



DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Máirt, 3 Feabhra, 2009
Tuesday, 3rd February, 2009

RIAR NA hOIBRE
ORDER PAPER

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2.30 p.m.

ORD GNÓ
ORDER OF BUSINESS

8. Tairiscint *maidir le* Róta na nAíró i gcomhair Ceisteanna Parlaiminte.
Motion *re* Ministerial Rota for Parliamentary Questions.
9. Tairiscint *maidir le* Tragóid Dhóiteán Stardust.
Motion *re* Stardust Fire Tragedy.
17. An Bille fán Scéim um Thacaíocht Tithe Banaltrais 2008 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Nursing Homes Support Scheme Bill 2008 — Second Stage (*resumed*).
10. Tairiscint *maidir le* Corrhoghchán do Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas.
Motion *re* Bye-Election for Dublin South.

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

51. (l) Tairiscint *maidir leis* na Praghsanna ar Fhuinneamh.
(a) Motion *re* Energy Prices.

I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ
AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Billí ón Seanad : Bills from the Seanad

1. An Bille Carthanas 2007 — Leasuithe ón Seanad.
Charities Bill 2007 — Amendments from the Seanad.

2. An Bille um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí (Leasú) 2007 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim.
Ethics in Public Office (Amendment) Bill 2007 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage.

3. Bille na dTithe (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2008 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim.
Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2008 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage.

Billí a thionscnamh : Initiation of Bills

Tíolactha:
Presented:

4. An Bille um Chomhlíonadh an Dlí Fostaíochta 2008 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Employment Law Compliance Bill 2008 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht chun comhlíonadh feabhsaithe na reachtaíochta fostaíochta a áirithiú; do bhunú comhlachta ar a dtabharfar an tÚdarás Náisiúnta um Chearta Fostaíochta nó, sa Bhéarla, *the National Employment Rights Authority*; do bhunú oifig Stiúrthóir an Údaráis Náisiúnta um Chearta Fostaíochta nó, sa Bhéarla, *the Director of the National Employment Rights Authority*, agus do dhéanamh socrú maidir le ceapachán an stiúrthóra sin; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le téarmaí, coinníollacha agus feidhmeanna an stiúrthóra; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le stiúrthóir gníomhach chun feidhmeanna an stiúrthóra a chomhlíonadh de réir riachtanas; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le bord comhairleach agus do mhíniú a fheidhmeanna; do dhéanamh socrú breise maidir le reachtaíocht fostaíochta a fhorfheidhmiú lena n-áirítear trí oifigigh údaraithe a cheapadh; do mhéadú na bpionós mar gheall ar chionta áirithe faoin reachtaíocht fostaíochta agus faoi achtacháin áirithe eile; do dhéanamh leasú breise ar an reachtaíocht fostaíochta agus ar achtacháin áirithe eile agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to secure improved compliance with employment legislation; to establish a body to be known as *an tÚdarás Náisiúnta um Chearta Fostaíochta* or, in the English language, as the National Employment Rights Authority; to establish the office of *Stiúrthóir an Údaráis Náisiúnta um Chearta Fostaíochta* or, in the English language, the Director of the National Employment Rights Authority and to provide for his or her appointment; to provide for the terms, conditions and functions of the director; to provide for an acting director to perform the functions of the director during exigencies; to provide for an advisory board and to define its functions; to further provide for the enforcement of employment legislation including by the appointment of authorised officers; to increase the penalties for certain offences under employment legislation and certain other enactments; to further amend employment legislation and certain other enactments and to provide for related matters.

—*An Tánaiste agus Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta.*

5. An Bille Fíneálacha 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Fines Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú i ndáil leis na fíneálacha uasta a fhéadfaidh cúirt a fhorchur i leith cionta a thriailtear go hachomair agus cionta áirithe a thriailtear ar díotáil; do dhéanamh socrú go ndéanfaidh cúirt, a mbeidh fíneáil á forchur aici ar dhuine a chiontú i gcion, dálaí airgeadais duine a chur i gcuntas; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le fíneálacha den sórt sin a íoc ina dtráthchodanna in imthosca áirithe; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann leis an méid sin.

Bill entitled an Act to make provision in relation to the maximum fines that a court may impose in respect of offences tried summarily and certain offences tried on indictment; to provide that a court in imposing a fine upon conviction of a person of an offence shall take account of a person's financial circumstances; to provide for the payment of such fines by instalment in certain circumstances; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

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

6. An Bille um an Ochtú Leasú is Fiche ar an mBunreacht 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Twenty-eighth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht chun an Bunreacht a leasú.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Constitution.

