

*Dé Máirt, 22 Feabhra, 2005*  
*Tuesday, 22nd February, 2005*  
2.30 p.m.

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Comhalta a chur ar Fionraí (*vótáil a cuireadh siar*).  
Suspension of Member (*postponed division*).

### **ORD GNÓ** **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- 10.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Ceadú beartaithe ag Dáil Éireann do thogra go leanfaidh alt 17A den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe 1966 i bhfeidhm ar feadh na tréimhse dar críoch an 8 Márta, 2006, a tharchur chuig Comhchoiste.  
Motion *re* Referral to Joint Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of a proposal that section 17A of the Diseases of Animals Act 1966 shall continue in force for the period ending on 8th March, 2006.
- 16.** An Bille um Míchumas 2004 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Disability Bill 2004 — Second Stage (*resumed*).
- 17.** An Bille um Chuntais Dhíomhaoine (Leasú) 2004 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Dormant Accounts (Amendment) Bill 2004 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage (*resumed*).

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

- 43.** Tairiscint *maidir le* hOideachas: Riachtanais Speisialta, Uathachas agus Méideanna Ranganna.  
Motion *re* Education: Special Needs, Autism and Class Sizes.

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

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

1. An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta Sceimhlitheoireachta) 2002 — Leasuithe ón Seanad.  
Criminal Justice (Terrorist Offences) Bill 2002 — Amendments from the Seanad.  

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2. An Bille Talún 2004 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim.  
Land Bill 2004 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage.  

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3. 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.  

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4. An Bille um Shaoire do Thuismitheoirí (Leasú) 2004 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim.  
Parental Leave (Amendment) Bill 2004 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage.  

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

*Tíolactha:*  
*Presented:*

5. 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 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.*

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**6. An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2004 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
**Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2004 — Order for Second Stage.**

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000 chun socrú a dhéanamh maidir le húdaráis phleanála do dhiúltú cead pleanála do dhaoine a mhainnigh san am a caitheadh cead pleanála a deonaíodh a chomhlíonadh.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Planning and Development Act 2000 to make provision for the refusal by planning authorities of planning permission to persons who in the past failed to comply with planning permission granted.

— *Michael Noonan.*

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**7. An Bille chun na hAchtanna um Chiontaí in aghaidh an Stáit (1939 go 1998) a Aisghairm 2004 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
**Offences Against the State Acts (1939 to 1998) Repeal Bill 2004 — Order for Second Stage.**

Bille dá ngairtear Acht d'aisghairm na hAchtanna um Chiontaí in aghaidh an Stáit 1939 go 1998.

Bill entitled an Act to repeal the Offences against the State Acts 1939 to 1998.

— *Aengus Ó Snodaigh.*

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**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 Fiontar Poiblí.*

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**9. An Bille um Chomhairle (Leasú) 2004 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
**Comhairle (Amendment) Bill 2004 — Order for Second Stage.**

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta um Chomhairle 2000 chun feidhmeanna Chomhairle a leasú agus a leathnú, do dhéanamh athruithe áirithe ar a comhaltas agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Comhairle Act 2000 to amend and extend the functions of Comhairle, to make certain changes to its membership and to provide for related matters.

— *An tAire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh.*

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*Fógraí Tairisceana : Notices of Motions*

**10.** “Go ndéanfar an togra go mbeartaíonn Dáil Éireann go leanfaidh alt 17A (a cuireadh isteach le halt 2(1) den Acht um Ghálair Ainmhithe (Leasú) 2001, (Uimh. 3 de 2001)) den Acht um Ghálair Ainmhithe 1966, (Uimh. 6 de 1966) i bhfeidhm ar feadh na tréimhse dar críoch

That the proposal that Dáil Éireann resolve that section 17A (inserted by section 2(1) of the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) Act 2001, (No. 3 of 2001)) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1966, (No. 6 of 1966) shall continue in force for the period ending on 8th March, 2006, be referred to

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an 8 Márta, 2006, a tharchur chuig an gComhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Bia, de réir mhír (2) d'Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin, agus go ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste sin, tráth nach déanaí ná an 24 Feabhra, 2005, teachtaireacht a chur chuig an Dáil ar an modh a fhorordaítear i mBuan-Ordú 85, agus go mbeidh feidhm dá réir ag Buan-Ordú 84(2).

— *Tomás Ó Ceit, Aire Stáit ag Roinn an Taoisigh.*

**11.** “Go mbeartaíonn Dáil Éireann go leanfaidh alt 17A (a cuireadh isteach le halt 2(1) den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe (Leasú) 2001, (Uimh. 3 de 2001)) den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe 1966, (Uimh. 6 de 1966) i bhfeidhm ar feadh na tréimhse dar críoch an 8 Márta, 2006.

That Dáil Éireann resolves that section 17A (inserted by section 2(1) of the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) Act 2001, (No. 3 of 2001)) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1966, (No. 6 of 1966) shall continue in force for the period ending on 8th March, 2006.”

— *An tAire Talmhaíochta agus Bia.*

**12.** “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann téarmaí an Chomhaontaithe idir Rialtas na hÉireann agus Rialtas Phoblacht na Bulgáire ar chomhoibriú maidir le gáinneáil aindleathach drugaí agus réamhtheachtaithe, sciúradh airgid, coireacht eagraithe, gáinneáil ar dhaoine, sceimhlitheoireacht agus coireacht thromchúiseach eile a chomhrac a síníodh i mBaile Átha Cliath an 31 Eanáir, 2002, agus ar leagadh cóipeanna de faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 21 Feabhra, 2002.

