

## DÁIL ÉIREANN

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

10.30 a.m.

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

*Fógraí i dtaobh Leasuithe ar Thairiscint : Notice of Amendments to Motion*

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| <b>a11.</b> “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.*

*Leasuithe:*  
*Amendments:*

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 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 deplors, 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;
- deplors 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.*

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

- “— accepts the need to reduce borrowing in 2009 by €2 billion, as outlined in the Revised Stability Programme;
- calls for a detailed review and amendment of the measures announced by Government on 3 February 2009 to secure a fairer balance;
- calls for major reform and restructuring of programmes and agencies to get maximum value for the taxpayer;
- calls for the presentation of a credible five year economic plan; and
- calls for a fresh package of initiatives to address the issues of job loss, competitiveness, credit and new economic opportunities.” — *Richard Bruton, Enda Kenny, 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, 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. To delete all words after “Dáil Éireann” and substitute the following:

- “— recognises the serious deterioration in our economy through the mismanagement of successive Fianna Fáil led governments, which has resulted in the huge deficit in our public finances and has led to record job losses;
- expresses its concern at the lack of a cohesive plan to revive the economy and to stimulate economic activity;
- calls on the Government to reverse its decision to unfairly penalise low and medium income public sector workers through the introduction of the pension levy;

- calls on the Government to refocus on job retention including in our manufacturing sector as exemplified in the recent developments at Waterford Crystal and at the Dell plant in Limerick;
- calls on the Government to produce a job creation strategy to frontload labour intensive infrastructural projects; to assist our small and medium sized enterprises through practical assistance, the provision of credit streams and to revive our exporting capacity;
- calls on the Government to set up a one stop shop comprising of all state job creation and training agencies to assist enterprises; and
- calls on the Government to introduce strict controls on senior banking executives and on senior management in public bodies.” — *Arthur Morgan, Caoimhghín Ó Caoláin, Aengus Ó Snodaigh, Martin Ferris.*