

Dé hAoine, 10 Nollaig, 2004
Friday, 10th December, 2004

10.30 a.m.

RIAR NA hOIBRE

Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ

Public Business

1. (l) An Bille um Fháлтаis ó Choireacht (Leasú), 1999 [*Dáil*] — An Tuarascáil.
 (a) Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Bill, 1999 [*Dáil*] — Report Stage.
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2. (l) Bille an Gharda Síochána 2004 — An Choiste (*leasú 82, atogáil*).
 (a) Garda Síochána Bill 2004 — Committee (*amendment 82, resumed*).
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3. An Bille Sláinte 2004 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.
 Health Bill 2004 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage
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Tairiscintí:

Motions:

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| <p>4 “Go ndéanfar an togra go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann na Rialacháin seo a leanas ina ndréacht:—</p> | <p>That the proposal that Seanad Éireann approve the following Regulations in draft:—</p> |
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Na Rialacháin um Ghalair Bhólachta (Tobhaigh), 2004,

Bovine Diseases (Levies) Regulations, 2004,

ar leagadh cóipeanna díobh ina ndréacht faoi bhráid an Tí an 8ú lá de Nollaig, 2004, a tharchur chuig an gComhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Bia de réir mhír (1) (Seanad) d’Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin, agus go ndéanfaidh an Coiste sin, tráth nach déanaí ná an 16 Nollaig, 2004, teachtaireacht a chur chuig an Seanad ar an modh a fhorordaítear i mBuan-Ordú 67, agus go mbeidh feidhm dá réir ag Buan-Ordú 69(2).

copies of which were laid in draft before the House on 8th day of December, 2004, be referred to the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food in accordance with paragraph (1) (Seanad) of the Orders of Reference of that Committee, which, not later than 16th December, 2004, shall send a message to the Seanad in the manner prescribed in Standing Order 67, and Standing Order 69(2) shall accordingly apply.”

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

5. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann na Rialacháin seo a leanas ina ndr éacht:— That Seanad Éireann approves the following Regulations in draft:—

Na Rialacháin um Ghalair Bhólachta (Tobhaigh), 2004, Bovine Diseases (Levies) Regulations, 2004,

ar leagadh cóipeanna díobh ina ndr éacht faoi bhráid an Tí an 8ú lá de Nollaig, 2004. copies of which were laid in draft before the House on 8th day of December, 2004.”

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

6. An Bille um Ghairmithe Sláinte agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh 2004 — An Tuarascáil. Health and Social Care Professionals Bill 2004 — Report Stage.

7. An Bille um Chleachtadh Tréidliachta 2004 — An Coiste. Veterinary Practice Bill 2004 — Committee.

8. (l) An Bille um Shábháilteacht Mhuirí 2004 — An Coiste. (a) Maritime Safety Bill 2004 — Committee.

9. (l) An Bille um an Dlí Coiriúil (Gealtacht) 2002 — An Tuarascáil. (a) Criminal Law (Insanity) Bill 2002 — Report Stage.

10. (l) An Bille Léiriúcháin 2000 [*Dáil*] — An Coiste. (a) Interpretation Bill 2000 [*Dáil*] — Committee.

Tíolactha:

Presented:

11. An Bille um Shaoráil Faisnéise (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 2003 — Ordú don Dara Céim. Freedom of Information (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2003 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta um Shaoráil Faisnéise 1997 agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara. Bill entitled an Act to amend the Freedom of Information Act 1997 and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Brendan Ryan.*

12. An Bille um Chlárú Gníomhas agus Teidil 2004 — Ordú don Dara Céim. Registration of Deeds and Title Bill 2004 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht d’aisghairm agus d’athachtú, maille le leasuithe, an dlí a bhaineann le clárú gníomhas agus doiciméad eile a dhéanann difear do thalamh agus do leasú an dlí a bhaineann le clárú teidil chun talún. Bill entitled an Act to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, the law relating to the registration of deeds and other documents affecting land and to amend the law relating to the registration of title to land.

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

13. An Bille um Athchóiriú an Dlí Reachtuil (Réamh-1922) 2004 — Ordú don Dara Céim
Statute Law Revision (Pre-1922) Bill 2004 — Order for Second Stage

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do chur athchóiriú an Dlí Reachtuil chun cinn trí achtacháin a aisghairm a ritheadh roimh 6 Nollaig 1922 agus a bhfuil scortha acu de bheith i bhfeidhm nó atá éirithe neamhriachtanach.

Bill entitled an Act to promote the revision of Statute Law by repealing enactments passed before 6 December 1922 which have ceased to be in force or have become unnecessary.

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

Tíolactha:
Presented:

14. An Bille um Fhorfheidhmiú Orduithe Cúirte (Uimh. 2) 2004 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Enforcement of Court Orders (No. 2) Bill 2004 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir leis na cúirteanna do dhéanamh orduithe astaithe tuillimh, orduithe astaithe leasa agus orduithe tráthchoda chun forfheidhmiú orduithe cúirte, fíneálacha agus fiacha eile neamhurscaoilte a éascú agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the making of attachment of earnings orders, attachment of welfare orders, and instalment orders by the courts to facilitate the enforcement of undischarged court orders, fines and other debts and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Brian Hayes.*

Tairiscint:
Motion:

15. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an tOrdú seo a leanas ina dhréacht:

That Seanad Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

An tOrdú Iascaigh (Ceadúnais Tráchtála Ilghnéitheacha) (Dleachtanna a Athrú), 2004,

Fisheries (Miscellaneous Commercial Licences) (Alterations of Duties) Order 2004,

ar leagadh cóipeanna de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 25 Samhain, 2004.

copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 25 November 2004.”

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

16. Ráitis maidir leis an gcor reatha sa Mheán-Oirthear (*atógáil*).
Statements on the current situation in the Middle East (*resumed*).

17. Ráitis maidir le Pleanáil agus saincheisteanna gaolmhara (*atógáil*).
Statements on Planning and related issues (*resumed*).

18. Ráitis maidir leis an gCéad Tuarascáil faoi Dhul Chun Cinn ón gCoiste Comhairleach Náisiúnta um Dhrugaí (*atógáil*).
Statements on the First Progress Report of the National Advisory Committee on Drugs (*resumed*).

19. Ráitis maidir le Saoráidí Spóirt Náisiúnta a Sholáthar (*atógáil*).
Statements on the Provision of National Sporting Facilities (*resumed*).

20. Ráitis maidir le hIomaíochas agus Cosaint Tomhaltóirí (*atógáil*).
Statements on Competitiveness and Consumer Protection (*resumed*).

21. Tairiscint (*atógáil*):
Motion (*resumed*):

“Go ndéanann Seanad Éireann, de bhun Bhuan-Ordú Uimh. 60A,

That Seanad Éireann, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60A,

1. Á thabhairt dá aire an fhaisnéis seo a leanas ón Aire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí:

1. Noting the following information from the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform:

(a) go ndearna an Garda Síochána, i mí Lúnasa 2001, ar fhaisnéis a fháil ó Interpol ar fhaisnéis í a fuair *The United States Postal Inspection Service* le linn cuardaigh ar áitreabh in Fort Worth, Texas, a bhain le mionsonraí custaiméirí líomhnaithe cuideachta a raibh rochtain á tairiscint aici ar shuímh idirlín pornagrafaíochta leanaí, tús a chur le hoibríocht i ndáil le daoine ón dlínse seo a líomhnaíodh a bheith aitheanta amhlaidh,

(a) that the Garda Síochána in August 2001, on receipt of information from Interpol obtained by the United States Postal Inspection Service during a search of premises in Fort Worth, Texas, concerning details of alleged customers of a company offering access to child pornography websites, commenced an operation in relation to persons allegedly so identified from this jurisdiction,

(b) go raibh san áireamh sna mionsonraí sin ainmneacha, pasfhocail agus mionsonraí cárta creidmheasa agus cárta muirir daoine áirithe,

(b) that these details included the names, passwords and credit card and charge card details of certain persons,

(c) go raibh duine darb ainm *Brian Curtin, 35 Ashe Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry*, ar dhuine de na daoine ón dlínse seo a ainmníodh amhlaidh agus gur léirigh fiosrúcháin dá éis sin gurbh é Brian Curtin, Breitheamh den Chúirt Chuarda, agus seoladh tí cónaithe 24 Ard na Lí, Trá Lí, Co. Chiarraí aige, an duine sin,

(c) that one of the persons from this jurisdiction so named was a Brian Curtin, 35 Ashe Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry, and that subsequent enquiries indicated that this person was Brian Curtin, Judge of the Circuit Court, with a home address of 24 Ard na Lí, Tralee, Co Kerry,

(d) go ndearna an Chúirt Dúiche barántas chun teach cónaithe an Bhreithimh Curtin a chuardach faoi alt 7 den Acht um Gháinneáil ar Leanaí agus Pornagrafaíocht Leanaí 1998 a eisiúint de bhun iarratais ó chomhalta den Gharda Síochána an 20 Bealtaine 2002,

(d) that a warrant to search Judge Curtin's home under section 7 of the Child Trafficking and Pornography Act 1998 issued from the District Court on foot of an application by a member of the Garda Síochána on 20 May 2002,

(e) go ndearnadh cuardach ar theach cónaithe an Bhreithimh Curtin dá éis sin de bhun an bharántais sin agus gur ghlac Gardaí seilbh ar ríomhaire pearsanta agus ar ábhar eile le linn an chuardaigh,

(e) that Judge Curtin's home was subsequently searched on foot of the said warrant and that Gardaí took possession of a personal computer and other material during the search,

(f) gur chuir údaráis an Gharda comhad imscrúdaithe faoi bhráid an Stiúrthóra Ionchúiseamh Poiblí i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2002, agus gur threoraigh an Stiúrthóir Ionchúiseamh Poiblí go ndéanfaí an Breitheamh Curtin a ionchúiseamh as pornagrafaíocht leanaí a bheith ina sheilbh go feasach contrártha d'alt 6 den Acht um Gháinneáil ar Leanaí agus Pornagrafaíocht Leanaí 1998,

(f) that an investigation file was submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions by the Garda authorities in October 2002 and that the Director of Public Prosecutions instructed that Judge Curtin be prosecuted for knowingly having in his possession child pornography contrary to section 6 of the Child Trafficking and Pornography Act, 1998,

(g) gur thosaigh triail an chúisimh sin an 20 Aibreán 2004 i gCúirt Chuarda Thrá Lí agus go bhfuarthas an Breitheamh Curtin neamhchiontach sa chúiseamh sin an 23 Aibreán 2004 gan fianaise a bheith tugtha i ndáil le hábhar an chúisimh, tar éis don Chúirt Chuarda Choiriúil a chinneadh go raibh an barántas sin a dúradh imithe in éag nuair a forghníomhaíodh é i dteach cónaithe an Bhreithimh Curtin;

(g) that the trial of the said charge commenced on 20 April 2004 at Tralee Circuit Court and that on 23 April 2004 Judge Curtin was found not guilty of that charge without evidence being given in relation to the subject matter of the charge, the Circuit Criminal Court having determined that the aforesaid warrant was spent when executed at the home of Judge Curtin;

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and

2. A éileamh go ndéanfar, de bhun Airteagal 35.4 den Bhunreacht agus alt 39 den Acht Cúirteanna Breithiúnais 1924, an tOnórach an Breitheamh Brian Curtin, Breitheamh den Chúirt Chuarda, a chur as oifig de dheasca mí-iompair a luafar, arb é atá i gceist ann a chuid iompair maidir le síntiús a thabhairt do shuímh idirlín ar a raibh íomhánna pornagrafaíochta leanaí, rochtain a fháil ar na suímh sin agus na suímh sin a úsáid agus i ndáil leis na nithe sin agus é féin a fhágáil mí-oiriúnach dá dheasca sin chun oifig Breithimh den Chúirt Chuarda a fheidhmiú.

