DÁIL ÉIREANN

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Dé Céadaoin, 9 Feabhra, 2005 Wednesday, 9th February, 2005 10.30 a.m.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

- **4.** An Bille Airgeadais 2005 An Dara Céim (atógáil). Finance Bill 2005 — Second Stage (resumed).
- 1. Bille an Gharda Síochána 2004 [Seanad] An Dara Céim. Garda Síochána Bill 2004 [Seanad] — Second Stage.

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

40. Tairiscint *maidir le* Tuaisceart Éireann (*atógáil*). Motion re Northern Ireland (resumed).

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I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Billí ón Seanad : Bills from the Seanad

1. Bille an Gharda Síochána 2004 [Seanad] — An Dara Céim. Garda Síochána Bill 2004 [Seanad] — Second Stage.

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4. An Bille Airgeadais 2005 — An Dara Céim (atógáil). Finance Bill 2005 — Second Stage (resumed).

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Tairiscint (atógáil) (1 ur. 30 n fágtha): Motion (resumed) (1 hr. 30 m remaining):

40. "That Dáil Éireann:

- recognises the primacy of the Good Friday Agreement and the importance of both Governments continuing to protect and develop its achievements;
- welcomes the progress made to date towards the full implementation of a broad range of commitments made in the Good Friday Agreement;
- welcomes the continuation of Cross-Party support in the House for the Peace Process;
- reaffirms its view that this Agreement must form the basis of a lasting settlement in Northern Ireland;
- welcomes the progress represented by the proposals of the British and Irish Governments, published in December, 2004, towards achieving a complete resolution of the key issues identified by the Taoiseach and Prime Minister Blair at Lancaster House in June, 2004;
- regrets that there was no agreement at that time in relation to two key issues, namely an end to all forms of paramilitary and criminal activity and decommissioning;
- notes that all parties to the Agreement undertook to pursue their political objectives by exclusively peaceful and democratic means, and that the Agreement envisaged full decommissioning of all paramilitary arms within two years;
- notes the damage which has been done to the peace process by ongoing criminality including the recent robbery of the Northern Bank in Belfast and the assessment of the Irish and British authorities that the Provisional IRA was responsible for these crimes;
- notes that a report by International Monitoring Commission regarding ongoing paramilitary and criminal activity will shortly be published;
- emphasises that there can be no room in a genuine peace process after 10 years of engagement for threats of whatever kind;
- rejects recent comments by Sinn Féin spokespersons as to what constitutes criminality;
- underlines the need for a responsible and calm debate of the current difficulties in the peace process;

- notes the clearly expressed views of the Irish people that all paramilitary activity and criminality be permanently brought to an end;
- believes that with a resolution of current difficulties the restoration of the devolved institutions and the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement is achievable;
- welcomes the continuing and valued support of the President of the United States;
- notes the determination of the two Governments to maintain dialogue with all the Northern Ireland political parties;
- welcomes the Taoiseach's recent statement that his offer regarding the early release of the murderers of Detective Garda Jerry McCabe has been withdrawn; and
- expresses its full support for the ongoing efforts of the two Governments to bring to completion full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement." Enda Kenny, Richard Bruton, Bernard Allen, Pat Breen, 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, Michael Ring, David Stanton, Billy Timmins, Liam Twomey.

[8 January, 2005]

Leasuithe: Amendments:

1. To delete all words after "Dáil Éireann" and substitute the following:

- "— believes that events in Northern Ireland since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement show clearly that a resolution cannot be found based on the institutionalisation of sectarian division and on political parties that are based on sectarian division;
- believes that the large majority of the population in Northern Ireland want peace and no resumption of paramilitary attacks;
- demands the continuation of ceasefires by paramilitary organisations but notes the continuation by these organisations on both sides of the community of undemocratic and oppressive methods to maintain control over areas where they are based and calls for an end to these activities;
- has no confidence that the current British or Irish Governments, which are implementing neo-liberal economic policies, have any solution to the underlying social and economic problems which blight in particular catholic and protestant working class communities;
- notes in particular the British Government's policy for further privatisation of public services and the planned introduction in 2006 of water charges for householders;
- believes that a resolution to the problems in Northern Ireland can only be based on a united working class mobilising to resolve the economic, social and political problems that confront society;
- calls for complete demilitarisation;
- calls for an end to all activity by all paramilitaries, loyalist and republican;
- calls for the establishment of genuine policing services that are locally based and under the control of democratically elected policing committees; and
- calls for the building of a mass political party capable of uniting the working class in the struggle for a socialist solution." *Joe Higgins*.

- 2. To delete all words after "Dáil Éireann" and substitute the following:
- "— recognises the primacy of the Good Friday Agreement and the importance of both Governments continuing to protect and develop its achievements;
- welcomes the progress made to date towards the full implementation of a broad range of commitments made in the Good Friday Agreement;
- welcomes the continuation of Cross-Party support in the House for the Peace Process;
- reaffirms its view that this Agreement must form the basis of a lasting settlement in Northern Ireland;
- welcomes the progress represented by the proposals of the British and Irish Governments, published in December, 2004, towards achieving a complete resolution of the key issues identified by the Taoiseach and Prime Minister Blair at Lancaster House in June, 2004;
- regrets that there was no agreement at that time in relation to two key issues, namely an end to all forms of paramilitary and criminal activity and decommissioning;
- notes that all parties to the Agreement undertook to pursue their political objectives by exclusively peaceful and democratic means, and that the Agreement envisaged full decommissioning of all paramilitary arms within two years;
- notes the damage which has been done to the peace process by ongoing criminality including the recent robbery of the Northern Bank in Belfast and the assessment of the Irish and British authorities that the Provisional IRA was responsible for these crimes;
- notes that a report by International Monitoring Commission regarding ongoing paramilitary and criminal activity will shortly be published;
- emphasises that there can be no room in a genuine peace process after 10 years of engagement for threats of whatever kind;
- rejects recent comments by Sinn Féin spokespersons as to what constitutes criminality;
- underlines the need for a responsible and calm debate of the current difficulties in the peace process;
- notes the clearly expressed views of the Irish people that all paramilitary activity and criminality be permanently brought to an end;
- believes that with a resolution of current difficulties the restoration of the devolved institutions and the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement is achievable;
- welcomes the continuing and valued support of the President of the United States;
- notes the determination of the two Governments to maintain dialogue with all the Northern Ireland political parties;
- welcomes the Taoiseach's recent statement that the question regarding the early release of the murderers of Detective Garda Jerry McCabe was no longer on the table; and
- expresses its full support for the ongoing efforts of the two Governments to bring to completion full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement.". (resumed) An Taoiseach; Leader of Fine Gael, Enda Kenny.

- 3. To delete all words after "June 2004" in the fifth paragraph and substitute the following:
 - "— notes that all parties undertook to pursue their political objectives by exclusively peaceful and democratic means;
 - notes that all participants confirmed their intention to continue to work constructively and in good faith with the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning and to use any influence they may have, to achieve the decommissioning of all paramilitary arms within two years following endorsement in referendums North and South of the Agreement and in the context of the implementation of the overall settlement;
 - rejects criminality in all its forms;
 - notes the positive and constructive role played by all those who have actively participated in the peace process;
 - believes that with a resolution of the current difficulties the restoration of all the institutions established under the Good Friday Agreement is achievable and that, in the interim, both Governments can and should implement those parts of the Agreement for which they are directly responsible;
 - calls on all parties and both Governments to clearly demonstrate their commitment to the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement and to ensure that outcome through a process of inclusive dialogue and negotiation." Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Seán Crowe, Martin Ferris, Arthur Morgan, Aengus Ó Snodaigh.