—*An tAire Sláinte agus Leanaí.*

7. An Bille Árachais Sláinte (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2008 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Health Insurance (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2008 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta Árachais Sláinte 1994, an Achta Comhdhlúite Cánacha 1997 agus an Achta Comhdhlúite Dleachtanna Stampa 1999, go háirithe chun a chinntiú go ndéanfar, ar mhaithe leis an dlúthpháirtíocht sochaí agus eadarghlúine, an t-ualach maidir le costais seirbhísí sláinte a chomhroinnt ag daoine árachaithe trí shocrú a dhéanamh maidir le fóirdheontais costais idir daoine óga agus daoine aosta; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Health Insurance Act 1994, the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 and the Stamp Duties Consolidation Act 1999, in particular to ensure that, in the interests of societal and intergenerational solidarity, the burden of the costs of health services be shared by insured persons by providing for a cost subsidy between the young and the old; and to provide for related matters.

—*An tAire Sláinte agus Leanaí.*

Fógraí Tairisceana : Notices of Motions

8. “D’ainneoin aon ní sna Buan-Orduithe nó i Rún an 14 Meitheamh, 2007, ón Dáil, inar leagadh amach an róta ar dá réir a chuirfear Ceisteanna chun comhaltaí den Rialtas, nó i Rún an 27 Eanáir, 2009, ón Dáil, go ndéanfar Ceisteanna le haghaidh freagra ó bhéal, a leanfaidh iad sin is neasa a bheidh curtha síos don Aire Gnóthaí Eachtracha, a chur síos d’Airí san ord sealadach seo a leanas:

An tAire Iompair

An tAire Airgeadais

An tAire Sláinte agus Leanaí

An Tánaiste agus Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta

agus air sin leanfar den ord a bunaíodh le Rún an 14 Meitheamh, 2007, le Ceisteanna chun an Aire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí.

That, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders or 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, or in the Resolution of the Dáil of 27th January, 2009, Questions for oral answer, following those next set down to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, shall be set down to Ministers in the following temporary sequence:

Minister for Transport

Minister for Finance

Minister for Health and Children

Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment

where upon the sequence established by the Resolution of 14th June, 2007, shall continue with Questions to the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform.”

—*Pádraig Ó Ciardha, Aire Stáit ag Roinn an Taoisigh.*

9. “Go ndéanann Dáil Éireann:

- a thabhairt dá haire an tuarascáil maidir leis an scrúdú neamhspleách a rinne an tUasal Paul Coffey AS ar ábhair inní Choiste Íospartach Stardust i ndáil leis an imscrúdú ar an gcúis a bhí leis an tubaiste dóiteáin;
- a aithint nach eol cén chúis a bhí leis an dóiteán, gur míniú barúlach amháin an fhionnachtain bhunaíodh gur choirloscadh a bhí ann agus nach bhfianaítear an méid sin le haon fhianaise agus nach féidir a mheas go bhfuil aon daoine de na daoine a bhí i láthair oíche an dóiteáin freagrach as;
- glacadh le tuairim an Uasail Coffey nárbh é leas an phobail é Binse nua a bhunú chun an chúis a bhí leis an dóiteán a fhiosrú d’éagmais aon fhianaise sainaitheanta;
- tacú leis an Rialtas le linn Coiste a bhunú chun faireachán a dhéanamh ar riachtanais comhairleoireachta agus liachta na ndaoine sin a tháinig slán as agus mhuintir na ndaoine a fuair bás; agus

That Dáil Éireann:

- notes the report of the independent examination by Mr. Paul Coffey SC of the concerns of the Stardust Victims Committee in relation to the investigation of the cause of the fire disaster;
- acknowledges that the cause of the fire is unknown, the original finding of arson is a mere hypothetical explanation and is not demonstrated by any evidence and that none of the persons present on the night of the fire can be held responsible for it;
- accepts the view of Mr. Coffey that to establish a new Tribunal to investigate the cause of the fire in the absence of any identified evidence would not be in the public interest;
- supports the Government in establishing a Committee to monitor the counselling and medical needs of the survivors and bereaved; and

- a fíor-chomhbhrón leanúnach d'íospartaigh thragóid Dhóiteán Stardust agus do mhuintir na ndaoine a fuair bás a chur in iúl. — expresses its continuing and deep sympathy with all of the victims and bereaved of the Stardust Fire tragedy.”

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

10. “Go n-ordóidh an Ceann Comhairle do Chléireach na Dála a eascaire a chur amach chun comhalta a thoghadh chun an folúntas a líonadh a tharla i gcomhaltas na Dála seo de dheasca an Teachta Séamus Ó Braonáin, comhalta do dháilcheantar Bhaile Átha Cliath Theas, d’fháil bháis. That the Ceann Comhairle direct the Clerk of the Dáil to issue his writ for the election of a Member to fill the vacancy which has occurred in the membership of the present Dáil consequent on the death of Deputy Séamus Brennan, a member for the constituency of Dublin South.”

—*Emmet Stagg.*

11. “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann an tuarascáil ón Aire Cosanta maidir le seirbhís ag Óglaigh na hÉireann leis na Náisiúin Aontaithe in 2007, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 28 Samhain, 2008, de réir alt 13 den Acht Cosanta (Leasú) 2006. That Dáil Éireann approves the report by the Minister for Defence regarding service by the Defence Forces with the United Nations in 2007, copies of which were laid before Dáil Éireann on 28th November, 2008, in accordance with section 13 of the Defence (Amendment) Act 2006.”

—*An tAire Cosanta.*

12. “Go dtugann Dáil Éireann dá haire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil Speisialta maidir le Reachtaíocht nua ón AE – 1 Eanáir go 30 Meitheamh, 2008*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 31 Deireadh Fómhair, 2008. That Dáil Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘*Special Report on new EU Legislation – 1 January to 30 June, 2008*’ which was laid before Dáil Éireann on 31st October, 2008.”

—*John Perry, Chairman of the Committee.*
[5 November, 2008]

13. “Go dtugann Dáil Éireann dá haire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha dar teideal ‘*Conradh Liospóin um Athchóiriú*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 29 Bealtaine, 2008. That Dáil Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Affairs entitled ‘*The Lisbon Reform Treaty*’ which was laid before Dáil Éireann on 29 May, 2008.”

—Bernard J. Durkan, Chairman of the Committee.
[18 November, 2008]

14. “Go dtugann Dáil Éireann dá haire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘COM(2007) 654 críochnaitheach - Togra le haghaidh Creat-Chinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le Taifead Ainmneacha Paisinéirí (TAP) a úsáid chun críocha forfheidhmithe dlí’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 13 Samhain 2008.

That Dáil Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘COM(2007) 654 final - Proposal for A Council Framework Decision on the use of Passenger Name Record (PNR) for law enforcement purposes’ which was laid before Dáil Éireann on 13th November 2008.”

—John Perry, Chairman of the Committee.
[18 November, 2008]

15. “Go dtugann Dáil Éireann dá haire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 21: COM(2008)40 críochnaitheach – Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le Faisnéis faoi Bhia a Sholáthar do Thomhaltóirí’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 13 Samhain, 2008.

That Dáil Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘EU Scrutiny Report No. 21: COM(2008)40 final - Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Provision of Food Information to Consumers’ which was laid before Dáil Éireann on 13th November, 2008.”

—John Perry, Chairman of the Committee.
[27 January, 2009]

16. “Go gceadaíonn Dáil Éireann an tOrdú seo a leanas ina dhréacht:

An tOrdú um an Acht Airgeadais 2004 (Alt 91) (Tabhairt Suas don Phríomh-Chiste a Iarchur) 2009,

ar leagadh cóipeanna de ina dhréacht faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann an 29 Eanáir, 2009.

That Dáil Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

Finance Act 2004 (Section 91) (Deferred Surrender to the Central Fund) Order 2009,

copies of which have been laid in draft form before Dáil Éireann on 29th January, 2009.”

—An tAire Airgeadais.

ORDUITHE AN LAE ORDERS OF THE DAY

17. An Bille fán Scéim um Thacaíocht Tithe Banaltrais 2008 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Nursing Homes Support Scheme Bill 2008 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

18. An Bille Craolacháin 2008 [*Seanad*] — Ordú don Tuarascáil.
Broadcasting Bill 2008 [*Seanad*] — Order for Report.
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19. An Bille fán Ombudsman um Sheirbhísí Dlí 2008 — Ordú don Tuarascáil.
Legal Services Ombudsman Bill 2008 — Order for Report.
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20. An Bille um Inimirce, Cónaí agus Cosaint 2008 — Ordú don Tuarascáil.
Immigration, Residence and Protection Bill 2008 — Order for Report.
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21. Tairiscintí Airgeadais ón Aire Airgeadais [2008] (*Tairiscint 15, atógáil*).
Financial Motions by the Minister for Finance [2008] (*Motion 15, resumed*).
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22. Ráitis maidir leis an Tuarascáil ón gCoiste ar an Ról Méadaithe do Pharlaimintí Náisiúnta
i gConradh Liospóin um Athchóiriú (*atógáil*).
Statements on Committee Report on the Enhanced Role for National Parliaments in the
Lisbon Reform Treaty (*resumed*).
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23. Ráitis maidir leis an Tuarascáil ón gCoimisiún um Thoghlaigh 2007.
Statements on the Constituency Commission Report 2007.
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24. Tairiscintí Airgeadais ón Aire Airgeadais [2007] (*Tairiscint 5, atógáil*).
Financial Motions by the Minister for Finance [2007] (*Motion 5, resumed*).
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25. Ráitis maidir le hIompar 21 (*atógáil*).
Statements on Transport 21 (*resumed*).
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26. An Bille um Athchóiriú an Dlí Talún agus Tíolactha 2006 [*Seanad*] — Ordú don
Tuarascáil.
Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Bill 2006 [*Seanad*] — Order for Report.
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GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Gnó a ordáíodh:
Business ordered:

27. An Bille Lucht Cleachta Dlí (Cáilíocht) (Leasú) 2007 — An Dara Céim.
Legal Practitioners (Qualification) (Amendment) Bill 2007 — Second Stage.

—*Brian O'Shea.*

28. Bille an Gharda Síochána (Cumhachtaí Faireachais) 2007 — An Dara Céim.
Garda Síochána (Powers of Surveillance) Bill 2007 — Second Stage.

—*Pat Rabbitte.*

29. An Bille fá Chlár um Chosaint Finnéithe (Uimh. 2) 2007 — An Dara Céim.
Witness Protection Programme (No. 2) Bill 2007 — Second Stage.

—*Pat Rabbitte.*

30. An Bille um an Naoú Leasú is Fiche ar an mBunreacht 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Twenty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Arthur Morgan.*

31. An Bille um an Dlí Coiriúil (Cosaint Tí Cónaithe) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Criminal Law (Home Defence) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Charles Flanagan, Michael Ring.*

32. An Bille um Chosaint Fostaithe (Oibrithe Gníomhaireachta) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Protection of Employees (Agency Workers) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Willie Penrose.*

33. An Bille um Dhliteanas Sibhialta (Leasú) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Civil Liability (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Charles Flanagan.*

34. An Bille Gairmoideachais (Bunoideachas) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Vocational Education (Primary Education) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Ruairi Quinn.*

35. An Bille um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Ethics in Public Office Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Joan Burton.*

36. An Bille um Thrédhearcacht Ceapachán Poiblí 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Public Appointments Transparency Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Leo Varadkar.*

37. An Bille um Thoghcháin Áitiúla 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Local Elections Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Ciarán Lynch.*

38. An Bille um Shaoráil Faisnéise (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Freedom of Information (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Joan Burton.*

39. An Bille um Choimisiún Toghcháin 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Electoral Commission Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Ciarán Lynch.*

40. Bille na nGiúiréithe (Leasú) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Juries (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Aengus Ó Snodaigh.*

41. An Bille um Chlárú Brústocairí 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Registration of Lobbyists Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Brendan Howlin.*

42. An Bille um Bochtaineacht Breosla agus Caomhnú Fuinnimh 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Fuel Poverty and Energy Conservation Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Liz McManus.*

43. An Bille chun na hAchtanna um Chiontaí in aghaidh an Stáit a Aisghairm 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Offences Against the State Acts Repeal Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Aengus Ó Snodaigh, Martin Ferris, Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Arthur Morgan.*

44. An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Joe Costello.*

45. An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Coireacht Fhoréigineach a Chosc) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Criminal Justice (Violent Crime Prevention) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Charles Flanagan.*

46. An Bille um Chosaint Sonraí (Nochtadh) (Leasú) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Data Protection (Disclosure) (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Simon Coveney.*

47. An Bille Aerloingseoireachta agus Aeriompair (Géilleadh Neamhghnách a Chosc) 2008
— An Dara Céim.
Air Navigation and Transport (Prevention of Extraordinary Rendition) Bill 2008 —
Second Stage.

—*Michael D. Higgins.*

48. Bille an Choimisiúin um Chearta an Duine (Leasú) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Human Rights Commission (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Aengus Ó Snodaigh.*

49. An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Imeachtaí Forfheidhmiúcháin) 2008 — An Dara
Céim.
Planning and Development (Enforcement Proceedings) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.

—*Mary Upton.*

50. An Bille um Chnuas-Mhuinisín 2008 — Ordú don Choiste.
Cluster Munitions Bill 2008 — Order for Committee.

—*Billy Timmins.*

Fógraí Tairisceana:
Notices of Motions:

51. “That Dáil Éireann:

— acknowledges that Irish households and businesses are burdened with some of the

highest prices in the EU for electricity and gas;

- recognises that energy costs are a key component of Irish economic competitiveness and that Ireland's ability to develop and attract new business is suffering from high energy costs as reported by numerous business surveys by IDA Ireland, the Irish Management Institute and Forfás;
- notes that a discussion on reforming energy price regulation is currently ongoing between the social partners;
- notes the decision of the Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) during July 2008 to grant electricity and gas price increases of 17.5% and of 20% respectively, due to spiralling oil prices at \$147 a barrel;
- is disappointed at the failure to reduce energy prices in the most recent review of prices as oil has collapsed by over 80% to approximately \$40 a barrel;
- notes that approximately 10% of every electricity bill is directly attributable to energy companies being compelled by the regulator to factor in the cost of carbon (emitted during generation) into their electricity pricing, despite the fact that they themselves are not currently required to pay for carbon allowances for emissions (until 2013 when a carbon trading market will function across the EU);
- emphasises the fact that the regulator is required to set prices at a level that will not only take account of the cost of generation, transmission and supply but also at a level that will encourage new entrants into the market in an effort to promote competition and in doing so is keeping energy prices artificially high;
- is concerned that the current regulatory regime is now damaging Irish cost competitiveness and adding to the challenges of recession;
- is encouraged by the potential of reforming the energy regulatory environment to deliver price reductions and improve economic competitiveness, while incurring no additional cost on the Exchequer;
- recognises that the energy sector must be central to any economic recovery plan, in terms of more competitive pricing and the creation of significant numbers of sustainable job opportunities in an exciting and rapidly developing renewable energy industry; and
- recognises the importance of prioritising the case to maximise funding available to Ireland from the EU Commission Economic Stimulus Package, to subsidise the cost of upgrading Ireland's electricity grid and interconnection between Ireland, the UK and mainland Europe in the future;

calls on the Government to:

- instruct the energy regulator to conduct, without delay, an extraordinary energy price review, as allowed by section 10 of the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 and section 7 of the Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006;
- change the regulatory framework for at least a two year period, to prioritise achieving the lowest possible energy prices for households and businesses;
- either introduce a windfall profits tax to recoup unearned profits from energy companies, who earn up to €300m a year from charging consumers for carbon emissions, or alternatively instruct the CER to remove the charge for carbon altogether from bills for the next two years;
- instruct the regulator to set a price ceiling for ESB and Bord Gáis prices and replace

the current practice of setting a fixed actual price, in order to allow the ESB and Bord Gáis to supply cheaper energy;

- require the energy regulator to hold more comprehensive public hearings with oral submissions from interested parties, including consumer groups, in advance of any new proposed price review; and
- immediately introduce the promised legislation to transfer electricity transmission assets from ESB to EirGrid.” — *Simon Coveney, 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, Seymour Crawford, Michael Creed, Lucinda Creighton, Michael D'Arcy, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Andrew Doyle, Bernard J. Durkan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Frank Feighan, Charles Flanagan, Terence Flanagan, Brian Hayes, Tom 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.*

[3 February, 2009]

Leasú:

Amendment:

1. To delete the last paragraph.— *Liz McManus, Eamon Gilmore, Joan Burton, Emmet Stagg, Thomas P. Broughan, Joe Costello, Michael D. Higgins, Brendan Howlin, Ciarán Lynch, Kathleen Lynch, Brian O'Shea, Jan O'Sullivan, Willie Penrose, Ruairí Quinn, Pat Rabbitte, Seán Sherlock, Róisín Shortall, Joanna Tuffy, Mary Upton, Jack Wall.*

52. “That Dáil Éireann;

- recognising the need for greater supports for adult education and the importance of adult learning to the continued growth of the economy;
- considering the low level of participation of Irish adults in ongoing education and training estimated to be at just 8% of the workforce, compared to 35% in Sweden, 29% in the UK and well below the EU target of 12.5%;
- noting the Government’s failure to act on the commitment in Towards 2016 to put in place a targeted fund to alleviate fees in public institutions for part-time courses at third level by those at work who have not previously pursued a third level qualification;
- recognising the fundamental injustice that exists in the exclusion of low paid workers from obtaining financial support through the Back to Education Allowance;
- accepting the need for a more co-ordinated and focused approach to the development of adult education nationally; and
- noting that the proportion of the FÁS budget currently spent on upskilling those in employment is only 5%;

calls on the Government to:

- use the National Training Fund to introduce a voucher scheme for individuals who have not already benefited from higher education to pay for courses in higher educational institutions, whether taken on a part-time or full-time basis;

- introduce two-week statutory annual paid training leave, financed out of the NTF and paid at the minimum wage rate in order to focus on low-skilled workers;
- reconsider the eligibility criteria for the Back to Education Allowance scheme to include low-paid workers;
- immediately publish the review of the National Adult Learning Council and re-introduce a co-ordinating structure for the adult education sector;
- provide dedicated funding for English language training for speakers of other languages; and
- honour its Programme for Government commitment to provide improved guidance and ancillary supports for the adult education sector, including child care services.”
— *Brian Hayes, Enda Kenny, Richard Bruton, Bernard Allen, James Bannon, Seán Barrett, Pat Breen, Ulick Burke, Catherine Byrne, Joe Carey, Deirdre Clune, Paul Connaughton, Noel J. Coonan, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, Michael Creed, 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, 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.*

[5 February, 2008]

53. “That Dáil Éireann noting,

- free and fair elections are the cornerstone of a democratic political system;
- Resolutions and Reports by the United Nations General Assembly on ‘*strengthening the role of the United Nations in enhancing the effectiveness of the principle of periodic and genuine elections and the promotion of democratization*’;
- the high demand from UN Member States for electoral assistance; and
- recent reports of electoral fraud in some elections;

calls on the Government to take a lead role at the UN General Assembly to ensure:

- the UN makes adjustments in its practices in order to meet emerging trends and challenges by increasing its capacity both to develop and disseminate electoral standards and best practices to include:
 - an agreed mechanism to certify the results of elections;
 - strengthen its capacity to offer advice on the choice of electoral systems; and
- encourage States to make voluntary contributions to an Electoral Monitoring Fund.” — *Billy Timmins, Pat Breen, Enda Kenny, Bernard Allen, James Bannon, Seán Barrett, Richard Bruton, Ulick Burke, Catherine Byrne, Joe Carey, Deirdre Clune, Paul Connaughton, Noel J. Coonan, Simon Coveney, Seymour Crawford, Michael Creed, 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, Leo Varadkar.