That Dáil Éireann approves the terms of the Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria on co-operation in combating illicit trafficking in drugs and precursors, money laundering, organised crime, trafficking in persons, terrorism and other serious crime which was signed in Dublin on 31st January, 2002, copies of which were laid before Dáil Éireann on 21st February, 2002.”

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

**13.** “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann téarmaí an Chomhaontaithe idir Rialtas na hÉireann agus Rialtas Phoblacht na Cipire ar chomhoibriú maidir le gáinneáil aindleathach drugaí, sciúradh airgid, coireacht eagraithe, gáinneáil ar dhaoine, sceimhlitheoireacht agus coireacht thromchúiseach eile a chomhrac a síníodh i mBaile Átha Cliath an 8 Márta, 2002, agus ar leagadh cóipeanna de faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 21 Márta, 2002.

That Dáil Éireann approves the terms of the Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Cyprus on co-operation in combating illicit drug trafficking, money laundering, organised crime, trafficking in persons, terrorism and other serious crime which was signed in Dublin on 8th March, 2002, copies of which were laid before Dáil Éireann on 21st March, 2002.”

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

**14.** “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann téarmaí an Chomhaontaithe idir Rialtas na hÉireann agus Rialtas Phoblacht na Polainne ar chomhoibriú maidir le coireacht eagraithe agus coireacht thromchúiseach eile a chomhrac, a síníodh i Vársá an 12 Bealtaine, 2001, agus ar leagadh cóipeanna de faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 31 Bealtaine, 2002.

That Dáil Éireann approves the terms of the Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Poland on co-operation in combating organised crime and other serious crime which was signed in Warsaw on 12th May, 2001, copies of which were laid before Dáil Éireann on 31st May, 2002.”

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

15. “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann an tuarascáil ón Aire Cosanta de bhun Alt 4 den Acht Cosanta (Leasú), 1993, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 11 Samhain, 2004.

That Dáil Éireann approves the report by the Minister for Defence pursuant to Section 4 of the Defence (Amendment) Act, 1993, copies of which were laid before Dáil Éireann on 11th November, 2004.”

— *An tAire Cosanta.*

## ORDUITHE AN LAE ORDERS OF THE DAY

16. An Bille um Míchumas 2004 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Disability Bill 2004 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

17. An Bille um Chuntais Dhíomhaoine (Leasú) 2004 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Dormant Accounts (Amendment) Bill 2004 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage (*resumed*).

18. (*l*) An Bille um Shábháilteacht, Sláinte agus Leas ag an Obair 2004 — Ordú don Tuarascáil.  
(*a*) Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Bill 2004 — Order for Report.

19. An Bille um Chosaint Sceithirí 1999 — An Coiste.  
Whistleblowers Protection Bill 1999 — Committee.

20. An Bille um Shaoire Uchtaíoch 2004 [*Seanad*] — Ordú don Tuarascáil.  
Adoptive Leave Bill 2004 [*Seanad*] — Order for Report.

21. An Bille um Thruailliú na Farraige (Substaintí Guaiseacha) (Cúiteamh) 2000 *athraithe ó* An Bille um Thruailliú na Farraige (Substaintí Guaiseacha agus Díobhálacha) (Dlíteanas Sibhialta agus Cúiteamh) 2000 — Ordú don Tuarascáil.  
Sea Pollution (Hazardous Substances) (Compensation) Bill 2000 *changed from* Sea Pollution (Hazardous and Noxious Substances) (Civil Liability and Compensation) Bill 2000 — Order for Report.

22. An Bille um Ghníomhaireacht Forbartha Ghráinseach Ghormáin 2004 — Ordú don Tuarascáil.  
Grangegorman Development Agency Bill 2004 — Order for Report.

23. An Bille fán Údarás um Thástáil agus Caighdeán do Thiománaithe 2004 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Driver Testing and Standards Authority Bill 2004 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

24. An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil 2004 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Criminal Justice Bill 2004 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

25. Bille Rialaithe na Státseirbhíse (Leasú) 2004 — Ordú don Tuarascáil.  
Civil Service Regulation (Amendment) Bill 2004 — Order for Report.

**26.** An Bille um Fhorghníomhú Pianbhreitheanna a Aistriú 2003 [*Seanad*] — Ordú don Tuarascáil.

Transfer of Execution of Sentences Bill 2003 [*Seanad*] — Order for Report.

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**27.** Bille na bPaitinní (Leasú) 1999 — An Coiste.  
Patents (Amendment) Bill 1999 — Committee.

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**28.** (l) An Bille um Shábháilteacht Iarnróid 2001 — Ordú don Tuarascáil.

(a) Railway Safety Bill 2001 — Order for Report.

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**29.** Bille an Gharda Síochána 2004 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
Garda Síochána Bill 2004 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage (*resumed*).

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**30.** Tairiscintí Airgeadais ón Aire Airgeadais [2004] (*Tairiscint 2, atógáil*).  
Financial Motions by the Minister for Finance [2004] (*Motion 2, resumed*).