2. Calls for the removal, pursuant to Article 35.4 of the Constitution and section 39 of the Courts of Justice Act 1924, of His Honour Judge Brian Curtin, Judge of the Circuit Court, from office for stated misbehaviour, being his conduct in and in relation to subscribing to, accessing and use of websites containing child pornographic images and thereby rendering himself unsuitable to exercise the office of a Judge of the Circuit Court."

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

22. Tairiscintí nach ón Rialtas:
Non-Government Motions:

1. "That Seanad Éireann in the light of the many positive resolutions on Tibet already passed in various fora including
 - the European Parliament resolutions regarding Tibet dated October 14, 1987, March 15, 1989, September 15, 1993, May 17, 1995, July 13, 1995, April 18, 1996, May 23, 1996, May 13, 1997, January 16, 1998, May 13, 1998, July 6, 2000, April 11, 2002;
 - the resolutions regarding fundamental rights violations in Tibet adopted by the German Bundestag (October 15, 1987, June 20, 1996 and April 18, 2002), adopted by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Italian House of Representatives (April 12, 1989), by the Belgian House of Representatives (June 20, 1990), adopted by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Irish Parliament (July 21, 1998);
 - the resolution adopted on August 23, 1991 by the United Nations sub-Committee for the prevention of discrimination and protection of the rights of minorities;
 - the resolutions adopted by the United States Government, by the Australian Senate and House of Representatives and by the Czech Parliament;
 - the Constituent Act of the 'Association of Italian Communities, provinces and Regions' an organisation which many local organizations have joined; and

Bearing in mind

- the tragic historical events experienced since 1949 by the Tibetan people;
- the United Nations resolution n. 1353 of the year 1959, and n. 1723 of the year 1961 and n. 2079 of the year 1965; co-sponsored by Ireland;
- the 'agreement consisting of 17 points' signed in Beijing by the Tibetan authorities, which guaranteed full autonomy for Tibet and, particularly, the acknowledgement of its political system and the full respect of religious freedom;
- the repeated attempts to give new force to the dialogue with Beijing authorities made by the Dalai Lama with the 'five point program', presented before the American Parliament in 1987, and with the 'Strasbourg proposal', presented before the European Parliament in 1988;
- the recent execution without a fair trial or legal representative of Lobsang Dhondrup in Sichuan despite protest from the E.U.;

Commends the position of the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Government in exile as far as it concerns the realization of an autonomous government for Tibet as a moderate position encouraging dialogue and negotiations;

Shares its profound concern for the serious damage already done to the Tibetan environment, traditions, culture and the Tibetan religion, and for the deterioration of the situation regarding human rights in Tibet;

Commends the recent contacts commenced between the Chinese government and the Tibetan Government in exile;

Expresses the hope that these will become, as soon as possible, true direct negotiations between the Chinese government and the Tibetan Government in exile with the aim of defining a new statute which guarantees genuine autonomy for Tibet;

Adopts as its own the European Parliament resolutions dated July 6, 2000 and April 11, 2002, and requests the Government

- to adopt among the aforesaid European Parliament resolutions, all possible initiatives regarding the People's Republic of China, so that, by way of dialogue, conditions be created for the realization of a new statute for Tibet, which will guarantee full autonomy for the Tibetan people in all sectors of political, economic and cultural life, with the exception of foreign affairs and defence;
- to call upon the Chinese government to acknowledge and fully respect the fundamental political, social and cultural rights of religious, ethnic and other minorities, and also their cultural specificity including religious freedom;
- to aid, in accordance with the other European Union members, the dialogue between the Beijing authorities and the Dalai Lama the Tibetan Government in exile; and
- to work within the European Commission so as to appoint an E.U. Special Representative for Tibetan Affairs."

—*Senators David Norris, Joe O'Toole, Mary Henry.*

[21 January, 2004]

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2. "That Seanad Éireann, in light of the introduction of inequitable development levies on new housing that will make building a house prohibitive for many young people and the refusal of the Government to fulfil its promise to make it easier for local residents to build one-off houses in rural areas, condemns the Government for failing to act on its promise to ease planning legislation on one-off housing and calls on the Government to restore immediately public confidence by reversing its decision to introduce development levies and to honour its pre-election promise to improve the planning process and by doing so reinvigorate rural Ireland."