[2 April, 2008]

54. “That Dáil Éireann, concerned at the deadlock of the democratic process in Zimbabwe following the elections of 29th March, 2008, the reported violence and the ongoing humanitarian crisis in that country:

- calls on the Irish Government to raise the issue as a matter of urgency at international level and, in particular, in its contacts with Irish Aid’s programme countries in the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Lesotho and Tanzania;
- calls on the Irish Government to promote the broadest and most effective international observation in the event of any recounts, further rounds of voting and campaigning in Zimbabwe;
- welcomes UN secretary general Ban Ki-moon’s for a UN role to resolve the crisis while the current democratic deadlock persists;
- deplores the reported ‘militarization’ of election tactics in Zimbabwe, human rights repressions and reported deaths, threats, beatings and torture of opposition supporters, elections workers, trade unionists, police, medical workers and all other individuals;
- welcomes the continuing assistance which Irish Aid is giving to the people of Zimbabwe and looks forward to supporting the reconstruction of Zimbabwe’s democratic institutions and the protection of its economic assets; and
- looks forward to re-establishing warm relations with the Parliament of Zimbabwe following a successful democratic conclusion to the elections process.” — *Brendan Howlin, Billy Timmins, Fergus O'Dowd, Denis Naughten, Michael D. Higgins, Barry Andrews, Brian O'Shea, Charlie O'Connor, Joan Burton, Ciarán Cuffe.*

[29 April, 2008]

55. “That Dáil Éireann, notes with grave concern the failure on the part of the Department of Education and Science to engage with those unions who represent school secretaries and caretakers within the informal process established under the Towards 2016 National Agreement, and having regard to the continuous and serious pay inequalities faced by school secretaries and caretakers within the Irish Education System, demands that the Minister for Education and Science immediately enters into meaningful discussions to address this issue by standardising the terms and conditions of employment commensurate with appropriate public service grades with effect from the 2008/2009 school year.” — *Brian Hayes, 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, Michael Creed, 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, Phil Hogan, Paul Kehoe, Enda Kenny, 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.

[30 April, 2008]

56. “That Dáil Éireann,

notes;

- the value of the Irish Seafood Industry to the Irish economy, totalling over €750 million in revenues and contributing to direct employment of over 12,000 people;
- the financial difficulties currently facing those involved in the fishing industry;
- the dramatic increase in the price of fuel; especially considering the increase of 40% since January 2008;
- the stagnation and decline of fish prices;
- the failure to brand and market Irish fish;
- the delay of Government to secure EU approval of Operational Programme for Fisheries;
- the structural difficulties facing the industry including lack of quota and over capacity of the fleet;
- the current arrangements for disposal of by-catch contribute nothing to conservation of fish stocks; and
- the slow progress in implementing the Cawley Report.

calls on the Government to;

- negotiate a package of financial assistance for temporary cessation of operations as a matter of urgency;
- insist that the Irish Fishing Industry is not disadvantaged relative to its competitors within the EU as a result of the Commission decision to permit State Aid in certain circumstances;
- secure an immediate ban on (IUU) Illegal Unreported and Unregulated fishing and regulating imports;
- pursue a uniform and balanced approach to enforcement of fisheries regulation throughout the E.U.;
- immediately implement a country of origin labelling system for all fish products coupled with a Consumer Awareness Campaign;
- to pursue the possibility of increasing cod quotas in the Celtic Sea;
- take all necessary steps at an interdepartmental level to resolve the issues delaying the adoption of the Operational Programme for Fisheries; and
- fully implement the Cawley report.” — *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, Brian Hayes, Tom 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.

[24 June, 2008]

57. “That Dáil Éireann:

- recognises that there are currently at least 150 families affected by Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) in Ireland today;
- notes that there is no cure for this disease resulting in an average life expectancy of late teens – early twenties;
- agrees that there is no translational research or clinical trials for DMD being carried out in Ireland and that international research efforts should be supported;
- agrees with the Minister of State for Disability who has stated there is no mechanism or budget for Irish Government funding to UK health research and has recommended an application to the Health Research Board (HRB);
- recognises that, whilst the HRB and the Joint Committee on Health and Children have indicated that funding can be made available provided it is shown to benefit Irish children, to-date there is still no confirmation that this funding is available;
- recognises that the Joint Committee on Health and Children have unanimously in 2008 voted 12-0 in favour of supporting funding of Duchenne Research; and
- calls on the Government to provide funding to Duchenne Ireland to allocate to the most promising research strategies in order to accelerate drugs through the clinical trial process and to ensure that Irish boys have access to these trials;

acknowledges that:

- Duchenne Ireland is a registered Irish Charity (CHY 18197) that has a formal research strategy in place for progressing therapies for DMD;
- this research strategy involves a stringent grant application process and international review process by the charity's international scientific review board;
- Duchenne Ireland are members of IPPOSI, Treat-NMD, and UPPMD, all of which are progressing the cause of research into rare diseases and/or Duchenne;
- a rare disease like Duchenne requires international best research due to the specialisation of the disease in question and the lack of research expertise and that the HRB has prioritised translational research;
- the current MRCG budget for 2008 for international research available for competitive scientific bidding to all charities in the MRCG (27 at current count), is €60,000 given the MRCG mandates that only 10% of 2008 budgeted allowance for co-funding can be granted to international research; and
- Duchenne Ireland is planning to fund at least €200,000 per year in charity research funding towards translational therapies for Duchenne, and that a 27-1 chance of potential co-funding is not an adequate solution to translational therapies for Duchenne.” — *Joe McHugh, Denis Naughten, Andrew Doyle, James Reilly, Kieran O'Donnell, Dan Neville.*

[19 November, 2008]

58. “That Dáil Éireann:

notes that:

- the economy was allowed over recent years to become grossly over-dependent on the construction sector accounting for over 20% of the State’s GDP and employing one in every eight workers at its peak;
- an over-inflated construction sector masked a steady flow of job losses, particularly in provincial towns;
- the Government failed to accept that the over-reliance on the construction sector was not sustainable and could not continue indefinitely and consequently failed to put in place a strategy to deal with the anticipated contraction of the construction sector or the needs of those dependent on that sector for their employment;
- an estimated 30,000 plus construction workers have lost their jobs to date in 2008;
- the lack of alternative employment is resulting in workers who lost their jobs emigrating in search of work;
- the Government still has not brought forward a strategy to get these workers back into employment and/or training;
- the Government allowed the social security entitlements of many construction workers to be undermined by failing to take action as unscrupulous employers coerced these workers into registering as self-employed; and
- 50.3% of those who lost their jobs in the construction sector in the year to the end of June were under the age of 25 while 23% of those under the age of 25 still employed in the construction sector at the end of June did not have a Leaving Certificate qualification;

recognises:

- the urgent need for the Government to bring forward a strategy that prioritises the needs of those construction sector workers who have lost their jobs or are at risk of losing their jobs;
- the need to make sure that a controlled reduction in the dependency on the construction sector includes measures to ensure continued employment opportunities in construction as well as measures to enable workers from this sector to access alternative employment; and
- the need for the Government to prioritise the creation of alternative employment opportunities;

calls on the Government:

- to increase our competitiveness and aid economic recovery by frontloading infrastructure projects that can employ workers from the construction sector, including transport, schools, crèches, hospital and primary care development;
- to implement a State Housing Infrastructure Plan, designed to address both housing need and unemployment in the construction sector, including:
 - the construction of the required social housing by local authorities on a

- targeted basis over 5 years;
- the completion of currently stalled regeneration projects in local authority housing estates and complexes;
 - a programme of upgrading of local authority dwellings, with special emphasis on housing for older people;
 - a social housing maintenance programme, equipping local authorities to ensure that their housing stock is kept in good repair;
 - a home heating programme to ensure that local authority tenants, especially older people, have sufficient and energy efficient heating in their homes;
 - a home insulation programme to conserve energy and reduce energy costs for householders; and
 - a home adaptation programme to carry out essential works to adapt homes for the use of people with disabilities, in tandem with reform of the Disabled Persons' Housing Grant;
- to introduce specific training and upskilling courses for alternative industries to construction to be made available through FÁS and the state's universities and DITs;
 - to provide special retraining for construction workers so they can work in the energy saving and renewable energy sectors;
 - to introduce a specific back to education scheme for construction sector workers under the age of 25 who did not complete second level education;
 - to introduce a mortgage support package for those who have lost their jobs;
 - to take steps to deal with the predicament of construction sector workers who were pushed into becoming self-employed by their employers and who consequently do not have adequate social insurance contributions to access social welfare entitlements by allowing for contributions for the last five years to be considered rather than the normal governing contribution period of two years; and
 - to introduce measures to allow apprentices to complete apprenticeships that were curtailed due to the recession in construction.” — *Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Arthur Morgan, Martin Ferris, Aengus Ó Snodaigh.*

[25 November, 2008]

59. “That Dáil Éireann:

deplores:

- the savage cuts to the budget of the Equality Authority which has removed 43% of its budget and will severely limit its capacity to carry out its core functions;
- the ill-thought out and poorly planned decision to decentralise the Equality Authority which has resulted in the loss of experienced and expert staff;
- the treatment of the Equality Authority by the Government which ultimately resulted in the resignation of its Chief Executive and a Board Member;
- the unprecedented cut to the budget of the Irish Human Rights Commission which has removed 24% of its budget and will severely limit its capacity to carry out its core functions;
- the weakening of the Irish Human Rights Commission despite its importance in the

context of the Good Friday Agreement; and

- the disproportionate budget cuts to human rights and equality bodies despite the myriad of agencies under the remit of the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform;

calls on the Government to immediately:

- engage bilaterally with the Equality Authority and Irish Human Rights Commission to ascertain their resource needs;
- provide the necessary funding to allow the Irish Human Rights Commission and the Equality Authority to carry out their full remits; and
- affirm the Government’s commitment to uphold human rights and equality in Irish society and to deliver on its own stated policies in these areas.” — *Charles Flanagan, 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, Michael Creed, Lucinda Creighton, Michael D’Arcy, John Deasy, Jimmy Deenihan, Andrew Doyle, Bernard J. Durkan, Damien English, Olwyn Enright, Frank Feighan, Terence Flanagan, Brian Hayes, Tom 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.*

[27 January, 2009]

60. 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 Binsí Fiosrúcháin 2005 — An Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan.

