

DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Céadaoin, 19 Eanáir, 2011 Wednesday, 19th January, 2011

RIAR NA hOIBRE ORDER PAPER

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10.30 a.m.

ORD GNÓ **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- Ráitis maidir leis an gComhairle Eorpach, An Bhruiséil. Statements on European Council, Brussels.
- 3. An Bille um Chomhaontuithe Bretton Woods (Leasú), 2011 — Ordú don Dara Céim. Bretton Woods Agreements (Amendment) Bill 2011 — Order for Second Stage.

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

- **84.** (*l*) Tairiscint maidir le hÁrachas Sláinte (atógáil).
 - (a) Motion re Health Insurance (resumed).

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I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Billí a thionscnamh: Initiation of Bills

Tíolactha: Presented:

3. An Bille um Chomhaontuithe Bretton Woods (Leasú), 2011 — Ordú don Dara Céim. Bretton Woods Agreements (Amendment) Bill 2011 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir leis an Rialtas do ghlacadh le leasuithe áirithe ar Airteagail Chomhaontaithe an Chiste Airgeadaíochta Idirnáisiúnta a cheadaigh Bord Rialtóirí an Chiste sin an 28 Aibreán, 2008 agus an 5 Bealtaine, 2008 faoi seach, do dhéanamh socrú maidir le forléiriú tagairtí áirithe do na hAirteagail sin, agus maidir le nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to make provision for acceptance by the Government of certain amendments of the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund approved by the Board of Governors of that fund on 28 April 2008 and 5 May 2008 respectively, to provide for the construction of certain references to those Articles, and for related matters.

—An tAire Airgeadais.

ORDUITHE AN LAE ORDERS OF THE DAY

18. Ráitis maidir leis an gComhairle Eorpach, An Bhruiséil. Statements on European Council, Brussels.

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Tairiscint (atógáil) (1 ur. 30 n. fágtha): Motion (resumed) (1 hr. 30 m. remaining):

84. "That Dáil Éireann:

is concerned that:

- a national emergency has again emerged in Ireland's hospitals with an unprecedented 569 patients on trolleys in January 2011;
- the Government will not publish legislation to introduce risk equalisation until 2013, despite having promised to do so within three years when it was struck out by the Supreme Court in 2008;
- the public hospital system is under increased strain due to rising unemployment at 444,000, businesses unable to access finance and many people in negative equity; and
- the VHI's 1.35 million customers cannot afford increases of up to 45% in their private health insurance premiums because of the failure of the Minister for Health and Children to introduce risk equalisation; and

calls on the Government to:

- instruct the VHI to postpone premium increases until the Milliman Report is published and debated; and
- expedite the introduction of risk equalisation." James Reilly, 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, 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, Michael Ring, Alan Shatter, Tom Sheahan, P. J. Sheehan, David Stanton, Billy Timmins, Leo Varadkar.

[18 January, 2011]

Leasú (atógáil): Amendment (resumed):

- 1. To delete all words after "Dáil Éireann" and substitute the following:
- "— welcomes the action by Government to reduce unacceptable waiting times for patients in emergency departments and to pursue the target of ensuring that all patients are assessed, treated and discharged or admitted within six hours of registration at an emergency department;
- welcomes the roll-out of the Acute Medicine Programme which will provide that every medical patient presenting to hospital will be seen by a senior medical doctor within one hour and will provide access to same day diagnostics;
- endorses the Government's strategy that the best way of achieving a stable health insurance market, where policies are relatively affordable for older and sicker people as well as younger and healthier people and where health insurance can evolve in a way which supports overall health policy objectives, is a situation where:
 - the core policy of community rating is supported by an effective, transparent risk equalisation scheme;
 - the State does not act as both regulator of the market and owner of a company in the market, particularly one with a large or dominant market share; and
 - there is a more even balance of older customers between companies in the market;
- notes that, following the Supreme Court decision in July 2008, the Government introduced interim loss compensation arrangements through the taxation system with effect from 1st January, 2009 which to date has provided for the transfer of €89 million and is estimated to allow for the transfer of a further €70 million in 2011;
- underlines the Minister's intention to publish legislation this year which will provide for the development of a full, robust risk equalisation scheme which will protect the fundamental objective of community rated premiums, with transitional measures in place pending the introduction of the full scheme; and
- welcomes additional comprehensive actions being taken on private health insurance which include:

- arranging the sale of the VHI, with appropriate capitalisation and authorisation in advance of this; and
- pursuing measures to achieve a more even balance of customers among companies in the market." An tAire Sláinte agus Leanaí.