—*Senators Joe McHugh, Brian Hayes, Ulick Burke, Fergal Browne, Noel Coonan, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Michael Finucane, Paddy Burke, Jim Higgins, Paul Bradford, John Paul Phelan, Frank Feighan, Sheila Terry, James Bannon.*

[5 February, 2004]

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3. "That Seanad Éireann—

notes:

- the 57 recommendations of the Motor Insurance Advisory Report relating to Government Departments and Agencies, and the 2002 consultants report on speed cameras commissioned by the National Roads Authority;

recognises:

- the success to date of the penalty points system in reducing road fatalities;
- the lack of resources available to the Gardaí to enforce our road traffic laws and implement the penalty points system in the long-term;
- the extraordinarily high costs for insurance premiums quoted to drivers under the age of 30;
- that the recently-established Personal Injuries Assessment Board is not yet dealing with motor accident compensation claims;
- that driver instruction is not supported or regulated by the State; and

- that the Irish driving test has not been updated for 20 years and is perceived as being unfair and has an unacceptable failure rate;

condemns the Government for its delay in implementing the necessary reforms to alleviate the insurance crisis facing young drivers and further condemns the Government for failing to invest adequately in long-term road safety education and enforcement;

and calls on the Government to:

- ring-fence the proceeds of the 2% levy on motor insurance for investment in road safety initiatives;
 - enact the outstanding recommendations of the MIAB report;
 - introduce free compulsory driving lessons for all drivers before they sit the driving test;
 - implement a complete overhaul of the driving test based on making it a fair test and relevant to 21st century Irish driving conditions;
 - purchase 17 new ‘GATSO’ speed camera vans as proposed in the consultants report commissioned by the National Roads Authority;
 - establish immediately the Garda Traffic corps;
 - authorise the Personal Injuries Assessment Board immediately to begin dealing with motor accident compensation claims; and
 - use its remaining period of time as President of the EU to prioritise further reform of the EU common internal motor insurance market.”
- *Senators Fergal Browne, Brian Hayes, James Bannon, Paul Bradford, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Paul Coghlan, Noel Coonan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[18 February, 2004]

4. “That Seanad Éireann

- condemns the blatant and cynical move by the Minister for the Environment and Local Government in bringing forward guidelines for rural housing, particularly as the said guidelines offer no hope to people in need of housing in rural Ireland and
 - considers that there is an urgent need for the Government to make a statement on the position of local authorities in readjusting their County Development Plans to facilitate the Government’s u-turn on this matter.”
- *Senators James Bannon, Fergal Browne, Brian Hayes, Paul Bradford, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Paul Coghlan, Noel Coonan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[10 March, 2004]

5. “That Seanad Éireann:

- recognises that the services provided by the National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS) are very important to many children throughout the country;
- considers that access to an educational psychologist can be critical in finding out

what special educational requirements a child may have, and how best they can be met within the school system;

- notes, however, that access to the services provided by NEPS is extremely slow, with many children waiting an unacceptable amount of time before seeing a psychologist after referral;
- refers to the findings of a recent survey which showed clearly that the average waiting time for a child to see an educational psychologist was 6.5 months with more than a quarter of schools waiting more than 9 months for access to a psychologist for their students;
- maintains that the Government has a clear responsibility to fund NEPS properly so that such unacceptable delays no longer occur;
- laments the paltry increase in funding to NEPS of only 1% in Budget 2004;
- believes that children who require psychological assessment should be seen within one month of this assessment being requested, with 6 weeks being the maximum permitted waiting time.”

