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# DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Céadaoin, 31 Deireadh Fómhair, 2007 Wednesday, 31st October, 2007

2.30 p.m.

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

Billí ón Seanad : Bills from the Seanad

a1. An Bille um Margaí in Ionstraimí Airgeadais agus Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha 2007 — Leasuithe ón Seanad.

Markets in Financial Instruments and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2007 — Amendments from the Seanad.

# ORDUITHE AN LAE ORDERS OF THE DAY

**13***a*. Ráitis ar Shábháilteacht ar Bhóithre. Statements on Road Safety.

## GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Fógra i dtaobh leasú ar Thairiscint : Notice of Amendment to Motion

- **24.** "That, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, the Civil Unions Bill 2006, the second reading of which had, prior to the dissolution of Dáil Éireann on 29th April, 2007, been postponed until 21st August, 2007, is hereby:
- restored to the Order Paper at Committee Stage; and
- referred to the Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in accordance with Standing Order 114 and paragraph 1(a) (i) of that Committee's Orders of Reference.

The Select Committee shall, in accordance with Standing Order 87, send a message to the Dáil in relation to the completion of its consideration of the Civil Unions Bill 2006, not later than the end of 2007." — Brendan Howlin, Eamon Gilmore, Joan Burton, Emmet Stagg, Thomas P. Broughan, Joe Costello, Michael D. Higgins, Kathleen Lynch, Ciarán Lynch, Liz McManus, Brian O'Shea, Jan O'Sullivan, Willie Penrose, Ruairí Quinn, Pat Rabbitte, Seán Sherlock, Róisín Shortall, Joanna Tuffy, Mary Upton, Jack Wall.

#### Leasú:

#### Amendment:

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

### "notes:

- that legislative reform must be fully consistent with the relevant provisions of the Constitution;
- the options identified by the Colley Group, including in particular for same-sex couples;
- the Tenth Report of the All-Party Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution, on the Family, which recommended that civil partnership legislation should be provided for same-sex couples;
- the report of the Law Reform Commission on the Rights and Duties of Cohabitants, which recommended provision of a redress mechanism for vulnerable dependent cohabitants at the termination of a relationship; and
- the Government's decision reflected in the Government Legislative Programme published on 27th September, 2007 to prepare a scheme of a Bill;

supports the commitment in the Agreed Programme for Government to legislate for Civil Partnership at the earliest possible date in the lifetime of the Government, so as to establish a supportive legal framework for same-sex couples in committed relationships." — An tAire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí.