture and Food for his recent attack on farm leaders and calls on him to:

- withdraw the remarks;
- reject the proposals on live cattle exports put forward by the EU Commission, which have the potential to cost the agriculture sector two hundred million euro;
- seek clarification from the EU’s Food and Veterinary Office (FVO) on deficiencies in the Brazilian and Argentinean beef industries;
- protect the funding for installation aid;
- establish a code of practice for the Special Investigation Unit of the Department of Agriculture and Food; and
- ensure the implementation of ‘The Charter of Rights for Farmers.’” — *Billy Timmins, Enda Kenny, Richard Bruton, Bernard Allen, Pat Breen, John Bruton, Paul Connaughton, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, John Deasy, Bernard J. Durkan,*

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*Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Tom Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Padraic McCormack, Dinny McGinley, Paul McGrath, Gay Mitchell, Olivia Mitchell, Gerard Murphy, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Fergus O'Dowd, Jim O'Keeffe, John Perry, Michael Ring, David Stanton.*

[21 October, 2003]

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**60.** “That Dáil Éireann:

- recognising the important role of section 481 incentives in developing the film industry in Ireland;
- noting that similar incentive schemes are available in other countries with whom Ireland competes for projects;
- concerned that the abolition of incentives would result in significant job losses in the whole film sector;

calls on the Government to maintain and develop supports for the film industry and to retain the section 481 incentives in the 2004 Budget.” — *Ciarán Cuffe, Eamon Ryan, Trevor Sargent, John Gormley, Dan Boyle, Paul Gogarty.*

[4 November, 2003]

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**61.** “That Dáil Éireann:

recognising that:

- the Irish film industry has benefited greatly since the introduction of the tax incentive known as section 481 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (formerly section 35 of the Finance Act 1987 as amended);
- the film projects undertaken with the benefit of section 481 have ensured employment for thousands of Irish people, ensured that many Irish film professionals were able to remain in Ireland to practice their craft, and generated an unprecedented growth in the industry;
- 283 world class films have been made in Ireland and certified under section 481 in the last ten years including *Braveheart*, *Michael Collins*, *Reign of Fire*, *Saving Private Ryan*, *Veronica Guerin*, *King Arthur*, *Intermission*, *Laws of Attraction*, and *When Brendan met Trudy*, and that most of these films would not have been made in Ireland except for the section 481 incentive;
- as a result of section 481 many millions were invested in the Irish film industry in terms of training, location supports and production facilities;
- many of these films are large scale projects involving budgets of over €100 million, much of it being spent in Ireland on Irish goods and indirect taxes;
- this industry has managed to showcase Ireland and Irish talents throughout the world, with a resultant increase in tourism and therefore tourism revenue including purchase of Irish made goods;
- section 481 has more than justified its introduction in terms of revenues generated for the Irish economy including hundreds of millions of euro spent in localities which would otherwise not benefit, and from monies paid in VAT and other indirect taxation and employer and employee PRSI and PAYE contributions;
- by deciding to eliminate section 481 the Government is risking losing future projects and thus the associated revenue to Ireland — and that one major motion picture has already been lost due to the associated uncertainty;



believing that with the retention of section 481:

- the Irish film industry can continue to make Ireland an attractive location for Irish and foreign film-makers and their direct investment in the Irish film industry and wider economy;
- the Irish film industry can directly employ upwards of 11,000 people in the industry by 2010, including but not limited to actors, carpenters, electricians, camerapersons, stunt men and women, caterers, make-up artists, hairdressers, stylists, wardrobe personnel, nursing staff, special effects professionals, trainers and extras;
- the Irish film industry can generate €500 million in revenue to the Exchequer between now and 2010;
- the Irish film industry can not only ensure the survival of the indigenous Irish film industry but can also make Ireland a world leader in the film industry by employing and otherwise encouraging existing as well as young up-and-coming and future talents, and by ensuring that casts and crews can remain in Ireland to work on the lower budget indigenous films between big budget films;
- the Irish film industry can continue to inject vital capital into local urban and rural economies otherwise starved of investment when these areas are selected as film locations for multi-million euro productions;
- the Irish film industry can encourage the creativity of the Irish nation and contribute to enhancing Irish people's national pride;

concluding therefore that:

- section 481 represents a 20-year public investment in the film industry and should be recognised as a resounding success;
- section 481 should be regarded not as a tax loophole to be closed by the Minister for Finance, but rather as an investment incentive that is vital for the continued existence and growth of the Irish film industry; and
- any purported loss in revenues to the Exchequer from the application of the section 481 exemption will be repaid manifold by generating other revenues including direct and indirect taxes;

recalling that the Programme for Government promises to support the Irish film industry’;

resolves that the Minister for Finance be instructed to reverse his decision to eliminate section 481 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.” — *Aengus Ó Snodaigh, Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Seán Crowe, Martin Ferris, Arthur Morgan.*

[4 November, 2003]

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**62.** An Dáil a chur ar athló.  
Adjournment of the Dáil.

