



DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Céadaoin, 4 Márta, 2009
Wednesday, 4th March, 2009

RIAR NA hOIBRE
ORDER PAPER

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10.30 a.m.

ORD GNÓ
ORDER OF BUSINESS

4. (l) An Bille um Infheistíocht an Chúlchiste Náisiúnta Pinsean agus Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha 2009 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
(a) Investment of the National Pensions Reserve Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2009 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

53. (l) Tairiscint *maidir leis* an Airgeadas Poiblí (*atógáil*).
(a) Motion *re* Public Finances (*resumed*).

FÓGRA I dTAOBH GNÓ NUA
NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

- 7a. An Bille Toghcháin (Leasú) 2009 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2009 — Order for Second Stage.

I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Billí a thionscnamh : Initiation of Bills

Tíolactha:

Presented:

- 7a.** An Bille Toghcháin (Leasú) 2009 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2009 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do rialáil caiteachais ag páirtithe polaitíochta agus ag iarrthóirí; do leasú an Achta um Thoghcháin Áitiúla (Sintíúis agus Caiteachas a Nochtadh) 1999; do leasú an Achta um Thruailliú ó Bhruscar 1997; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to regulate expenditure by political parties and candidates; to amend the Local Elections (Disclosure of Donations and Expenditure) Act 1999; to amend the Litter Pollution Act 1997; and to provide for related matters.

—*An tAire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil.*

ORDUITHE AN LAE ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 4.** (I) An Bille um Infheistíocht an Chúlchiste Náisiúnta Pinsean agus Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha 2009 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
(a) Investment of the National Pensions Reserve Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2009 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

Leasú ar an Tairiscint don Dara Léamh (atógáil):
Amendment to Motion for Second Reading (resumed):

- I. To delete all words after “That” and substitute the following:

“Dáil Éireann declines to give this Bill a second reading because:

- I. the Government’s recapitalisation strategy for AIB and Bank of Ireland has already been dismissed by the financial markets as lacking in credibility,
- II. the Government has refused to provide an assessment of the superior ‘Good Bank’ recapitalisation model put forward by Fine Gael Finance Spokesman Richard Bruton TD, and
- III. the Government has not imposed an income cap on Bank Executives and Dáil Éireann insists on new Boards, new Executives, new Auditors in those banks that are to receive recapitalisation from the State.”. — *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.*

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

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

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

53. “That Dáil Éireann:

recognises that:

- the current Government strategy for restoring the public finances, the banking system and wider economy has failed to secure public support or international confidence, and that both the Irish public and international financial markets funding the banking system and our Government are losing patience;
- unless we urgently take new measures to stop Government borrowing from spiralling out of control, other measures to support our struggling small businesses, exporters and job seekers will have little effect; and
- the Government no longer has the luxury of the time needed for the long consultation processes by advisory groups before taking further decisions on public spending, reform and taxation in 2010;

calls on Government to introduce a new budget for 2009 as a matter of urgency that:

- sets out specific measures to substantially cut the €40 billion Government borrowing requirement for 2009 and 2010 that is being forecast by most commentators;
- is ambitious, wide ranging and comprehensive in its scope;
- is fair in its execution by showing what role is being played by all groups in society, particularly those who are in the best position to contribute more;
- offers radical reforms to our budgetary system to squeeze out waste and poor value for money; and
- looks not just at spending cuts but at additional tax and other revenue raising measures that can drag our public finances back under control.” — *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 March, 2009]

Leasú (atógáil):

Amendment(resumed):

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

- “— commends the Government for its continued vigilance and management of the economy and public finances which has enabled Ireland to meet the current difficult

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economic challenges from a position of relative strength;

- notes that Budget 2009 announced measures designed to raise almost €2 billion in additional taxation in 2009;
- notes that the Addendum to the Irish Stability Programme Update published on 9 January last outlined a 5 year framework for the restoration of sustainability in the public finances over the medium term;
- endorses the action taken by the Government in line with the Addendum through the introduction of further measures to secure up to €2 billion in expenditure savings in 2009 consistent with the framework for a Pact for Stabilisation, Social Solidarity and Economic Renewal which was agreed with the social partners;
- acknowledges, in order to stabilise and restore the current budget to surplus by 2013, the importance of ensuring the implementation of the measures already announced and of those required over the years out to 2013, with particular emphasis on the period out to end-2011;
- notes the disappointing end-February exchequer returns and the need to ensure that the General Government deficit in 2009 does not worsen from the previously forecast 9½% of GDP;
- notes the Government decision today to announce further necessary measures by the end of this month to ensure the stabilisation and sustainability of the public finances;
- endorses the Government's ongoing action in support of the country's banking system including the recapitalisation of the two main banks which will facilitate increased access to funding for SMEs and for first-time home buyers as well as offering protections for existing homeowners in arrears;
- notes the need for the introduction of important reforms to financial regulation in Ireland which will secure confidence in the banking system through the introduction of new standards of banking regulation and corporate governance, will restore Ireland's international reputation and will reposition the country's regulatory system; and
- endorses the Government actions to reorientate and refocus the economy towards innovative and export-led growth through the promotion of policies and actions set out in 'Building on Ireland's Smart Economy: A Framework for Sustainable Economic Renewal'." — *An tAire Airgeadais*.

