

(Supplementary Order Paper)

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DÁIL ÉIREANN

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

10.30 a.m.

I dtOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

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

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| a11. “Go ndéanann Dáil Éireann: | That Dáil Éireann: |
| — a tacaíocht a thabhairt do na bearta caiteachais atá fógartha ag an Rialtas chun cothromaíocht níos fearr a thabhairt i réim athuair idir ioncam agus caiteachas; | — supports the expenditure measures announced by the Government to restore greater balance between revenue and spending; |
| — a muinín a dhearbhú as straitéis gheilleagrach an Rialtais chun fás a chur faoin ngeilleagar athuair a luaithe is féidir; agus | — affirms its confidence in the economic strategy of the Government to restore the economy to growth as soon as possible; and |
| — a iarraidh ar gach earnáil sa tír againne treoir an Rialtais a leanúint agus an dlúthpháirtíocht shóisialta a léiriú is gá chun dul i ngleic leis an turnamh geilleagair seo nár tharla a leithéid cheana. | — calls on all sections of our country to follow the lead of the Government and show the social solidarity needed to tackle this unprecedented economic downturn.” |

—*An tAire Airgeadais.*

Leasú:

Amendment:

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

- “ — expresses its serious concern at the major economic problems now facing the country as a result of the serious mismanagement of the economy by Fianna Fáil led governments over the past decade;
- acknowledges the need for corrective action in regard to public expenditure and accepts that public service pay must be addressed as part of this process;
- believes that the package of measures announced by the Government places a

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disproportionate burden on low and middle earners at a time when those who contributed most to the crisis are being bailed out by the state and deplores, in particular, the targeting of public servants on modest incomes;

- expresses its concern at the implications of the cutbacks on Overseas Development Aid (ODA) and the early childhood supplement;
- recognises that a significant part of the deterioration in the public finances has been as a result of additional social welfare payments, extra secondary benefits and the loss of income tax revenue arising from the increase in unemployment;
- deplores the failure of the Government to take any action to promote the creation of significant new jobs or to protect existing jobs despite the increase of over 140,000 in the live register figures over the past year; and
- calls on the Government to withdraw its proposals and to return with a balanced and fair package of measures that would ensure the preservation of crucial public services; protect the interests of low and middle earners; have the promotion of job creation as a central part of its strategy; and ensure that the burden of cutbacks in public expenditure is directed at those most in a position to bear them.”— *Joan Burton, Eamon Gilmore, Emmet Stagg, Thomas P. Broughan, Joe Costello, Michael D. Higgins, Brendan Howlin, Ciarán Lynch, Kathleen 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.*