MEMORANDA

Dé Céadaoin, 9 Feabhra, 2005 Wednesday, 9th February, 2005

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chomhshaol agus Rialtas Áitiúil i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 10.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Environment and Local Government in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 10.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontraíocht agus Mionghnóthaí i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 11 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise and Small Business in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 11 a.m.

Cruinniú den Choiste um Chuntais Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 11 a.m. (príobháideach).

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

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste Craolacháin agus Faisnéise Parlaiminte i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 1.30 p.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Broadcasting and Parliamentary Information in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 1.30 p.m. (private).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Muir agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m. Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 3 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 3 p.m.

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

Reachtúil:

- 1) Togra leasaithe le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle lena mbunaítear ionstraim tacaíochta airgeadais chun forbairt eacnamaíochta phobal Turcach na Cipire a spreagadh agus lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 2667/2000 maidir leis an nGníomhaireacht Eorpach um Athchóiriú mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 696.
- 2) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle maidir le gníomhaíochtaí iascaireachta a thaifeadadh agus a thuairisciú go leictreonach agus maidir le modhanna cianbhraiteachta mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 724.
- 3) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le críochnú Comhaontaithe idir an Comhphobal agus Cónaidhm na hEilvéise sa réimse Closamhairc, lena mbunaítear na téarmaí agus na coinníollacha a bhaineann le rannpháirtíocht Chónaidhm na hEilvéise sna cláir Chomhphobail MEDIA Plus agus MEDIA Oiliúint, agus críochnú Ionstraime Críochnaithí mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 649.
- 4) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena mbunaítear ionstraim maoinithe do chomhar forbartha agus comhar eacnamaíochta mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2004) 629.
- 5) Ráitis i leith Comhairleoirí Speisialta don Taoiseach de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [2004] [7 Feabhra 2005].
- 6) An Chomhairle Ealaíon. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2003.

Statutory:

- 1) Amended Proposal for a Council Regulation establishing an instrument of financial support for encouraging the economic development of the Turkish Cypriot community and amending Regulation (EC) No. 2667/2000 on the European Agency for Reconstruction together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 696.
- 2) Proposal for a Council Regulation on electronic recording and reporting of fishing activities and on means of remote sensing together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 724.
- 3) Proposal for a Council Decision concerning the conclusion of an Agreement between the Community and the Swiss Confederation in the Audio-visual field, establishing the terms and conditions for the participation of the Swiss Confederation in the MEDIA Plus and MEDIA Training Community programmes, and a final Act together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 649.
- 4) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a financing instrument for development cooperation and economic cooperation together with explanatory information note. COM (2004) 629.
- 5) Statements in respect of Special Advisers to the Taoiseach in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [2004] [7 February, 2005].
- 6) An Chomhairle Ealaíon. Annual Report, 2003.

7) An tOrdú fán Acht um Ghníomhaireacht Airgeadais d'Fhorbairt Náisiúnta 2002 (Leasú ar an Sceideal) 2005 (I.R. Uimh. 52 de 2005).

Neamhreachtúil:

- 1) An tOrdú um Iarnród Éireann (Mala Trá Lí) (Crosaire Comhréidh Bhántíre) 2005 (I.R. Uimh. 49 de 2005).
- 2) An tOrdú um Iarnród Éireann (Cill Airne Trá Lí) (Crosaire Comhréidh an Fhearainn Fhuair) 2005 (I.R. Uimh. 50 de 2005).

7) National Development Finance Agency Act 2002 (Amendment of Schedule) Order 2005 (S.I. No. 52 of 2005).

Non-Statutory:

- 1) Iarnród Éireann Irish Rail (Mallow Tralee) (Banteer Level Crossing) Order 2005 (S.I. No. 49 of 2005).
- 2) Iarnrod Éireann Irish Rail (Killarney Tralee) (Farranfore Level Crossing) Order 2005 (S.I. No. 50 of 2005).