



DÁIL ÉIREANN

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10.30 a.m.

ORD GNÓ
ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 10.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Cead chun Meastachán Forlíontach [Vóta 6] a Thabhairt Isteach.
 Motion *re* Leave to Introduce Supplementary Estimate [Vote 6].
- 10a.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Meastachán Forlíontach [Vóta 6] a Tharchur chuig Roghchoiste.
 Motion *re* Referral of Supplementary Estimate [Vote 6] to Select Committee.
- 9.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Róta na nAirí i gcomhair Ceisteanna Parlaiminte.
 Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions.
- 10b.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Gnáthchomhaltaí a Cheapadh ar Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais.
 Motion *re* Appointment of ordinary Members to the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission.
- 10c.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Ceadú beartaithe ag Dáil Éireann i ndáil le téarmaí an Chomhaontaithe idir Rialtas na hÉireann agus Rialtas Réigiún Riaracháin Speisialta Hong Cong Dhaon-Phoblacht na Síne.
 Motion *re* Referral to Select Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of the Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.
- 10d.** Tairiscint *maidir le* Ceadú beartaithe ag Dáil Éireann i ndáil le téarmaí Ionstraimí Áirithe de Chomhdháil 2004 den Aontas Poist Uilechoiteann a tharchur chuig Roghchoiste.
 Motion *re* Referral to Select Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of the terms of Certain Acts of the 2004 Congress of the Universal Postal Union.
- 14.** Ráitis ar an gCruinniú den Chomhdháil Idir-Rialtasach, Liospóin.
 Statements on the Meeting of the Inter-Governmental Conference, Lisbon.
- 8.** (I) Tairiscint *maidir le* Meastacháin Réamh-Bhuiséid i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí 2008 (*atógáil*).
 (a) Motion *re* Pre-Budget Estimates for Public Services 2008 (*resumed*).

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

- 22.** Tairiscint *maidir leis an* Tionscal talmhaíochta/bia (*atógáil*)
 Motion *re* Agri-food industry (*resumed*).

I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ
AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Fógraí Tairisceana : Notices of Motions

9. “D’ainneoin aon ní i Rún an 14 Meitheamh, 2007, 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 Talmhaíochta, Iascaigh agus Bia, a chur síos d’Airí san ord sealadach seo a leanas:

An tAire Dlí agus Cirt,
Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí

An tAire Cosanta

An tAire Oideachais agus Eolaíochta

agus air sin leanfar den ord a bunaíodh le Rún an 14 Meitheamh, 2007, le Ceisteanna chun an Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

That, notwithstanding anything in the Resolution of the Dáil of 14th June, 2007, 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 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, shall be set down to Ministers in the following temporary sequence:

Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform

Minister for Defence

Minister for Education and Science

where upon the sequence established by the Resolution of 14th June, 2007, shall continue with Questions to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.”

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

10. “Go dtabharfaidh an Dáil cead chun an Meastachán Forlíontach seo a leanas a thabhairt isteach le haghaidh sheirbhís na bliana dar críoch an 31ú lá de Nollaig, 2007:-

Vóta 6 (Oifig an Aire Airgeadais)
(*Meastachán Forlíontach*).

That leave be given by the Dáil to introduce the following Supplementary Estimate for the service of the year ending on the 31st day of December, 2007:-

Vote 6 (Office of the Minister for Finance)
(*Supplementary Estimate*).”

—An Tánaiste agus Aire Airgeadais.

10a. “Faoi réir cead a thabhairt chun an Meastachán Forlíontach seo a leanas a thabhairt isteach le haghaidh sheirbhís na bliana dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2007, go ndéanfar an Meastachán Forlíontach a tharchur chuig an Roghchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 154(3) agus mhír (1)(a)(ii) d’Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste agus go dtabharfaidh an Coiste tuairisc don Dáil tráth nach déanaí ná an 7 Samhain:-

That, subject to leave being given to introduce the following Supplementary Estimate for the service of the year ending 31st December, 2007, the Supplementary Estimate be referred to the Select Committee on Finance and the Public Service pursuant to Standing Order 154(3) and paragraph (1)(a)(ii) of the Committee’s Orders of Reference, which shall report back to the Dáil by no later than 7th November:-

Vóta 6 (Oifig an Aire Airgeadais)
(*Meastachán Forlíontach*).

Vote 6 (Office of the Minister for Finance)
(*Supplementary Estimate*)."

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

10b. “Go ndéanann Dáil Éireann, de réir alt 8(3)(a) de na hAchtanna um Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais 2003 agus 2006, Gnáthchomhaltáí an Choimisiúin a cheapadh mar a leanas:

That Dáil Éireann, in accordance with section 8(3)(a) of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission Acts 2003 and 2006, appoints the ordinary Members of the Commission as follows:

Deputies Tom Hayes, Seamus Kirk, Dan Neville and Pat Rabbitte.”