**BILLÍ I ROGHCHOISTÍ, I gCOISTÍ SPEISIALTA NÓ I gCOMHCHOISTÍ**  
**BILLS IN SELECT, SPECIAL OR JOINT COMMITTEES**

An Bille um Thruailliú na Farraige (Substaintí Guaiseacha agus Díobhálacha) (Dliteanas Sibhialta agus Cúiteamh) 2000 — An Roghchoiste um Chumarsáid, Muir agus Acmhainní Nádurtha.

Sea Pollution (Hazardous and Noxious Substances) (Civil Liability and Compensation) Bill 2000 — Select Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources.

An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta Sceimhlitheoireachta) 2002 — An Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan.

Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Bill 2002 — Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights.

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**TEACHTAIREACHTAÍ ÓN RIALTAS**  
**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNMENT**

Bille an Aire Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta (Cumhachtaí agus Feidhmeanna) 2003.

Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (Powers and Functions) Bill 2003.

For the purpose of Article 17.2 of the Constitution, the Government recommend that it is expedient to authorise such payments out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas as are necessary to give effect to any Act of the present session to make further provision in relation to the functions and powers of the Minister for Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs with respect to the islands of the State and to provide for related matters.

Given on this 29th day of October, 2003

*(Signed)* Bertie Ahern,  
Taoiseach.

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**MEMORANDA**

*Dé Máirt, 4 Samhain, 2003*  
*Tuesday, 4th November, 2003*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha i Seomra Coiste 4, LH2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 2 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh i Seomra Coiste 3, LH2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 2 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 1, LH2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 2, LH2000, ar 4 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 4 p.m.

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*Dé Céadaoin, 5 Samhain, 2003*  
*Wednesday, 5th November, 2003*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontraíocht agus Mionghnóthaí i Seomra Coiste 3, LH2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise and Small Business in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 4, LH2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 1, LH2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Chearta an Duine den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha i Seomra Coiste 2, LH2000, ar 12 meán lae.

Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 12 noon.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Muir agus Acmhainní Nádurtha i Seomra Coiste 3, LH2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 2 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 2, LH2000, ar 2.15 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 2.15 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 1, LH2000, ar 3.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 3.30 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4, LH2000, ar 5 p.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Agriculture and Food in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 5 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 2, LH2000, ar 5 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 5 p.m.

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*Déardaoin, 6 Samhain, 2003*  
*Thursday, 6th November, 2003*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 2, LH2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Iniúchadh Eorpach i Seomra Coiste 3, LH2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Sub-Committee on European Scrutiny in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chomhshaol agus Rialtas Áitiúil i Seomra Coiste 4, LH2000, ar 10.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Environment and Local Government in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 10.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Choiste um Chuntais Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 1, LH2000, ar 11 a.m.

Meeting of the Committee of Public Accounts in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 11 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht i Seomra Coiste 2, LH2000, ar 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Education and Science in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú d'Fhochoistí na Dála agus an tSeanaid um Sheirbhísí do Chomhaltaí i Seomra Coiste 3, LH2000, ar 12 meán lae (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Dáil & Seanad Sub-Committees on Members' Services in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 12 noon (*private*).

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 3, LH2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

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## **BILLÍ DÁLA SA SEANAD** **DÁIL BILLS WITH THE SEANAD**

An Bille Léiriúcháin 2000.

Interpretation Bill 2000.

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**SCRÍBHINNÍ A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID NA DÁLA**  
**DOCUMENTS LAID BEFORE THE DÁIL**

*Reachtúil:*

1) An tOrdú um Limistéar Oidhreachta Nádúrtha (Portach Thuaim Achaidh Throim/Iostán na Coille Gairbhe LON 000 221) 2003 (I.R. Uimh. 499 de 2003).