—*Senators Brian Hayes, Michael Finucane, Paddy Burke, Paul Coghlan, Jim Higgins, Noel Coonan, Paul Bradford, Ulick Burke, John Paul Phelan, Frank Feighan, Sheila Terry, James Bannon, JoeMcHugh, Maurice Cummins, Fergal Browne.*

[7 April, 2004]

6. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to use its present leading position as holder of the European Union Presidency to ensure that the European Union and its member States take the necessary steps, including by engagement with the United States, to ensure that the 60th session of the UNCHR will:

- (a) support adequate monitoring of human rights in Iraq, permitting the monitors to cover human rights abuses in Iraqi territory by any party, and ensuring that their reports are regularly and publicly available;
- (b) extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq for a further year, clarifying that the mandate covers all past and present human rights violations in Iraq;
- (c) support the establishment of a UN commission of experts tasked with developing proposals for building the rule of law in Iraq, in consultation with Iraqi civil society;
- (d) support the establishment of an international commission of inquiry mandated to conduct independent, impartial and thorough investigations into past human rights violations, regardless of when they occurred; and
- (e) call on the Coalition Provisional Authority to bring to trial, in accordance with international standards for fair trial, Saddam Hussein and other officials and associates of the former Iraqi government accused of committing human rights violations.”

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Mary Henry, Joe O’Toole and Feargal Quinn.*

[7 May, 2004]

7. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources to provide greater transparency to the operations of the National Lottery and, in particular, calls on the Government to make the National Lottery subject to the Freedom of Information Act.”

—*Senators Shane Ross, David Norris, Joe O’Toole, Feargal Quinn and Mary Henry.*

[27 May, 2004]

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8. “That Seanad Éireann takes note of the Report on the Proposal for a Dublin Metro System prepared by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport.”

—*Senator David Norris, Feargal Quinn, Mary Henry, and Shane Ross.*

[15 June, 2004]

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9. “That Seanad Éireann

— taking account of the outdated and cumbersome procedures involved in registering, changing address and applying for postal votes

and

— aware of the many deficiencies in the Electoral Register, especially the non-inclusion of eligible voters who have recently moved house or have turned 18 years of age,

calls for

— root and branch reform of the electoral process,

— a review of the procedures used to update the Electoral Register to ensure greater accuracy and improved convenience for those wishing to register,

— information campaigns on the role of Local Government, the European Parliament, the Houses of the Oireachtas and the President prior to the relevant election and the importance of transfers in the proportional representational system,

— a widening of the grounds on which a postal ballot can be applied for and an extension in the deadline for applications,

and

— the automatic registration of all people upon reaching the age of 18 by means of using the PPS serial number provided by the Department of Social and Family Affairs.”

—*Senators Fergal Browne, Brian Hayes, James Bannon, Paul Bradford, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Paul Coghlan, Noel Coonan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John P. Phelan and Sheila Terry.*

[22 June, 2004]

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10. “That the time limit for the Order of Business be extended to a maximum of 90 minutes in order to facilitate the proper ventilation of topical matters of current public interest by members.”

—*Senators David Norris, Joe O’Toole, Mary Henry, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross.*

[14 October, 2004]

11. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to honour the commitment clearly given by An Taoiseach at the United Nations in 2002 that Ireland would reach the target of 0.7% of GDP for overseas development aid by 2007.”

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Mary Henry.*

[14 October, 2004]

12. “That Seanad Éireann,

- expresses its extreme concern at increase in drug abuse nationally and the increasing availability of hard drugs to all parts of the country;
- condemns the Fianna Fáil-Progressive Democrat Government for its failure to adequately fund the National Drugs Strategy 2001-2008 and to meet the commitments promised under the strategy;
- denounces the Government for its failure to expand drug prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and other community-based diversionary facilities such as sporting and entertainment venues for young people;
- demands that this Government give full recognition to Ireland’s growing drug problem by immediately establishing a high level Ministerial Task Force to report and make recommendations on tackling this problem;
- recognises the links between alcohol misuse and drug abuse and moves to create a National Addiction Strategy, which seeks to address the interrelationship between the two;
- calls on the Government to fulfil all of the 100 commitments made under the National drugs Strategy 2001-2008; and
- demands that the Government provides increased funding to both the Local and Regional Drugs Task Forces.”