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*Tairiscint (atógáil):*

*Motion (resumed):*

**31.** “Go ndéanann Dáil Éireann, de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 63A,

That Dáil Éireann, pursuant to Standing Order 63A,

1. Á thabhairt dá haire an fhaisnéis seo a leanas ón Aire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí:

1. Noting the following information from the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform:

(a) go ndearna an Garda Síochána, i mí Lúnasa 2001, ar fhaisnéis a fháil ó Interpol ar faisnéis í a fuair *The United States Postal Inspection Service* le linn cuardaigh ar áitreabh in Fort Worth, Texas, a bhain le mionsonraí cust-aiméirí líomhnaithe cuideachta a raibh rochtain á tairiscint aici ar shuímh idirlín pornagrafaíochta leanaí, tús a chur le hoibríocht i ndáil le daoine ón dlínse seo a líomhnaíodh a bheith aitheanta amhlaidh,

(a) that the Garda Síochána in August 2001, on receipt of information from Interpol obtained by the United States Postal Inspection Service during a search of premises in Fort Worth, Texas, concerning details of alleged customers of a company offering access to child pornography websites, commenced an operation in relation to persons allegedly so identified from this jurisdiction,

(b) go raibh san áireamh sna mionsonraí sin ainmneacha, pasfhocail agus mionsonraí cárta creidmheasa agus cárta muirir daoine áirithe,

(b) that these details included the names, passwords and credit card and charge card details of certain persons,

(c) go raibh duine darb ainm *Brian Curtin, 35 Ashe Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry*, ar dhuine de na daoine ón dlínse seo a ainmníodh amhlaidh agus gur léirigh fiosrúcháin dá éis sin gurbh é Brian Curtin, Breitheamh den Chúirt Chuarda, agus seoladh tí cónaithe 24 Ard na Lí, Trá Lí, Co. Chiarraí aige, an duine sin,

(c) that one of the persons from this jurisdiction so named was a Brian Curtin, 35 Ashe Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry, and that subsequent enquiries indicated that this person was Brian Curtin, Judge of the Circuit Court, with a home address of 24 Ard na Lí, Tralee, Co Kerry,

(d) go ndearna an Chúirt Dúiche barántas chun teach cónaithe an Bhreithimh Curtin a chuardach faoi

(d) that a warrant to search Judge Curtin’s home under section 7 of the Child Trafficking and Pornography



alt 7 den Acht um Gháinneáil ar Leanaí agus Pornagrafaíocht Leanaí 1998 a eisiúint de bhun iarratais ó chomhalta den Gharda Síochána an 20 Bealtaine 2002,

Act 1998 issued from the District Court on foot of an application by a member of the Garda Síochána on 20 May 2002,

(e) go ndearnadh cuardach ar theach cónaithe an Bhreithimh Curtin dá éis sin de bhun an bharántais sin agus gur ghlac Gardaí seilbh ar ríomhaire pearsanta agus ar ábhar eile le linn an chuardaigh,

(e) that Judge Curtin's home was subsequently searched on foot of the said warrant and that Gardaí took possession of a personal computer and other material during the search,

(f) gur chuir údaráis an Gharda comhad imscrúdaithe faoi bhráid an Stiúrthóra Ionchúiseamh Poiblí i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2002, agus gur threoraigh an Stiúrthóir Ionchúiseamh Poiblí go ndéanfaí an Breitheamh Curtin a ionchúiseamh as pornagrafaíocht leanaí a bheith ina sheilbh go feasach contrártha d'alt 6 den Acht um Gháinneáil ar Leanaí agus Pornagrafaíocht Leanaí 1998,

(f) that an investigation file was submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions by the Garda authorities in October 2002 and that the Director of Public Prosecutions instructed that Judge Curtin be prosecuted for knowingly having in his possession child pornography contrary to section 6 of the Child Trafficking and Pornography Act 1998,

(g) gur thosaigh triail an chúisimh sin an 20 Aibreán 2004 i gCúirt Chuarda Thrá Lí agus go bhfuarthas an Breitheamh Curtin neamhchiontach sa chúiseamh sin an 23 Aibreán 2004 gan fianaise a bheith tugtha i ndáil le hábhar an chúisimh, tar éis don Chúirt Chuarda Choiriúil a chinneadh go raibh an barántas sin a dúradh imithe in éag nuair a forghníomhaíodh é i dteach cónaithe an Bhreithimh Curtin.

(g) that the trial of the said charge commenced on 20 April 2004 at Tralee Circuit Court and that on 23 April 2004 Judge Curtin was found not guilty of that charge without evidence being given in relation to the subject matter of the charge, the Circuit Criminal Court having determined that the aforesaid warrant was spent when executed at the home of Judge Curtin.

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2. A éileamh go ndéanfar, de bhun Airteagal 35.4 den Bhunreacht agus alt 39 den Acht Cúirteanna Breithiúnais 1924, an tOnórach an Breitheamh Brian Curtin, Breitheamh den Chúirt Chuarda, a chur as oifig de dheasca mí-iompair a luafar, arb é atá i gceist ann a chuid iompair maidir le síntiús a thabhairt do shuímh idirlín ar a raibh íomhánna pornagrafaíochta leanaí, rochtain a fháil ar na suímh sin agus na suímh sin a úsáid agus i ndáil leis na nithe sin agus é féin a fhágáil mí-oiriúnach dá dheasca sin chun oifig Breithimh den Chúirt Chuarda a fheidhmiú.

2. Calls for the removal, pursuant to Article 35.4 of the Constitution and section 39 of the Courts of Justice Act 1924, of His Honour Judge Brian Curtin, Judge of the Circuit Court, from office for stated misbehaviour, being his conduct in and in relation to subscribing to, accessing and use of websites containing child pornographic images and thereby rendering himself unsuitable to exercise the office of a Judge of the Circuit Court."

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

32. Tairiscintí Airgeadais ón Aire Airgeadais [2003] (*Tairiscint 5, atógáil*).  
Financial Motions by the Minister for Finance [2003] (*Motion 5, resumed*).

33. Tairiscintí Airgeadais ón Aire Airgeadais [2002] (*Tairiscint 11, atógáil*).  
Financial Motions by the Minister for Finance [2002] (*Motion 11, resumed*).

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

*Gnó a ordáíodh:*  
*Business ordered:*

34. An Bille um Misin Síochána Idirnáisiúnta 2003 — An Dara Céim.  
International Peace Missions Bill 2003 — Second Stage.  
— *Gay Mitchell and Dinny McGinley*.