2) An tOrdú um an Acht fán gCoinbhinsiún Eorpach um Chearta an Duine 2003 (Tosach Feidhme) 2003 (I.R. Uimh. 483 de 2003).

3) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena dtugtar isteach scéim chun cúiteamh a thabhairt sna costais bhreise a thabhaítear le linn margú táirgí áirithe iascaigh ó na hAsóir, ó Mhaidéara, ó na hOileáin Chánarácha agus ó ranna Francacha Ghuáin na Fraince agus La Réunion de dheasca iargúlacht na réigiún sin mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2003) 516.

4) An tOrdú Faoitíní (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 11) 2003 (I.R. Uimh. 490 de 2003).

5) An tOrdú Colmóirí (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 9) 2003 (I.R. Uimh. 491 de 2003).

6) Ordú Ghliomaigh na hIorua (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 3) 2003 (I.R. Uimh. 492 de 2003).

7) An tOrdú Cadóg (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 11) 2003 (I.R. Uimh. 493 de 2003).

8) An tOrdú Láimhíneach (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 17) 2003 (I.R. Uimh. 494 de 2003).

9) An tOrdú Láimhíneach (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 18) 2003 (I.R. Uimh. 495 de 2003).

10) An tOrdú um an Muir Cheilteach (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 2) 2003 (I.R. Uimh. 496 de 2003).

11) Na Rialacháin um Chaitheamh Tobac (Toirmeasc) 2003 (I.R. Uimh. 481 de 2003).

*Statutory:*

1) Natural Heritage Area (Moorfield Bog/Farm Cottage NHA 000 221) Order 2003 (S.I. No. 499 of 2003).

2) European Convention on Human Rights Act 2003 (Commencement) Order 2003 (S.I. No. 483 of 2003).

3) Proposal for a Council Regulation introducing a scheme to compensate for the additional costs incurred in the marketing of certain fishery products from the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands and the French departments of Guiana and Réunion as a result of those regions' remoteness together with explanatory information note. COM (2003) 516.

4) Whiting (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (No. 11) Order 2003 (S.I. No. 490 of 2003).

5) Hake (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (No. 9) Order 2003 (S.I. No. 491 of 2003).

6) Norway Lobster (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (No. 3) Order 2003 (S.I. No. 492 of 2003).

7) Haddock (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (No. 11) Order 2003 (S.I. No. 493 of 2003).

8) Monkfish (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (No. 17) Order 2003 (S.I. No. 494 of 2003).

9) Monkfish (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (No. 18) Order 2003 (S.I. No. 495 of 2003).

10) Celtic Sea (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I. No. 496 of 2003).

11) Tobacco Smoking (Prohibition) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 481 of 2003).

- 12) Comhsheasamh 2003/735/CFSP an 13 Deireadh Fómhair, 2003 ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Comhsheasamh 2003/495/CFSP maidir leis an Iaráic mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.
- 12) Council Common Position 2003/735/CFSP of 13 October, 2003 amending Common Position 2003/495/CFSP on Iraq together with explanatory information note.
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- 14) Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 500 of 2003).
- 15) An Bord Glas. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Cuntais, 2002.
- 15) An Bord Glas. Annual Report and Accounts, 2002.
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- 17) Moorepark Technology Limited. Tuarascáil na Stiúrthóirí agus Ráitis Airgeadais, 2002.
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- 19) An Roghchoiste um Chomhshaol agus Rialtas Áitiúil. Tuarascáil ar Thairiscint maidir leis an Togra go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann téarmaí Phrótagal Cartagena a ghabhann le Coinbhinsiún na Náisiún Aontaithe maidir leis an Éagsúlacht Bhitheolaíoch. Deireadh Fómhair, 2003.
- 19) Select Committee on the Environment and Local Government. Report on Motion re. Proposal that Dáil Éireann approves the terms of the Cartagena Protocol to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity. October, 2003.
- 20) An tOrdú um Ghalair Ainmhithe (Ainmhithe a Chosaint le linn dóibh a bheith á nIompar) (Leasú) 2003 (I.R. Uimh. 465 de 2003).
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- 21) Diseases of Animals (Notification of Infectious Diseases) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I. No. 487 of 2003).
- 22) Na Rialacháin um Rialacháin na dTithe (Deontas do Thithe Nua etc.) 1990 (Leasú) 2003 (I.R. Uimh. 502 de 2003).
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- 23) Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Phort Láirge. Ráitis Airgeadais don bhliain dar chríoch 31 Lúnasa, 2002.
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