

*Dé Máirt, 23 Deireadh Fómhair, 2007*  
*Tuesday, 23rd October, 2007*

2.30 p.m.

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

*Billí a thionscnamh : Initiation of Bills*

*Tíolactha:*  
*Presented:*

**a3.** An Bille um Nós Imeachta Coiriúil (Leasú) 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta  
um Nós Imeachta Coiriúil 1967.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Criminal  
Procedure Act 1967.

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

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*Fógraí i dtaobh leasú ar Thairiscint : Notice of amendment to Motion*

**8.** “Go molann Dáil Éireann an tIonchas Réamh-Bhuiséid ina gcorpraítear Meastacháin Réamh-Bhuiséid i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí 2008 arna fhoilsiú ag an Aire Airgeadais an 18 Deireadh Fómhair, 2007.

That Dáil Éireann commends the Pre-Budget Outlook incorporating Pre-Budget Estimates for Public Services 2008 published by the Minister for Finance on 18th October, 2007.”

*—An Tánaiste agus Aire Airgeadais.*

*Leasú:*  
*Amendment:*

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

“notes the Pre-Budget Outlook incorporating Pre-Budget Estimates for Public Services 2008, published by the Tánaiste and Minister for Finance on 18th October, 2007 and having regard to the statement by the Minister that 2007 represented a turning point for the Irish economy, calls on the Government to take all necessary steps to:

- maintain infrastructure development as provided for in the National Development Plan;
- continue investment in the health and education systems; and
- protect the living standards of those on low incomes.”

*—Joan Burton.*

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

*Fógra i dtaobh leasú ar Thairsceint : Notice of Amendment to Motion*

22. “That Dáil Éireann,

noting:

- the inadequate consumer information offered by the current Irish labelling regime and the Government failure to legislate appropriately;
- the need to end the labelling abuse which is allowed by the ‘substantial transformation’ loophole;
- the legitimate consumer and industry concerns about the continued importation of meat from countries where production systems do not meet EU standards;
- the threat to the viability of meat producers posed by the rising cost of animal feed and incoherent Government policy in this area; and

in light of:

- the economic importance of the agri-food industry which accounts for 10% of employment, 8% of GDP and 25% of net foreign earnings;

calls on the Government to:

- protect consumers and farmers by introducing comprehensive labelling legislation and banning substandard imports;
- protect consumers and farmers by closing the legal loophole which allows foreign produce to be passed off as Irish; and
- ensure that the regulatory regime as it applies to the importation of animal feed is reformed so as to provide easy access to feed importers and farmers to animal feed at affordable prices.” — *Michael Creed, Enda Kenny, Bernard Allen, James Bannon, Seán Barrett, Pat Breen, Richard Bruton, Ulick Burke, Catherine Byrne, Joe Carey, Deirdre Clune, Paul Connaughton, Noel J. Coonan, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, Lucinda Creighton, Michael D'Arcy, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Andrew Doyle, Bernard J. Durkan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Frank Feighan, Charles Flanagan, Terence Flanagan, Tom Hayes, Brian Hayes, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Pádraic McCormack, Shane McEntee, Dinny McGinley, Joe McHugh, Olivia Mitchell, Denis Naughten, Dan Neville, Michael Noonan, Kieran O'Donnell, Fergus O'Dowd, Jim O'Keeffe, John O'Mahony, John Perry, James Reilly, Michael Ring, Alan Shatter, Tom Sheahan, P. J. Sheehan, David Stanton, Billy Timmins, Leo Varadkar.*

*Leasú:*

*Amendment:*

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

“noting the economic, social and environmental importance of the agri-food industry, acknowledges the Government’s continuing commitment and proactive approach to the development of a consumer focussed, innovative and sustainable sector in line with the Agri Vision 2015 Plan and as enunciated in the National Development Plan;

commends the specific actions taken by the Government for this purpose including:

- the introduction of an €8.7 billion agri-food package in the National Development Plan;
- the efficient delivery of €1.3 billion annually in single farm payments;
- the capital investment programme for the meat and dairy industries as well as investment in research and development;
- the protection of consumer and animal health including the strict application of EU regulations controlling the importation of products of animal origin; and
- the active pursuance at EU level of improvements in the EU labelling regulations while, at the same time, improving national meat labelling regulations.” — *An tAire Talmhaíochta, Iascaigh agus Bia*.