35. An Bille um Gháinneáil ar Leanaí agus Pornagrafaíocht Leanaí (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 2004 — An Dara Céim.  
Child Trafficking and Pornography (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2004 — Second Stage.  
— *Jim O'Keefe*.

36. An Bille um Fheirmeoireacht Fionnaidh (Toirmeasc) 2004 — An Dara Céim.  
Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill 2004 — Second Stage.  
— *Dan Boyle*.

37. An Bille Fíneálacha 2004 — An Dara Céim.  
Fines Bill 2004 — Second Stage.  
— *Jim O'Keefe*.

38. An Bille um Bainistiú Dramhaíola (Leasú) 2003 — An Dara Céim.  
Waste Management (Amendment) Bill 2003 — Second Stage.  
— *Arthur Morgan*.

39. An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) (Uimh. 3) 2004 — An Dara Céim.  
Planning and Development (Amendment) (No. 3) Bill 2004 — Second Stage.  
— *Eamon Gilmore*.

40. An Bille um Thoghcháin Áitiúla 2003 — An Dara Céim.  
Local Elections Bill 2003 — Second Stage.  
— *Eamon Gilmore*.

41. An Bille um Atáirgeadh Daonna 2003 — An Dara Céim.  
Human Reproduction Bill 2003 — Second Stage.  
— *Mary Upton*.

42. An Bille um Chlárú Brústocairí 2003 — An Dara Céim.  
Registration of Lobbyists Bill 2003 — Second Stage.  
— *Pat Rabbitte*.

*Fógraí Tairisceana:*  
*Notices of Motions:*

43. “That Dáil Éireann:  
— noting that progress has been made in the area of special needs education, including the passage of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004;



- expresses its concern that families still find it necessary to seek redress in the courts for the failure of the State to meet the educational needs of their children;
  - urges the Government to ensure that there is further progress in delivery of promised improvements, including allocation of the resources required to meet the special needs and equal rights of all pupils and to reduce the pupil-teacher ratio in primary schools;
  - notes the widespread concern among parents, teachers and principals that the proposed weighted system of allocation of special needs teachers to schools would, in practice, be a ‘quota’ system which would result in the loss of teachers to many schools, especially in disadvantaged and rural areas, and loss of support to many pupils with special needs;
  - acknowledges the statement of the Minister for Education and Science that she wishes to see a system introduced that would not result in loss of services to any child;
  - calls on the Minister for Education and Science to immediately conclude her Department’s review of the proposed weighted system, to publish the outcome of the review, and to initiate a revised and improved system for deployment of special needs teachers as soon as possible;
  - urges that such deployment of teachers be based on the right of each individual pupil to have his or her special educational needs assessed and on the right of each pupil to the resources required to ensure that each can reach his or her full potential;
  - calls on the Minister for Education and Science to immediately approve the enhanced support and investment essential for existing schools catering exclusively for pupils with special needs;
  - calls on the Minister for Education and Science to recruit the additional 650 teachers needed to implement the programme of improved education for persons with special needs;
  - urges the full implementation of the recommendations of the Report on Educational Provision and Support for Persons with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (Report of the Task Force on Autism, 2001);
  - calls for the immediate provision by the Irish and British Governments of all the necessary additional financial, personnel and other resources required to accelerate delivery of the Middletown Centre for Autism, County Armagh; and
  - urges the Government to take immediate steps to fulfil its commitment to reduce class sizes for children under nine to less than 20 and to plan for future teacher supply requirements, including, by the immediate establishment of a Forum on Teacher Supply.” — *Seán Crowe, Martin Ferris, Arthur Morgan, Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Aengus Ó Snodaigh.*
- [22 February, 2005]

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**44.** “That Dáil Éireann:

- notes the recommendations of the Constituency Commission published in January, 2004 to divide County Leitrim between the two proposed new constituencies of Sligo/North Leitrim and Roscommon/South Leitrim;
- notes section 6(2)(c) of the Electoral Act 1997 which states ‘the breaching of County boundaries shall be avoided as far as practicable’;
- recognises that larger constituency size adds the quality of extra proportionality to the electoral system as a whole;

calls on the Government to:

- reject the findings of the Constituency Commission in relation to County Leitrim;
- amend section 6(2)(b) of the Electoral Act of 1997 to allow for the formation of six and seven seat constituencies; and
- reconvene the Constituency Commission to consider the possibility of establishing one six seat constituency comprising the three counties of Sligo, Leitrim and Roscommon.” — *Arthur Morgan, Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Seán Crowe, Martin Ferris, Aengus Ó Snodaigh.*

[4 May, 2004]

**45. “That Dáil Éireann:**

recognising the urgent need for a radical reappraisal of animal welfare in this State particularly in the context of:

- the appalling conditions recently exposed on so-called ‘puppy-farms’ in Ireland, conditions which are not tolerated in any other E.U. country;
- the growth in fur farming in Ireland including that artic fox confined in inhumane and unnatural conditions, electrocuted at 6 months without veterinary supervision, a practice that has been made illegal in the north of Ireland and Britain;
- the on-going hunting with packs of hounds of deer reared/farmed in captivity (a practice outlawed in the north of Ireland on the grounds of cruelty) despite the Kane Report of the Department of Agriculture’s Veterinary Inspector which referred to it being ‘inhumane’ the deer ‘terrified’ and that it could be argued legally that this contravenes the Protection of Animals Act 1911;
- the on-going practice of enclosed live hare coursing (recently banned in the north of Ireland) inflicting cruelty and terror on the most timid of small animals;
- the use of packs of hounds for the hunting and killing of foxes along with various associated abuses the most extreme being the blooding of hounds on fox-cubs — all of which is now being banned in Britain;
- the increasing numbers of shooters coming to this country indiscriminately destroying many species of wild-birds;
- abuses related to live exports of farm animals; and

resolves to act in each of the cases set out above and where appropriate outlaw such activities and ensure that only the highest standards in animal welfare shall be permitted forthwith in Ireland.” — *Tony Gregory.*