—*Senators Brian Hayes, Fergal Browne, James Bannon, Paul Bradford, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Paul Coghlan, Noel Coonan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[20 October, 2004]

13. “That Seanad Éireann call on the Government to launch an emergency national plan for the disposal of waste and demands that the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government introduces legislation increasing the penalties for illegal dumping”.

—*Senators Shane Ross, Mary Henry, Feargal Quinn, David Norris, Joe O’Toole.*

[28 October, 2004]

14. “That Seanad Éireann:

- acknowledging the work undertaken by Community Groups throughout the country with the assistance of the FÁS Community Employment Schemes;
- acknowledging the deteriorating economic climate for people who are displaced from CE Schemes in gaining access to other work and in particular that people over 50 years of age have particular difficulty in sourcing alternative employment;

- recognising the deep concern of community, health and sporting organisations about the future of these schemes and the continuation of important local projects;
- accepting the contribution that these schemes make to the self-esteem of the participants and that people in long-term unemployment should continue to have the opportunity to do valuable work through CE Schemes;
- calls on the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to reverse the decisions that were made in the last Budget to reduce the number of participants on the Community Employment Schemes from 25,000 to 20,000 and return the number of CES places to 2003 levels so that the importance of community development and the valuable contribution of community groups and participants is fully recognised in the context of training for job opportunities in the future and to establish a new social employment scheme for the older age group who are long-term employed.”

—*Senators Paul Coghlan, Brian Hayes, James Bannon, Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Noel Coonan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[3 November, 2004]

15. “That Seanad Éireann;

- welcomes the very positive labour market figures published by the Central Statistics Office and notes that the level of employment in Ireland is now at a record high level of almost 1.9 million;
- notes that Ireland continues to perform exceptionally well in comparison with our European partners with employment and labour force growth being ahead of the EU average by a factor of three or four and with one of the lowest rates of unemployment in the EU and being considerably lower than that in the larger European states;
- commends the Government for a continuing strong performance in employment terms with the number of jobs in Ireland growing by more than 1000 per week in the year to the end of September and notes that this is an increase of 3%, compared with last year, and is the strongest economic growth since 2001;
- congratulates the Government on these very positive figures which clearly show that current Government policies are working extremely well is further vindication of its economic strategy;
- maintains that the Government is well on its way to achieving its ambition to effectively eliminate long-term unemployment, which is continuing to fall;
- acknowledges the unprecedented commitment shown by the parties in Government since 1997 in tackling unemployment which has resulted in historic in-roads in reducing joblessness, particularly for people who have been without a job for a long time;
- urges the Government to continue with the thrust of this successful approach and to continue to bring forward policies specifically targeted at tackling unemployment and providing jobs, while recognising that continuing high priority must be given to those areas which have fallen behind the national employment average; and

- welcomes the measures in the recent Budget which will build on the Government's economic and social strategy of focusing on getting people back to work by investing in employment and education."

—*Senators Mary O'Rourke, Eddie Bohan, Cyprian Brady, Peter Callanan, Margaret Cox, Brendan Daly, Timmy Dooley, Geraldine Feeney, Liam Fitzgerald, Camillus Glynn, John Hanafin, Brendan Kenneally, Michael Kitt, Tony Kett, Terry Leyden, Don Lydon, Martin Mansergh, Marc MacSharry, Paschal Mooney, Pat Moylan, Francie O'Brien, Labhrás Ó'Murchú, Ann Ormonde, Kieran Phelan, Eamon Scanlon, Jim Walsh, Mary White and Diarmuid Wilson.*

[9 December, 2004]

23. An Seanad a chur ar athló.
Adjournment of the Seanad.

BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL
Seanad Bills with the Dáil

An Bille um Dhlí na Farraige (Píoráideacht a Chur faoi Chois) 2001.
Law of the Sea (Repression of Piracy) Bill 2001.

An Bille um Thruailliú na Farraige (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2003.
Sea Pollution (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2003.

An Bille um Shaoire Uchtaíoch 2004.
Adoptive Leave Bill 2004.

An Bille um Fhorghníomhú Pianbhreitheanna a Aistriú 2003.
Transfer of Execution of Sentences Bill 2003.