TEACHTAIREACHTAÍ ÓN RIALTAS MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNMENT

An Bille um Infheistíocht an Chúlchiste Náisiúnta Pinsean agus Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha 2009.

Investment of the National Pensions Reserve Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2009.

For the purpose of Article 17.2 of the Constitution, the Government recommend that it is expedient to authorise such charges on and payments out of the Central Fund or the growing produce thereof as are necessary to give effect to any Act of the present session to amend the National Pensions Reserve Fund Act 2000 in relation to certain investments in the public interest; to amend the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 in relation to the taxation of such investments; to amend the Securitisation (Proceeds of Certain Mortgages) Act 1995 to facilitate the winding-up of a body established under that Act; to amend the Markets in Financial Instruments and Miscellaneous Provisions Act 2007 to provide for greater transparency in relation to certain kinds of trading in financial instruments; and to provide

for connected matters.

Given on this 3rd day of March, 2009

(Signed) Brian Cowen,
An Taoiseach.

MEMORANDA

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádurtha i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 9.45 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 9.45 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.

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

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 3 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 3 p.m.

An Bille um Binsí Fiosrúcháin 2005: **Tribunals of Inquiry Bill 2005:**

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 3.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 3.30 p.m.

Cruinniú de Choiste Feidhmiúcháin Chumann Parlaiminteach na hÉireann i Seomra 2 (tríd an bPríomh-Halla), Teach Laighean, ar 6.30 p.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Irish Parliamentary Association in Room 2 (off the Main Hall), Leinster House, at 6.30 p.m. (*private*).

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

Reachtúil:

1) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leagtar síos na socruithe trádála is infheidhme maidir le hearraí áirithe de thoradh ar phróiseáil táirgí talmhaíochta (Leagan códaithe) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.
COM (2008) 796.

2) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 637/2008 ón gComhairle maidir leis na cláir athstruchtúraithe náisiúnta d'earnáil an chadáis mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.
COM (2009) 37.

3) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle lena mbunaítear an seasamh a bheidh le glacadh thar ceann an Chomhphobail sa Choiste um Chúnamh Bia maidir le leathnú an Choinbhinsiúin um Chúnamh Bia, 1999 mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.
COM (2009) 46.

4) Tuarascáil ón gCoimisiún Reifrinn ar an Reifreann ar an mBille um an Ochtú Leasú is Fiche ar an mBunreacht 2004 (Conradh Liospóin).

Neamhreachtúil:

1) An tOrdú fán Acht um Bord Leigheasra na hÉireann (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2006 (Tosach Feidhme) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 67 de 2009).

2) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Roghchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí. Tairiscint maidir leis an Ordú um an Acht Airgeadais 2004 (Alt 91) (Tabhairt Suas don Phríomh-Chiste a Iarchur) 2009. Feabhra, 2009.

Statutory:

1) Proposal for a Council Regulation laying down the trade arrangements applicable to certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products (Codified version) together with explanatory information note.
COM (2008) 796.

2) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 637/2008 as regards the national restructuring programmes for the cotton sector together with explanatory information note.
COM (2009) 37.

3) Proposal for a Council Decision establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the Community within the Food Aid Committee as regards the extension of the Food Aid Convention, 1999 together with explanatory information note.
COM (2009) 46.

4) Report of the Referendum Commission on the Referendum on the Twenty-Eighth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2004 (Lisbon Treaty).

Non-Statutory:

1) Irish Medicines Board (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 (Commencement) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 67 of 2009).

2) Houses of the Oireachtas. Select Committee on Finance and the Public Service. Motion on Finance Act 2004 (Section 91) (Deferred Surrender to the Central Fund) Order 2009. February, 2009.

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| 3) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Feirmeoireacht Orgánach) (Leasú) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 30 de 2009). | 3) European Communities (Organic Farming) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 30 of 2009). |
| 4) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Síolrú Bólachta) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 19 de 2009). | 4) European Communities (Bovine Breeding) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 19 of 2009). |
| 5) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2007/2008. Feabhra, 2009. | 5) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on Education and Science. Annual Report, 2007/2008. February, 2009. |