[18 May, 2004]

**46. “That Dáil Éireann:**

- acknowledges that the Irish Government policy of assisting hundreds of thousands of US troops to participate in the illegal invasion and occupation of Iraq has resulted in tens of thousands of deaths including the killing of approximately 10,000 civilians and nearly 900 occupation troops including approximately 800 American soldiers;
- acknowledges that Irish assistance in this war has contributed to a situation where thousands of people including children are being injured or killed by exploding cluster bombs, and the main cities of Iraq are poisoned with radiation from uranium tipped shells and missiles;
- acknowledges that the alleged threat that provided the justification for war and for Irish assistance — the imminent danger posed by Iraqi weapons of mass destruction — has since proved to be false;

- expresses its horror at all deaths, atrocities and human rights violations associated with this war, and extends its sympathies to all survivors and condolences to all families affected;
  - expresses its anger at the cost of this war to date, including an estimated spend of over \$100 billion by the US alone — which could have been better spent in the war on global poverty, hunger and disease;
  - expresses its revulsion at the torture and killing of Iraqi prisoners of war by US and British occupation troops, and its support for independent human rights monitors including Amnesty International and the United Nations to gain immediate access to all detention facilities in Iraq;
  - resolves that the circumstances warrant the immediate suspension of overflight and landing privileges granted by the Government to military and civilian chartered aircraft conveying US troops to Iraq, and instructs the Government to act accordingly;
  - calls on the Irish people to peacefully register their opposition to the occupation of Iraq and to Irish collusion in that occupation on the occasion of the US President's visit to Ireland during the US-EU Summit; and
  - instructs the Government to spare no effort in international diplomacy both under the EU Presidency and as a sovereign state to ensure a speedy end to the occupation of Iraq by the so-called Coalition of the Willing, that the transition to Iraqi democratic self-government is managed by the United Nations, that any associated UN peacekeeping force be led by troops from the Arab nations, and that all those responsible for war crimes in relation to this conflict be brought to justice in accordance with international law, regardless of their position or rank.”
- *Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Seán Crowe, Martin Ferris, Arthur Morgan, Aengus Ó Snodaigh.*
- [19 May, 2004]
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**47. “That Dáil Éireann:**

- notes the following matters of grave concern:
  - the decision not to introduce a carbon tax to help reduce Ireland's greenhouse gas emissions;
  - the announcement that the EU has approved the sale of genetically modified seeds;
  - the long delayed opening of the second Luas line which was repeatedly deferred and the non-event that was car-free day;
  - the Government's ‘persistent, widespread and serious’ failure to comply with EU Waste Law according to the European Court's Advocate General;
  - that 350 acres of the best land in Ireland is being lost to a mega-dump at Tooman in Fingal only a few miles from the largest existing dump in Ireland and that the Government proposes to ignore the opposition of Dublin City Council to the incinerator at Ringsend;
  - the continued breach at Sellafield for 27 years of a breach of planning permission related to cancer-causing pollution;
  - the Government's gross negligence in failing to dealing with the toxic waste at Haulbowline Island in Cork harbour which constitutes the most serious environmental hazard facing the region;

- the consolidation of power into the hands of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government by the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 2004 which allows him to act as judge, jury and executioner of our heritage;
- the continuing expense of the various Tribunals which have become a ‘grave train’ for many;
- the spectacular failure of the Government’s policy on social and affordable housing which has not seen one house built nor planning permission applied for;
- the study ‘Statement on Prices and Costs’, by the National Competitiveness Council (NCC) which concluded that the Irish pay more for food and rent than consumers in any other euro zone country;
- the publication of a Disability Bill in which the much heralded rights are minimal and the finances unclear;
- the continued targeting of young people by alcohol distributors and the lack of action to tackle binge drinking and other alcohol related problems in society;
- almost one third of primary school children in disadvantaged areas suffer from severe literacy problems;
- the spiralling rates of obesity resulting from unhealthy eating habits and lack of exercise;
- the deteriorating situation in Iraq where it is clear that the interim Government, propped up by occupying forces, cannot establish any kind of democratic structures;
- the failure of the Sudanese Government to stop atrocities in the Darfur region;
- calls on the Government to:
  - ensure that the incoming Minister for Finance’s first act is to reverse Minister McCreevy’s decision not to introduce a carbon tax;
  - urgently seek GM-free status for the island of Ireland as a whole;
  - put a plan in place to connect the two Luas rail lines across Dublin city centre and to properly support and promote the 2005 car-free day so that the citizens of our cities can see a practical example of the alternatives to reliance on the private car;
  - bring forward proposals for waste reduction as well as improving our recycling rates which are currently only one-third of the rate in many European countries;
  - demand the immediate suspension of operations at the Thorp plant at Sellafield to prevent the carcinogenic pollution from emissions;
  - allow the Public Accounts Committee to investigate the €30 million cost of the environmental clean-up of Haulbowline to the Irish tax-payer, how and why this cost was allowed to increase, and why toxic and hazardous materials still remain on the island;
  - ensure that the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government uses his new powers to see that the impact of new developments on our heritage is minimised;
  - introduce more sensible legal fees for Tribunals with immediate effect, rather than waiting up to two years;