MEMORANDA

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 9.45 a.m. *(príobháideach)*.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 9.45 a.m. (private).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Choimirce Shóisialach i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 11 a.m. Meeting of the Joint Committee on Social Protection in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 11 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascach 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 Ghnóthaí Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Spóirt, Pobail, Comhionannais agus Gaeltachta i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 1 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Tourism, Culture, Sport, Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 1 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.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 3.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 3.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste Riarcháin i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 4 p.m. *(príobháideach)*. Meeting of the Joint Committee on Administration in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 4 p.m. *(private)*.

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

Reachtúil:

Statutory:

- 1) Uiscebhealaí Éireann. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Cuntais, 2009.
- 1) Waterways Ireland. Annual Report and Accounts, 2009.
- 2) An tOrdú um an Acht Leasa Shóisialaigh agus Pinsean, 2010 (Ailt 15 go 26) (Tosach Feidhme), 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 673 de 2010).
- 2) Social Welfare and Pensions Act 2010 (Sections 15 to 26) (Commencement) Order 2010 (S.I. No. 673 of 2010).
- 3) An tOrdú um an Acht Leasa Shóisialaigh, 2010 (Ailt 7, 8, 9 agus 10) (Tosach Feidhme), 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 679 de 2010).
- 3) Social Welfare Act 2010 (Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10) (Commencement) Order 2010 (S.I. No. 679 of 2010).
- 4) Na Rialacháin Leasa Shóisialaigh (Liúntas Leasa Forlíontach Comhdhlúite) (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) (Forlíonadh Cíosa), 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 680 de 2010).
- 4) Social Welfare (Consolidated Supplementary Welfare Allowance) (Amendment) (No. 2) (Rent Supplement) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 680 of 2010).
- 5) Na Rialacháin Leasa Shóisialaigh (Éilimh agus Íocaíochtaí Comhdhlúite agus Rialú) (Leasú) (Uimh. 3) (Athrú ar Rátaí), 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 681 de 2010).
- 5) Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) (Amendment) (No. 3) (Change in Rates) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 681 of 2010).
- 6) Na Rialacháin Leasa Shóisialaigh (Díobhálacha Ceirde Comhdhlúite) (Leasú), 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 683 de 2010).
- 6) Social Welfare (Consolidated Occupational Injuries) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 683 of 2010).
- 7) Na Rialacháin um Limistéar Réamh-Imréitigh (Aerfort Bhaile Átha Cliath), 2011 (I.R. Uimh. 9 de 2011).
- 7) Preclearance Area (Dublin Airport) Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 9 of 2011).
- 8) Na Rialacháin um Nochtadh Éigeantach Idirbheart Áirithe, 2011 (I.R. Uimh. 7 de 2011).
- 8) Mandatory Disclosure of Certain Transactions Regulations 2011 (S.I. No. 7 of 2011).

Neamhreachtúil:

Non-Statutory:

- 1) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste ar an mBunreacht. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2010 agus Clár Oibre, 2011. Eanáir, 2011.
- 1) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on the Constitution. Annual Report, 2010 and Work Programme, 2011. January, 2011.
- 2) Na Rialacha Cúirte Dúiche (Deochanna Meisciúla), 2011 (I.R. Uimh. 1 de 2011).
- 2) District Court (Intoxicating Liquor) Rules 2011 (S.I. No. 1 of 2011).

3) Rialacha na nUaschúirteanna 3) Rules of the Superior Courts (Examiner) (Scrúdaitheoir), 2011 (I.R. Uimh. 2 de 2011 (S.I. No. 2 of 2011).