An Bille um Sheirbhísí Uisce 2003.
Water Services Bill 2003.

An Bille Talún 2004.
Land Bill 2004.

An Bille um Chuntais Dhíomhaoiné (Leasú) 2004.
Dormant Accounts (Amendment) Bill 2004.

BILLÍ AR SIÚL AGUS GNÓ ATÁ ORDAITHE
Bills in Progress and Business Ordered

Dé Máirt, 14 Nollaig 2004
Tuesday, 14th December 2004

An Bille um Thrácht ar Bhóithre 2004 [*Dáil*] — An Coiste.
Road Traffic Bill 2004 [*Dáil*] — Committee.

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Dé Máirt, 14 Nollaig, 2004
Tuesday, 14th December 2004

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Muir agus Acmhainní Náúrtha i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 2 p.m.

Dé Céadaoin, 15 Nollaig, 2004
Wednesday, 15th December, 2004

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 10.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 10.30 a.m.

Déardaoin, 16 Nollaig, 2004
Thursday, 16th December, 2004

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Iniúchadh Eorpach i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Sub-Committee on European Scrutiny in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m.

PÁIPÉIR A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID AN tSEANAID
Papers laid before the Seanad

Reachtúil:

1) Coimisiún an Chúlchiste Náisiúnta Pinsean. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2003.

2) Na Rialacháin Sól Coiteann (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 2) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 737 de 2004).

3) Na Rialacháin Sól Coiteann (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 3) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 738 de 2004).

4) Na Rialacháin Scabairdí Dubha (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 743 de 2004).

5) Na Rialacháin Langaí Gorma (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 744 de 2004).

6) Na Rialacháin Deargán (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) 2004 (I.R. 747 de 2004).

7) Na Rialacháin Tusc (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 748 de 2004).

8) Na Rialacháin Trosc (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 3) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 736 de 2004).

Statutory:

1) National Pensions Reserve Fund Commission. Annual Report, 2003.

2) Common Sole (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (No. 2) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 737 of 2004).

3) Common Sole (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (No. 3) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 738 of 2004).

4) Black Scabbardfish (Fisheries Management and Conservation) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 743 of 2004).

5) Blue Ling (Fisheries Management and Conservation) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 744 of 2004).

6) Red Seabream (Fisheries Management and Conservation) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 747 of 2004).

7) Tusk (Fisheries Management and Conservation) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 748 of 2004).

8) Cod (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (No. 3) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 736 of 2004).

9) Na Rialacháin Cadóg (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 2) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 739 de 2004).

10) Na Rialacháin Colmóirí (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 2) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 740 de 2004).

11) Na Rialacháin Láimhíneach (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 3) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 741 de 2004).

12) Na Rialacháin Láimhíneach (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 4) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 742 de 2004).

13) Na Rialacháin Airgintíní Móra (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 2) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 745 de 2004).

14) Na Rialacháin Airgintíní Móra (Iascaigh a Bhainistiú agus a Chaomhnú) (Uimh. 3) 2004 (I.R. Uimh. 746 de 2004).

15) Tuarascáil ar oibriú Chuid III den Acht um Eiseachadadh 1965 sa bhliain 2003 arna tabhairt ag an Rialtas do Thithe an Oireachtais de bhun alt 6 den Acht um Eiseachadadh (Leasú) 1987 arna leasú le halt 15 den Acht um Eiseachadadh (Leasú) 1994.

Neamhreachtuil:

An Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2003.

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11) Monkfish (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (No. 3) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 741 of 2004).

12) Monkfish (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (No. 4) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 742 of 2004).

13) Greater Silver Smelt (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (No. 2) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 745 of 2004).

14) Greater Silver Smelt (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (No. 3) Regulations 2004 (S.I. No. 746 of 2004).

15) Report on the operation of Part III of the Extradition Act 1965 in the year 2003 made to the Houses of the Oireachtas by the Government pursuant to section 6 of the Extradition (Amendment) Act 1987 as amended by section 15 of the Extradition (Amendment) Act 1994.

Non-Statutory:

Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government. Annual Report, 2003.