



DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Céadaoin, 25 Márta, 2015
Wednesday, 25th March, 2015

RIAR NA hOIBRE
ORDER PAPER

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9.30 a.m.

ORD GNÓ
ORDER OF BUSINESS

6. An Bille um an gCúigiú Leasú is Tríocha ar an mBunreacht (Aois Intofachta chun Oifig an Uachtaráin), 2015 — An Dara Céim.
Thirty-fifth Amendment of the Constitution (Age of Eligibility for Election to the Office of President) Bill 2015 — Second Stage.
13. Tairiscint *maidir leis* an Ráiteas mar Eolas do Vótálaithe i ndáil leis an mBille um an gCúigiú Leasú is Tríocha ar an mBunreacht (Aois Intofachta chun Oifig an Uachtaráin), 2015.
Motion *re* Statement for Information of Voters in relation to the Thirty-fifth Amendment of the Constitution (Age of Eligibility for Election to the Office of President) Bill 2015.
40. An Bille um Ghníomhú Aeráide agus um Fhorbairt Ísealcharbóin, 2015 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Bill 2015 — Second Stage (*resumed*).
41. Ráitis maidir leis an Earnáil Déiríochta (*atógáil*).
Statements on the Dairy Sector (*resumed*).

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

189. (l) Tairiscint *maidir le* Muirir Uisce (*atógáil*).
(a) Motion *re* Water Charges (*resumed*).

I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ
AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Fógraí Tairisceana: Notices of Motions

13. “GO ndéanfar an ráiteas atá leagtha amach sa Sceideal a ghabhann leis an Rún seo a fhorordú mar eolas do vótálaithe, de bhun alt 23 d’Acht an Reifrinn, 1994 (Uimh. 12 de 1994), i ndáil leis an togra chun an Bunreacht a leasú, atá ar áireamh sa Bhille um an gCúigiú Leasú is Tríocha ar an mBunreacht (Aois Intofachta chun Oifig an Uachtaráin), 2015, agus is ábhar do reifreann bunreachta.

An Sceideal

Fiafraítear díot sa reifreann seo an aontaíonn tú leis an togra chun Airteagal 12.4.1^o den Bhunreacht a leasú chun an aois ag a bhfuil saoránach intofa chun oifig an Uachtaráin a laghdú ó 35 bliana (mar atá faoi láthair) go dtí 21 bhliain.

MÁ THOILÍONN TÚ leis an togra, cuir X os coinne an fhocail TÁ ar an bpáipéar ballóide.

MURA dTOILÍONN TÚ leis an togra, cuir X os coinne an fhocail NÍL ar an bpáipéar ballóide.

THAT the statement set out in the Schedule to this Resolution be prescribed for the information of voters, pursuant to section 23 of the Referendum Act 1994 (No. 12 of 1994), in relation to the proposal to amend the Constitution which is contained in the Thirty-fifth Amendment of the Constitution (Age of Eligibility for Election to the Office of President) Bill 2015 and is the subject of a constitutional referendum.

Schedule

You are being asked in this referendum if you agree with the proposal to amend Article 12.4.1^o of the Constitution to reduce the age at which a citizen becomes eligible for election to the office of President from 35 years (the present position) to 21 years.

IF YOU APPROVE of the proposal, mark X opposite the word YES on the ballot paper.

IF YOU DO NOT APPROVE of the proposal, mark X opposite the word NO on the ballot paper.”

—An tAire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil.

ORDUITHE AN LAE
ORDERS OF THE DAY

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

189. “That Dáil Éireann:

notes:

- that from 1st April, one week from now, the first bills for water charges will start to be sent out to householders around the country;
- that water charges are another austerity tax arising from the bail out of major banks, bondholders, developers and the European financial markets system from their disastrous gambling in the property bubble in pursuit of super profits;
- that the imposition of water charges is the beginning of a process of the market commodification of water that would, if accepted, lead to the privatisation of water distribution and supply;
- that the Labour Party was elected on a platform of opposing the imposition of water charges;
- the massive opposition to the imposition of the water charges and to any steps toward privatisation of water supply;
- that opposition to the water charges has been graphically manifested since 11th October last year in the massive national and local demonstrations calling for the abolition of the charges and of Irish Water/Uisce Éireann;
- that this opposition was forcefully manifested in the result of the Dublin South-West bye-election when candidates opposed to the water charges won 60 per cent of the vote and the candidate advocating a mass boycott of the charges was elected to Dáil Éireann;
- that widespread protests are ongoing against the installation of unwanted water meters around the country; and
- that hundreds of local campaigns against water charges have been established the length and breadth of the country;

strongly condemns:

- the arrests following an anti-water charges protest in Tallaght in November 2014; and notes the jailing of four anti-water charges activists for peaceful protests against the installation of water meters and the widespread use of the Garda Síochána against residents opposed to water meters in their communities; and
- any move by the Government to make private landlords, local authorities or voluntary housing associations into collectors of water charges for Irish Water by obliging them to deduct the charges from tenants’ deposits or increase rents in cases where tenants are boycotting the charges;

demands:

- the immediate abolition of water charges;
- progressive taxation, including on wealth, corporate profits and financial markets’ transactions, to fund the upgrading of the water supply services including remediation of the leaking national infrastructure (for example, based on an effective corporation tax rate of 11 per cent in 2013, every 1 per cent increase would yield €388 million while the EU Commission estimates a financial transaction tax would yield in Ireland

between €490 million and €730 million per year);

- the abolition of Irish Water/Uisce Éireann, with responsibility for water services to be vested in democratic local authority structures involving national coordination, and unlike previously, adequate investment in water infrastructure to meet society's needs; and
- a major grants scheme to retrofit homes with water saving devices and technology that would save billions of litres of quality drinking water being discharged needlessly into the wastewater systems each year; and

calls for:

- mass non-payment by householders of the water charges bills when they are delivered in April and May since the Government will have proved it is not prepared to abide by the clear wish of a majority to abolish the charges;
- water charges, and the demand for water to be in public ownership, to be made central issues in the forthcoming General Election if not resolved pre-election; and
- local anti-water charges campaigns to discuss standing candidates in the General Election opposing the charges and austerity and based on an advocacy of mass non-payment, of actively mobilising the opposition to these charges and for a real alternative to the parties of austerity.” — *Joe Higgins, Ruth Coppinger, Paul Murphy, Clare Daly, Richard Boyd Barrett, Finian McGrath, Joan Collins, Mick Wallace, Tom Fleming.*

[24 March, 2015]

Leasú (atógáil):

Amendment (resumed):

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

“supports:

- the establishment of Irish Water as a long-term strategic investment project to deliver the necessary water services infrastructure and quality of services required to meet statutory compliance and demographic needs;
- the management of our water resources effectively to ensure Ireland can continue to attract major overseas investment and employment; and
- the view that metered charging is the fairest form of water charging with benefits in proper management of this vital resource;

notes:

- that the Programme for Government provides for the introduction of a fair funding model to deliver a clean and reliable water supply which will involve the installation of water meters in all households;
- the introduction of water meters for households promotes the sustainable use of water and has been recognised by the OECD as the fairest way to charge for water services;
- the new funding model based on domestic tariffs and metered usage will allow for expanded investment and is aligned with the requirements of the Water Framework Directive;
- that the Government has introduced measures, which include the capping of annual charges at a maximum of €160 for single adult households and €260 for all other households until the end of 2018, that will provide clarity and certainty and ensure

- that water charges are affordable for customers;
- the announcement of the water conservation grant as a means of addressing water issues for all households on equal terms and which will reduce households' outlay on water services;
 - the prioritisation by Irish Water of the elimination of boil water notices and the fact that by April of this year over 17,000 people will no longer be subject to boil water notices;
 - the Government's intention to bring forward further legislative proposals to underpin the collection of charges; and
 - that well over 200,000 jobs in Ireland are dependent on water-intensive processes including the agri-food, pharma-chem, ICT and tourism sectors, and therefore need a secure water supply; and

welcomes:

- the fact that the number of customers that registered with Irish Water is 990,000 out of a total of 1.237 million households that have responded;
- the progress with the roll-out of the domestic metering programme being delivered by Irish Water, with over 625,000 meters installed to date;
- the achievement of greater economies of scale in running water services by Irish Water, with €12 million in procurement savings alone achieved in the company's first year of operations, in the context of an annual operating costs efficiency target of 7 per cent per annum set by the Commission for Energy Regulation;
- the increased capital investment in water and waste water services by Irish Water, with investment in the period 2014-2016 to amount to almost €1.4 billion, excluding metering and establishment costs; and
- the clear commitment given by the Government that Irish Water will remain in public ownership and the provision in the Water Services Act 2014 that will require any future proposal to change public ownership of Irish Water to be put to the people via a plebiscite." — *An tAire Comhshaoil, Pobail agus Rialtais Áitiúil.*

**TEACHTAIREACHTAÍ ÓN RIALTAS
MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNMENT**

**An Bille Leasa Shóisialaigh (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2015.
Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2015.**

For the purpose of Article 17.2 of the Constitution, the Government recommend that it is expedient to authorise such payments out of moneys provided by the Oireachtas as are necessary to give effect to any Act of the present session to amend and extend the Social Welfare Acts, to amend the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 and the Personal Injuries Assessment Board Act 2003; and to provide for related matters.

Given on this 23rd day of March, 2015

(Signed) Joan Burton,
Tánaiste.

MEMORANDA

P.T.O.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste Fiosrúcháin i dtaobh na Géarchéime Baincéireachta i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee of Inquiry into the Banking Crisis in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar agus Cumarsáid i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport and Communications in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha agus Trádáil i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Chearta an Duine i dtaobh Nithe a bhaineann le Dlí agus Ceart agus Comhionannas (den Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Cosaint agus Comhionannas) i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 10 a.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights relative to Justice and Equality Matters (of the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality) in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 10 a.m. (*private*).

An Bille Leasa Shóisialaigh (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2015:

Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2015:

Cruinniú den Roghfhochóiste um Choimirce Shóisialach i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 1 p.m.
Meeting of the Select sub-Committee on Social Protection in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 1 p.m.

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach- Airgeadas agus Caiteachas Poiblí (den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas, Caiteachas Poiblí agus Athchóiriú) i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 2 p.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Sub-Committee on European Scrutiny-Finance and Public Expenditure (of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform) in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 2 p.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Cosaint agus Comhionannas i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Justice, Defence and Equality in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas, Caiteachas Poiblí agus Athchóiriú i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 2.45 p.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 2.45 p.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhormhaoirsiú ar an tSeirbhís Phoiblí agus Achainíochas i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 4 p.m. (*príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Public Service Oversight and Petitions in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 4 p.m. (*private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhormhaoirsiú ar an tSeirbhís Phoiblí agus Achainíochas i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 4.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Public Service Oversight and Petitions in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 4.30 p.m.

**SCRÍBHINNÍ A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID NA dTITHE
DOCUMENTS LAID BEFORE THE HOUSES¹**

Reachtúil

Statutory

Eile

Other

Plean Gnó Chomhairle na nDochtúirí Leighis, 2015.

Medical Council Business Plan 2015.

Ráitis Síntiús Bhliantúla agus Dearbhuithe Reachtúla Bliantúla i leith 2014 arna gcur ar fáil don Choimisiún um Chaighdeán in Oifigí Poiblí ag Comhaltaí de dhá Theach an Oireachtais agus Comhaltaí de Pharlaimint na hEorpa de bhun alt 24 den Acht Toghcháin, 1997.

Annual Donation Statements and Statutory Declarations in respect of 2014 furnished to the Standards in Public Office Commission by Members of both Houses of the Oireachtas and Members of the European Parliament pursuant to section 24 of the Electoral Act 1997.

Tuarascáil ón gCoimisiún um Chaighdeán in Oifigí Poiblí do Chathaoirleach Dháil Éireann de bhun alt 4(1) den Acht Toghcháin 1997, maidir le Ráitis Síntiús Bhliantúla agus Dearbhuithe Reachtúla Bliantúla, i leith 2014, arna gcur ar fáil don Choimisiún um Chaighdeán in Oifigí Poiblí ag Comhaltaí de dhá Theach an Oireachtais agus Comhaltaí de Pharlaimint na hEorpa de bhun alt 24 den Acht Toghcháin 1997.

Report by the Standards in Public Office Commission to the Chairman of Dáil Éireann, pursuant to section 4(1) of the Electoral Act 1997, on Annual Donation Statements and Statutory Declarations, in respect of 2014, furnished to the Standards in Public Office Commission by Members of both Houses of the Oireachtas and Members of the European Parliament pursuant to section 24 of the Electoral Act 1997.

¹ I gcás nach leagtar scríbhinn ach faoi bhráid aon Teach amháin, cuirfear (D) – Dáil nó (S) – Seanad ina diaidh dá réir sin.

Where a document is laid before one House only it will be appended with (D) – Dáil or (S) – Seanad accordingly.