Tribunals of Inquiry Bill 2005 — Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women’s Rights.

An Bille um Chiontuithé Spíonta 2007 — An Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan.

Spent Convictions Bill 2007 — Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women’s Rights.

An Bille um Thacaíocht do Mhic Léinn 2008 — An Roghchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht.

Student Support Bill 2008 — Select Committee on Education and Science.

An Bille um Chlúmhillleadh 2006 [*Seanad*] — An Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan.
 Defamation Bill 2006 [*Seanad*] — Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights.

An Bille Eadrána 2008 — An Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan.
 Arbitration Bill 2008 — Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights.

An Bille um Éilliú a Chosc (Leasú) 2008 — An Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan.
 Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights.

An Bille Ombudsman (Leasú) 2008 — An Roghchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí.
 Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Select Committee on Finance and the Public Service.

MEMORANDA

Dé Máirt, 3 Feabhra, 2009
Tuesday, 3rd February, 2009

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontair, Trádáil agus Fostaíocht i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.
 Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 3 p.m.
 Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 3 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chomhshaol, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 3.30 p.m.
 Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 3.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Rialála Geilleagair i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 4 p.m.
 Meeting of the Joint Committee on Economic Regulatory Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 4 p.m.

Dé Céadaoin, 4 Feabhra, 2009
Wednesday, 4th February, 2009

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontair, Trádáil agus Fostaíocht i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 11 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 11 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascaigh agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 11.30 a.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 2.15 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 2.15 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachta maidir le Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 5 p.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 5 p.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Choiste um Chuntais Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 5.30 p.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Committee of Public Accounts in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 5.30 p.m. (*private*).

Déardaoin, 5 Feabhra, 2009
Thursday, 5th February, 2009

Cruinniú den Choiste um Chuntais Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.

Meeting of the Committee of Public Accounts in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Rialála Geilleagair i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 10.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Economic Regulatory Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 10.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 2 p.m.

**BILLÍ DÁLA SA SEANAD
DÁIL BILLS WITH THE SEANAD**

An Bille Toghcháin (Leasú) 2008.
Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2008.

An Bille Gáis (Leasú) 2008.
Gas (Amendment) Bill 2008.

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

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3) An tOrdú um an Acht Airgeadais 2004 (Alt 91) (Tabhairt Suas don Phríomh-Chiste a Iarchur) 2009 (Dréacht).

3) Finance Act 2004 (Section 91) (Deferred Surrender to Central Fund) Order 2009 [Draft].

4) An tOrdú fán Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe 1966 (Toirmeasc ar Bhraicheas a Úsáid) (Leasú) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 12 de 2009).

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5) Copyright and Related Rights (Proceedings before the Controller) Rules 2009 (S.I. No. 20 of 2009).

6) Na Rialacháin Ghairmoideachais (Deontais i leith Scéimeanna Bliantúla Coistí) 2003 (I.R. Uimh. 911 de 2005).

6) Vocational Education (Grants for Annual Schemes of Committees) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 911 of 2005).

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| 9) An céad seascadú Tuarascáil Bhliantúil ó Choimisinéirí na dTabhartas agus na dTiomnachtaí Carthanúla d'Éirinn don bhliain dar chríoch an 31 Nollaig, 2007. | 9) One hundred and sixtieth Annual Report of the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland for the year ended 31 December, 2007. |
| 10) Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte. Cuntais Maoine Príobháidí Othar don bhliain dar chríoch an 31 Nollaig, 2006. | 10) Health Service Executive. Patients' Private Property Accounts for the year ended 31 December, 2006. |
| <i>Neamhreachtúil:</i> | |
| 1) Na Rialacháin Ceartais Choiriúil (Cúnamh Dlíthiúil) (Leasú) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 15 de 2009). | 1) Criminal Justice (Legal Aid) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No.15 of 2009). |
| 2) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Iarmhair Lotnaidicídí) 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 565 de 2008). | 2) European Communities (Pesticide Residues) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 565 of 2008). |
| 3) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Ábhar Iomadaithe agus Plandaithe Glasraí, Seachas Síol, a Mhargú) (Leasú) 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 564 de 2008). | 3) European Communities (Marketing of Vegetable Propagating and Planting Material, Other than Seed) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 564 of 2008). |
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