- restore the Part V provisions for social housing in the Planning and Development Act 2000, providing 10,000 social housing units per year until waiting lists are cleared;
- urgently curb costs in this country, especially before the maturing SSIA's apply further pressures on the economy;
- radically redraft the Disability Bill to recognise that people with disabilities have the same civil and human rights as others;
- expedite the Alcohol Products Bill to curb alcohol advertising;
- guarantee the National Education Welfare Board the necessary funding to tackle the unacceptably high levels of non-attendance revealed in the preliminary findings of the national audit of non-attendance;
- launch interdepartmental initiatives to ensure proper physical education in schools, safe cycle routes and promote healthier foods;
- work through the United Nations to try to establish a ceasefire in Iraq with a timetable for the withdrawal of occupying forces and the establishment of democratic structures free from foreign influence; and
- seek the widening of the mandate of African Union peacekeeping forces in Darfur to allow them to ensure the safety of civilians as a priority and the delivery of badly needed aid.” — *Trevor Sargent, John Gormley, Dan Boyle, Ciarán Cuffe, Eamon Ryan, Paul Gogarty.*

[28 September, 2004]

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**48.** “That Dáil Éireann calls on the Minister for Education and Science to reverse his decision to close St. Catherine’s College of Home Economics, Sion Hill, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.” — *Eamon Gilmore, Pat Rabbitte, Michael D. Higgins, Liz McManus, Emmet Stagg, Thomas P. Broughan, Joan Burton, Joe Costello, Brendan Howlin, Kathleen Lynch, Breeda Moynihan-Cronin, Jan O’Sullivan, Brian O’Shea, Seamus Pattison, Willie Penrose, Ruairi Quinn, Seán Ryan, Joe Sherlock, Róisín Shortall, Mary Upton, Jack Wall.*

[29 September, 2004]

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**49.** “That Dáil Éireann:

- welcomes the publication in April, 2004 of the Ninth Progress Report of the All-Party Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution, on private property;
- notes the description by the Tánaiste in this House on the 8th April of the report as an excellent and her hope that it would be acted upon quickly;
- endorses the conclusions of that committee that constitutional change is not necessary before a reform of the existing system of compulsory purchase and acquisition of land is attempted and that statutory provision for the compulsory acquisition of land required for development by local authorities at existing use values plus 25% would not be found to be unconstitutional; and
- calls on the Government to prepare proposals for legislation accordingly.” — *Eamon Gilmore, Pat Rabbitte, Emmet Stagg, Liz McManus, 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.*

[19 October, 2004]

**50.** “That Dáil Éireann,

- noting the serious backlog in Irish broadband infrastructure identified by international indices like the D.S.L. (Digital Subscriber Line) Forum and the O.E.C.D.;
- concerned by the alarming number of households and businesses whose phone lines fail the quality test indicator and disturbing reports of falling investment by the incumbent network operator;
- aware of the significant market power enjoyed by a small number of telecoms companies;
- worried by the total lack of a coherent national plan for broadband enablement, the lack of urgency given by this government to the programmes of e-government and e-learning and the failure to promote e-inclusion for all regions and income groups in Ireland; and
- believing that it is critically important for the Irish economy and society to regain it's leading world role in I.C.T. and broadband communications;

calls on the Government to:

- set out a clear national policy and urgent timeframe for the national broadband communications network;
- quickly address logjams in first mile infrastructure and local loop unbundling;
- greatly strengthen the resources, regulatory powers and sanctions of Comreg to prevent market and regulatory failure; and
- implement the key recommendations of the all party Second Report of the Joint Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources on the ‘Provision of A National High Speed Broadband Infrastructure’.” — *Thomas P. Broughan, Pat Rabbitte, Liz McManus, Emmet Stagg, 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.* [9 November, 2004]

**51.** “That Dáil Éireann,

recognising the:

- infrastructural needs of the country generally;
- considerable financial assistance available through E.U. funding;
- urgency of implementing the National Development Plan; and
- ongoing failure of implementing in full the B.M.W. element of the National Development Plan.

calls on the Government to:

- allocate whatever resources are required to implement the B.M.W. element of the National Development Plan;
- undertake immediate assessment of the reasons for the lack of implementation in full of the B.M.W. element of the National Development Plan;
- ensure that any existing allocation of funds to the B.M.W. region will not be lost or reallocated to any other region; and
- ensure that any additional expenditure committed to under the National Development Plan will be allocated between the B.M.W. and south and east regions in a balanced way to reflect the Government's commitment to a balanced regional development policy.” — *Beverley Cooper-Flynn.* [9 November, 2004]



**52.** “That Dáil Éireann,

- recognising the importance of Bewley’s cafés to the social, economic and cultural life of Dublin City;
- cognisant of the State’s role in the operation of the Great Southern Hotels Group and Restaurant Na Mara in Dún Laoghaire; and recognising the role of the National Trust in securing the future of the Crown Bar in Belfast;
- acknowledging the historical significance of the cafés in the literary and historic life of the capital and its importance as a theatrical venue;
- noting that the premises at Westmoreland Street and Grafton Street are protected structures and worthy of protection in the Dublin City development plan;
- recognising the need to facilitate continued public access and viewing of the artistic excellence of the stained glass windows created by the late Harry Clarke;
- acknowledging the emphasis that the Bewley family placed on the sourcing of fresh foods directly from farms and producers; and

calls on the Taoiseach, the Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism and the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, to intercede and purchase the leases, freehold and furnishings of the cafés, and subsequently either franchise the cafés out to an operator who will uphold and continue the tradition of hospitality and excellence that the cafés offer to Dubliners, Irish people and visitors from abroad or alternatively use the Bewley’s premises to promote the history and cultural life of Dublin as well as retaining a partial café function and thereby safeguard this important cultural institution.” — *Trevor Sargent, John Gormley, Dan Boyle, Ciarán Cuffe, Eamon Ryan, Paul Gogarty.*