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

10c. “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann téarmaí an Chomhaontaithe idir Rialtas na hÉireann agus Rialtas Réigiún Riaracháin Speisialta Hong Cong Dhaon-Phoblacht na Síne maidir le Ciontóirí Teifeacha a Thabhairt Suas, ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 5 Deireadh Fómhair, 2007, a tharchur chuig an Roghchoiste um um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan, de réir mhír (1) d’Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin, agus go ndéanfaidh an Roghchoiste sin, tráth nach déanaí ná an 21 Samhain, 2007, teachtaireacht a chur chuig an Dáil ar an modh a fhorordaítear i mBuan-Ordú 87, agus go mbeidh feidhm dá réir ag Buan-Ordú 86(2).

That the proposal that Dáil Éireann approves the terms of the Agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China concerning the Surrender of Fugitive Offenders, a copy of which was laid before Dáil Éireann on 5th October, 2007, be referred to the Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women’s Rights, in accordance with paragraph (1) of the Orders of Reference of that Committee, which, not later than 21st November, 2007, shall send a message to the Dáil in the manner prescribed in Standing Order 87, and Standing Order 86(2) shall accordingly apply.”

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

10d. “Go ndéanfar an togra go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann téarmaí Ionstraimí Áirithe de Chomhdháil 2004 den Aontas Poist Uilechoiteann, a síníodh i mBúcairist an 5 Deireadh Fómhair, 2004, eadhon:

That the proposal that Dáil Éireann approves the terms of Certain Acts of the 2004 Congress of the Universal Postal Union, signed at Bucharest on 5th October, 2004, namely:

— An Seachtú Prótacal Breise a ghabhann le Bunrecht an Aontais Poist Uilechoitinn;

— The Seventh Additional Protocol to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union;

— Rialacháin Ghinearálta an Aontais Poist Uilechoitinn;

— The General Regulations of the Universal Postal Union;

— An Coinbhinsiún Poist Uilechoiteann

— The Universal Postal Convention and

agus an Prótacal Deiridh a ghabhann leis;
agus

Final Protocol thereto; and

— An Comhaontú um Sheirbhísí Íocaíochta Poist;

— The Postal Payment Services Agreement;

ar leagadh cóipeanna díobh faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 31 Iúil, 2007, a tharchur chuig an Roghchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha, de réir mhír (1) d'Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin, agus go ndéanfaidh an Roghchoiste sin, tráth nach déanaí ná an 21 Samhain, 2007, teachtaireacht a chur chuig an Dáil ar an modh a fhorordaítear i mBuan-Ordú 87, agus go mbeidh feidhm dá réir ag Buan-Ordú 86(2).

copies of which have been laid before Dáil Éireann on 31st July, 2007, be referred to the Select Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, in accordance with paragraph (1) of the Orders of Reference of that Committee, which, not later than 21st November, 2007, shall send a message to the Dáil in the manner prescribed in Standing Order 87, and Standing Order 86(2) shall accordingly apply.”

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

ORDUITHE AN LAE ORDERS OF THE DAY

Tairiscint (atógáil):

Motion (resumed):

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 (atógáil):

Amendment (resumed):

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.

14. Ráitis ar an gCruinniú den Chomhdháil Idir-Rialtasach, Liospóin.
Statements on the Meeting of the Inter-Governmental Conference, Lisbon.

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Tairsceint (atógáil) (1 ur. 30 n. fágtha):

Motion (resumed) (1 hr. 30 m. remaining):

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'Keefe, John O'Mahony, John Perry, James Reilly, Michael Ring, Alan Shatter, Tom Sheahan, P. J. Sheehan, David Stanton, Billy Timmins, Leo Varadkar.*

[23 October, 2007]

Leasú (atógáil):

Amendment (resumed):

1. To delete all words after “Dáil Éireann” 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.*

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

Reachtúil:

- 1) Comhairle na nDámhachtainí Ardoideachais agus Oiliúna. Ráitis Airgeadais, 2006.
- 2) Na Rialacháin Ruacan (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Cuan Dhún Dealgan) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 692 de 2007).
- 3) An tOmbudsman Pinsean. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2006.
- 4) An Coimisiún um Thoghlaigh. Tuarascáil ar Dháilcheantair agus Toghlaigh Pharlaimint na hEorpa, 2007.

Neamhreachtúil:

- Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Iarmhair Lotnaidicídí) (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 685 de 2007).

Statutory:

- 1) The Higher Education and Training Awards Council. Financial Statements, 2006.
- 2) Cackle (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (Dundalk Bay) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 692 of 2007).
- 3) Pensions Ombudsman. Annual Report, 2006.
- 4) Constituency Commission. Report on Dáil and European Parliament Constituencies, 2007.

Non-Statutory:

- European Communities (Pesticide Residues) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 685 of 2007).