



DÁIL ÉIREANN

Déardaoin, 23 Aibreán, 2009
Thursday, 23rd April, 2009

RIAR NA hOIBRE
ORDER PAPER

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10.30 a.m.

ORD GNÓ
ORDER OF BUSINESS

12. Tairiscint *maidir le* Tiolacadh agus Scaipeadh Mheastacháin Athbhreithnithe 2009.
Motion *re* Presentation and Circulation of Revised Estimates 2009.
3. An Bille Leasa Shóisialaigh 2009 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Social Welfare Bill 2009 — Second Stage (*resumed*).
20. Bille na dTithe (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2008 [*Seanad*] — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2008 [*Seanad*] — Second Stage (*resumed*).

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

63. (l) Tairiscint *maidir le* Bónas Leasa Shóisialaigh na Nollag (*atógáil*).
(a) Motion *re* Social Welfare Christmas Bonus (*resumed*).

I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Billí a thionscnamh : Initiation of Bills

Tabhairt Isteach:

Introduction:

- 10.** Bille an Bhainc Ceannais agus Údarás Seirbhísí Airgeadais na hÉireann (Féichiúnaithe a Chosaint) 2009 — An Chéad Chéim.

Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland (Protection of Debtors) Bill 2009 — First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú Acht an Bhainc Cheannais 1942; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le ceadúnais chun seoladh gníomhaíochtaí bailithe fiach a eisiúint; do dhéanamh socrú gur cion coiriúil féichiúnaithe a chiapadh go míchuí nó uirill bhréagacha a dhéanamh le féichiúnaithe agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe comhghaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Central Bank Act 1942; to provide for the issuing of licenses to conduct debt collection activities; to provide that the undue harassment of debtors or the making of false representations to debtors shall be a criminal offence and to provide for connected matters.

—*Charles Flanagan.*

- 10a.** An Bille um Rialachas Corparáideach (Cóid Chleachtais) 2009 — An Chéad Chéim.

Corporate Governance (Codes of Practice) Bill 2009 — First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir leis an mBanc Ceannais agus Údarás Seirbhísí Airgeadais na hÉireann do dhréachtú cóid chleachtais i ndáil le dea-rialachas corparáideach le haghaidh cuideachtaí a ligtear isteach chun trádála ar liosta oifigiúil Stocmhargadh na hÉireann, agus maidir leis an Aire Airgeadais do cheadú na gcód sin; do dhéanamh socrú maidir leis na cóid sin a fhorfheidhmiú; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe comhghaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the drawing up by the Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland and the approval by the Minister for Finance of codes of practice in relation to good corporate governance for companies admitted to trading on the official list of the Irish Stock Exchange; to provide for the enforcement of those codes; and to provide for connected matters.

—*Eamon Gilmore.*

- 10b.** An Bille Rialtais Áitiúil (Pleanáil agus Forbairt) (Leasú) 2009 — An Chéad Chéim.

Local Government (Planning and Development) (Amendment) Bill 2009 — First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta Rialtais Áitiúil (Pleanáil agus Forbairt) 1999 chun an chumhacht a thabhairt don Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil cur leis an taifead ar dhéanmhais chosanta, ag féachaint go sonrach don ghá atá le 15, 16 agus 17 Sráid Uí Mhóra a shlánchoimeád i bhfianaise a thábhachtaí atá

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Local Government (Planning and Development) Act 1999 to give the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government the power to add to the record of protected structures, with specific regard to the need to preserve 15, 16 and 17 Moore Street in the light of their importance as a

siad mar láithreán a bhfuil baint aige le hÉirí Amach 1916.

site connected to the 1916 Rising.

—*Martin Ferris.*

Fógraí Tairisceana : Notices of Motions

12. “D’ainneoin Bhuan-Ordú 154(1) nó (2) de Bhuan-Orduithe Dháil Éireann i dtaobh Gnó Phoiblí, go ndéanfar Meastacháin Athbhreithnithe i gcomhair na Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2009, a thíolacadh don Dáil agus a scaipeadh ar na comhaltaí an 23 Aibreán, 2009, ar dáta níos déanaí é ná an dáta a fhorordaítear do thíolacadh Meastachán agus go ndéanfar na Meastacháin Athbhreithnithe a tharchur chuig Roghchoistí de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 154(3) agus mhír (1)(a)(ii) d’Orduithe Tagartha gach Coiste.

That, notwithstanding Standing Order 154(1) or (2) of the Standing Orders of Dáil Éireann relative to Public Business, Revised Estimates for the Public Services for the year ending 31st December, 2009, be presented to the Dáil and circulated to members on 23rd April, 2009, being a date later than that prescribed for the presentation of Estimates and that the Revised Estimates be referred to Select Committees pursuant to Standing Order 154(3) and paragraph (1)(a)(ii) of each Committee’s Orders of Reference.”