[30 November, 2004]

**53.** “That Dáil Éireann, conscious of the inexcusable delay in the consideration in select committee of the Whistleblowers Protection Bill 1999, which was introduced on the 24th March, 1999, given a second reading and referred to the Select Committee on Enterprise and Small Business on the 16th June, 1999, lapsed on the dissolution of the 28th Dáil and was the subject of a resolution of the 18th June, 2002, restoring it to the Order Paper,

Resolves that, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders—

- (1) the Order of the Dáil of the 18th June, 2002, to the extent that it orders that the Whistleblowers Protection Bill 1999 be considered in Committee of the whole Dáil, be discharged and that the Bill be referred to the Select Committee on Enterprise and Small Business pursuant to Standing Order 112 and paragraph (1)(a)(i) of the Committee’s Orders of Reference,
- (2) that it be an Instruction to the Select Committee that proceedings on the Bill be commenced as the next immediate item of business of the Committee and be progressed with all due expedition and that, immediately after the conclusion of those proceedings, the Committee shall, in accordance with Standing Order 85, send a message to the Dáil in relation to the completion of its consideration of the Bill: Provided that, if those proceedings are not earlier concluded, the Select Committee shall report back to the Dáil its progress on those proceedings on the 1st day of March, 2005.” — *Pat Rabbitte, Michael D. Higgins, Liz McManus, Emmet Stagg, Thomas P. Broughan, Joan Burton, Joe Costello, Eamon Gilmore, Brendan Howlin, Kathleen Lynch, Breeda Moynihan-Cronin, Jan O’Sullivan, Brian O’Shea, Seamus Pattison, Willie Penrose, Ruairi Quinn, Seán Ryan, Joe Sherlock, Róisín Shortall, Mary Upton, Jack Wall.*

[3 December, 2004]

**54.** “That Dáil Éireann,

notes the recent examples of the Government’s appalling incompetence across many areas including the:

- complete lack of urgency regarding climate change, the greatest crisis facing our planet, including the uncertainty which the Government has allowed to develop over the future role of wind and other renewable energy technologies at a time when it is imperative that we reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- legal action being taken by the EU Commission against the Government for eight breaches of environmental law;
- continuing indecision on major public transport projects such as the Dublin Metro while at the same time trying to shift the blame for delays onto environmental groups;
- increases in rail and bus fares at a time when we need more than ever to encourage people to switch to public transport;
- plan to increase the capacity of the M50 in the knowledge that the widened motorway will be congested from the day it opens and with air pollution levels already exceeding EU limits in places along the route;
- insistence on driving the M3 by the Hill of Tara through one of the richest areas of heritage sites in the country;
- end of the Tánaiste’s honeymoon period in the Department of Health and Children being marked by record numbers on trolleys in Accident and Emergency departments;
- closure of Smurfit’s Paper Mills, being the latest blow to recycling infrastructure in Ireland following on the closure of the Irish Glass Bottle Company in Ringsend;
- legal problems and nationwide inconsistencies with waste charge waivers;
- ongoing failure of Government to require energy efficiency standards at least in line with the EU Directive on Energy Performance of Buildings;
- escalating cost of childcare now consuming 20% of earnings compared to an EU average of 12%;
- rejection by the Minister for Education and Science of plans to reform the senior cycle on cost grounds without ever having carried out an analysis of such costs;
- proposal for electronic tagging as a lazy alternative to imprisonment while the probation service goes under-resourced;
- closure of Media Lab, the centrepiece of the Government’s Digital Hub initiative, after €35m of public money was pumped into it;
- closure of Carlow sugar factory with the loss of over 300 jobs and the loss of over 1,000 jobs around the country in the first 3 weeks of 2005; and

calls on the Government to:

- act urgently to reduce Ireland’s dependence on fossil fuels for 87% of its energy needs by investing in alternative energy sources;
- provide the resources necessary to allow the EPA to efficiently do its job of protecting our environment;
- proceed speedily with the Dublin Metro, the Western Rail Corridor and other public transport projects which provide the only long term solutions to the country’s transport problems;

- reverse the increases in rail and bus fares and to subsidise public transport to make it more attractive to motorists;
  - ensure that tolling of roads is used to manage traffic properly rather than to make obscene amounts of money for private companies;
  - seriously consider alternative plans to cater for traffic using the N3 such as link roads to the existing M1;
  - properly fund and staff the primary health care strategy launched over three years ago and deliver on the 3,000 beds promised in the Government's health strategy;
  - invest in recycling enterprises not incinerators and properly monitor what happens waste exported for recycling outside this country to ensure that it is not simply going to landfill;
  - increase social welfare with a special waste allowance of €5 to €7 per week;
  - implement the EU Directive on Energy Performance of Buildings by the target date of January 2006 without seeking any derogations;
  - belatedly make provision for childcare which was ignored in the December Budget;
  - move without delay towards costing a continuous assessment programme at senior cycle that moves towards a new curriculum that caters for the needs of existing students, encourages creativity and independent learning and positions us for the economic challenges that lie ahead;
  - properly resource the probation service so that community service schemes can be used more widely as a far more constructive solution than prison or tagging;
  - investigate how the money pumped into Media Lab was spent and the seemingly large expenditure on consultants involved in the development of the Digital Hub; and
  - convert the Carlow sugar factory to the production of ethanol for transport fuel.”
- *Trevor Sargent, John Gormley, Dan Boyle, Ciarán Cuffe, Eamon Ryan, Paul Gogarty..*  
[26 January, 2005]

**55. 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 an Oifig Náisiúnta d'Fhorbairt Eacnamaíoch agus Shóisialach 2002 — An Roghchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí.  
National Economic and Social Development Office Bill 2002 — Select Committee on Finance and the Public Service.

An Bille um an gCúirt Choiriúil Idirnáisiúnta 2003 — An Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan.  
International Criminal Court Bill 2003 — Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights.

An Bille Airgeadais 2005 — An Roghchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí.  
Finance Bill 2005 — Select Committee on Finance and the Public Service.

An Bille Leasa Shóisialaigh agus Pinsean 2005 — An Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh.

Social Welfare and Pensions Bill 2005 — Select Committee on Social and Family Affairs.

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(l) An Bille um Thruailliú na Farraige (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2003 [*Seanad*] — An Roghchoiste um Chumarsáid, Muir agus Acmhainní Nádurtha.

(a) Sea Pollution (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2003 [*Seanad*] — Select Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources.

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An Bille um Sheirbhísí Uisce 2003 [*Seanad*] — An Roghchoiste um Chomhshaol agus Rialtas Áitiúil.

Water Services Bill 2003 [*Seanad*] — Select Committee on the Environment and Local Government.

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## MEMORANDA

*Dé Máirt, 22 Feabhra, 2005*  
*Tuesday, 22nd February, 2005*

### **An Bille Leasa Shóisialaigh agus Pinsean 2005:**

#### **Social Welfare and Pensions Bill 2005:**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 4 p.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Social and Family Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 4 p.m.

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*Dé Céadaoin, 23 Feabhra, 2005*  
*Wednesday, 23rd February, 2005*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontraíocht agus Mionghnóthaí i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, 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 Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Ortadóntaic i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 10.30 a.m.

Meeting of the sub-Committee on Orthodontics in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 10.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Chearta an Duine i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 12 meán lae.

Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 12 noon.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Muir agus Acmhainní Nádurtha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, 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 Thalmhaíocht agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.  
 Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

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

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**An Bille Leasa Shóisialaigh agus Pinsean 2005:**  
**Social Welfare and Pensions Bill 2005:**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 4 p.m.  
 Meeting of the Select Committee on Social and Family Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 4 p.m.

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*Déardaoin, 24 Feabhra, 2005*  
*Thursday, 24th February, 2005*

Cruinniú den Choiste um Chuntais Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, 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, TL2000, 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 den Chomhchoiste um Chomhshaol agus Rialtas Áitiúil i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.  
 Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Environment and Local Government in Committee Room 4, 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) Ráitis i leith Comhairleoirí Speisialta don Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Iompair (Ivor Mac Alaigh, T.D.) de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [2004] [10 Feabhra, 2005].

2) Ráitis i leith Comhairleoirí Speisialta don Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil (Parthlán Ó Caoimh, T.D.) de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [10 Feabhra, 2005].

*Statutory:*

1) Statements in respect of Special Advisers to the Minister of State at the Department of Transport (Ivor Callely, T.D.) in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [2004] [10 February, 2005].

2) Statements in respect of Special Advisers to the Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (Batt O'Keeffe, T.D.) in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [10 February, 2005].

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3) Ráitis i leith Comhairleoirí Speisialta don Aire Cumarsáide, Mara agus Acmhainní Nádurtha de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [2004] [17 Feabhra, 2005].

4) Bearta, Bearta Beartaithe agus Forbairtí i ndáil leis na Comhphobail Eorpacha agus an Aontas Eorpach. Tuarascáil don tréimhse 1 Iúil, 2004 - 31 Nollaig, 2004 (An Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta).

5) Coláiste Oideachais Tís San Caitríona, Cnoc Síon, An Charraig Dhubh. Ráitis Airgeadais don bhliain dar chríoch 31 Lúnasa, 2003 mar aon leis an tuarascáil ón Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste orthu sin.

6) Coláiste Oideachais Eaglais na hÉireann, Ráth Maonais. Ráitis Airgeadais, 2003.

7) Athbhreithniú Staidrimh Árachais, 2003, lena n-áirítear Achoimre ar Ráitis i dtaobh Gnó Árachais a rinneadh i rith na bliana dar chríoch 31 Nollaig, 2003, mar aon le Tuairisceáin Bhliantúla Árachais Saoil agus Árachais Neamh-Shaoil, 2003.

8) Tuarascáil ón Roinn Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta don Oireachtas faoi Alt 2(5) d'Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh (Grinnscrúdú) 2002 don tréimhse ó Iúil go Nollaig, 2004.

9) Na hAchtanna um an nGníomhaireacht Foirgníochta Náisiúnta Teoranta 1963 go 1974. Ráiteas maidir le rátháíochtaí ón Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil ar iasachtaí a fuair an Ghníomhaireacht Foirgníochta Náisiúnta Teoranta. Mar a bhí an 31 Nollaig, 2004.

10) An tOrdú um Iascach Bradán a Rialú 2005 (I.R. Uimh. 72 de 2005).

#### *Neamhreachtuil:*

1) An Comhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí. Ordú ag bunú Fochoiste um Ortadóntaic. (Ordaíodh an 17 Feabhra, 2005).

2) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2004. Feabhra, 2005.

3) Páipéar Comhairliúcháin ón gCoimisiún um Athchóiriú an Dlí ar Dhlí na nIon-taobhas Carthanachta — Tograí Ginearálta (LRC CP 36-2005) (Feabhra, 2005).

3) Statements in respect of Special Advisers to the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [2004] [17 February, 2005].

4) Measures, Proposed Measures and Developments in relation to the European Communities and European Union. Report for the period 1 July, 2004 - 31 December, 2004 (Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs).

5) St. Catherine's College of Education for Home Economics, Sion Hill, Blackrock. Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August, 2003 together with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

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