—*An tAire Airgeadais.*

**ORDUITHE AN LAE
ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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**GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
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Tairscint (atógáil) (1 ur. 30 n. fágtha):
Motion (resumed) (1 hr. 30 m. remaining):

63. “That Dáil Éireann:

- deplores the mean-spirited decision of the Government to cancel payment of the long standing Christmas bonus paid to most social welfare recipients;
- notes that this represents an effective 2% cut in social welfare payments over the full year;
- recognises that those on social welfare have come to depend on the extra payment to meet the additional costs associated with Christmas;
- expresses its serious concern that the decision will drive families dependent on social

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welfare into the hands of moneylenders or high-interest loan providers;

- calls on the Government to reverse the decision and make the payment at Christmas 2009 as usual; and
- believes that the €156m revenue required for the payment this year could be raised through further restriction on interest relief on rental property, including restriction of relief on commercial properties.” — *Róisín Shortall, Eamon Gilmore, Joan Burton, 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, Ruairi Quinn, Pat Rabbitte, Seán Sherlock, Joanna Tuffy, Mary Upton, Jack Wall.*

[22 April, 2009]

Leasú (atógáil):

Amendment (resumed):

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

- “— acknowledges that in the context of very tough decisions having to be made across the whole range of Government expenditure, the provision of €21.3 billion for social welfare services in 2009 – 20% more than the amount spent in 2008 – is a clear demonstration of the Government’s commitment to protecting the vulnerable and providing income support to the increasing numbers of people who are losing their jobs;
- notes that both taxes and borrowing had to be increased in the Budget to pay for rising welfare expenditure in 2009;
- further notes that over the past decade there have been very significant increases in welfare payments with Child Benefit increasing from €44 to €166 per month; State contributory pension increasing from €113 to more than €230 per week and the weekly rate of jobseeker’s allowance being raised from €93 to €204 per week;
- notes that payment of a 100% bonus in 2009 would cost in the region of €223 million;
- acknowledges that in deciding on where to achieve savings in welfare expenditure, there were no easy options and that everything had to be considered – including a cut in the weekly rates of payments to all welfare recipients which the Government avoided;
- notes that the October Budget provided for increases of between 3% and 3.8% in the basic payment rates and that the inflation forecast has changed substantially since then, with a 4% drop in the Consumer Price Index now expected in 2009; and
- appreciates that the decision not to pay a Christmas bonus in 2009 will be difficult for people but believes that savings in other areas of welfare expenditure could have caused greater hardship;

acknowledges that the Government will:

- reconsider the payment of the Christmas bonus as soon as we are out of the current economic situation;
- prioritise control activities to reduce the incidences of social welfare fraud to effect savings; and
- continue to publicise the supports that are available through the Money Advice and Budgeting Service and to encourage people to contact them early before their debt problems accumulate.” — *An tAire Gnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh.*

TEACHTAIREACHTAÍ ÓN RIALTAS
MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNMENT

Meastacháin i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí, 2009:
Estimates for Public Services, 2009:

For the purposes of Article 17.2 of the Constitution, the Government recommend that a sum not exceeding €47,508,488,000 be granted out of the moneys provided by the Oireachtas to defray the charges which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31 December 2009 for Public Services.

Given on this 21st day of April, 2009

(Signed) Brian Cowen,
An Taoiseach.

MEMORANDA

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

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

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascach agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Education and Science in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

An Bille Eadrána 2008:
Arbitration Bill 2008:

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 10.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Select Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 10.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Pribhléid den CNIP maidir le Páipéir Phríobháideacha Comhaltai i Seomra 2 (tríd an bPríomh-Halla), Teach Laighean, ar 12 meán lae (*príobháideach*).
Meeting of the CPP sub-Committee on Privilege relating to Members' Private Papers in Room 2 (off the Main Hall), Leinster House, at 12 noon (*private*).

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

Reachtúil:

1) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le cearta paisinéirí le linn dóibh bheith ag taisteal ar muir agus ar uiscebhealaí intíre agus lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 2006/2004 maidir le comhar idir údarais náisiúnta atá freagrach as dlíthe cosanta tomhaltóirí a fhorfheidhmiú mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.
COM (2008) 816.

2) Gníomhaíocht Chomhpháirteach 2009/134/CFSP an 16 Feabhra, 2009 ón gComhairle lena leathnaítear sainordú Ionadaí Speisialta an Aontais Eorpaigh don tSúdáin mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.

3) An tÚdarás Comhionannais. Plean Straitéiseach 2009 – 2011.

4) Cumann Cógaiseoirí na hÉireann. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2008.

5) Údarás Sábháilteachta Bia na hÉireann. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2007.

Neamhreachtúil:

1) Oifig na gCoimisinéirí Ioncaim. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2008.

2) Fógra ón Taoiseach maidir le hÉirí as agus Ceapadh Airí Stáit [22 Aibreán, 2009].

Statutory:

1) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the rights of passengers when travelling by sea and inland waterway and amending Regulation (EC) No 2006/2004 on cooperation between national authorities responsible for the enforcement of consumer protection laws together with explanatory information note.
COM (2008) 816.

2) Council Joint Action 2009/134/CFSP of 16 February, 2009 extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative for Sudan together with explanatory information note.

3) The Equality Authority. Strategic Plan 2009 - 2011.

4) The Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland. Annual Report, 2008.

5) Food Safety Authority of Ireland. Annual Report, 2007.

Non-Statutory:

1) Office of the Revenue Commissioners. Annual Report, 2008.

2) Announcement by the Taoiseach regarding Minister of State Resignations and Appointments [22 April, 2009].