

Dé Máirt, 22 Feabhra, 2005
Tuesday, 22nd February, 2005

2.00 p.m.

RIAR NA hOIBRE
Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ
Public Business

Tairiscint:

Motion:

1. “Go ndéanfar an togra go mbeartaíonn Seanad Éireann go leanfaidh alt 17A (a cuireadh isteach le halt 2(1) den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe (Leasú) 2001, (Uimh. 3 de 2001)) den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe 1966, (Uimh. 6 de 1966) i bhfeidhm ar feadh na tréimhse dar críoch an 8 Márta, 2005, a tharchur chuig an gComhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Bia, de réir mhír (2) d’Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin, agus go ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste sin, tráth nach déanaí ná an, 24 Feabhra, 2005, 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).

That the proposal that Seanad Éireann resolve that section 17A (inserted by section 2(1) of the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) Act 2001, (No. 3 of 2001)) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1966, (No. 6 of 1966) shall continue in force for the period ending on 8th March, 2005, be referred to the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food, in accordance with paragraph (2) of the Orders of Reference of that Committee, which, not later than 24th February, 2005, 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.*

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2. Ráitis ón Eagraíocht um Chomhar agus Forbairt Eacnamaíochta maidir le hOideachas Tríú Leibhéal.

Statements on the OECD Report on Third Level Education.

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3. Ráitis maidir leis an gClár Comhdheiseanna Cúraim Leanaí.
 Statements on the Equal Opportunities Childcare Programme.

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4. Statements in relation to the progress of the National Spatial Strategy.
 Ráitis i ndáil le dul chun cinn na Straitéise Spáis Náisiúnta.

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5. Statements on the Supreme Court Decision in relation to Nursing Home Charges.
 Ráitis maidir leis an gCinneadh ón gCúirt Uachtarach i ndáil le Muirir Tithe Banaltrais.
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6. (l) An Bille um Ghairmithe Sláinte agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh 2004 — An Tuarascáil.
(a) Health and Social Care Professionals Bill 2004 — Report Stage.

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7. (l) An Bille um Chleachtadh Tréidliachta 2004 — An Coiste.
(a) Veterinary Practice Bill 2004 — Committee.

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

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

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

Tíolachta:

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.*

Tíolachta:

Presented:

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.*

Tíolachta:

Presented:

13. An Bille um Athchóiriú an Dlí Reachtúil (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 Reachtúil 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.*

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

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

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- 17.** 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*).

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

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

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- 20.** Ráitis maidir le Beartas Iompair Réigiúnach (*atógáil*).
Statements on Regional Transport Policy (*resumed*).

Tairiscint:

Motion

21. “Go mbeartaíonn Seanad Éireann go leanfaidh alt 17A (a cuireadh isteach le halt 2(1) den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe (Leasú) 2001, (Uimh. 3 de 2001)) den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe 1966, (Uimh. 6 de 1966) i bhfeidhm ar feadh na tréimhse dar críoch an 8 Márta, 2006.

That Seanad Éireann resolves that section 17A (inserted by section 2(1) of the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) Act 2001, (No. 3 of 2001)) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1966, (No. 6 of 1966) shall continue in force for the period ending on 8th March, 2006.”

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

22. 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 faisnéis 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

(f) that an investigation file was submitted to the Director of Public

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,

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;

agus

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.*

Bille (atógáil) (05 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (05 m. remaining):

23. An Bille um Páirtíocht Shibhialta 2004 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Civil Partnership Bill 2004 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

—*Senator David Norris.*

Leasú ar an Tairiscint don Dara Léamh (atógáil):

Amendment to Motion for Second Reading (resumed):

1. To delete all words after "That" and substitute the following:

"Seanad Éireann declines to give a second reading to the Bill so as to permit further consideration of important legal and constitutional issues and in particular

- (a) the resolution of current litigation regarding the recognition of a foreign same-sex marriage;
- (b) finalisation by the All-Party Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution of its examination of Articles 40.3, 41 and 42, relating to the family;
- (c) publication of the Report of the Law Reform Commission on the Rights and Duties of Cohabitees.”.

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

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

1. “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]

2. “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, Joe McHugh, Maurice Cummins, Fergal Browne.*

[7 April, 2004]

3. “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]

4. “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]

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

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

[15 June, 2004]

6. “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]

7. “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]

8. “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]

9. “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]

10. “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]

11. “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]

12. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to take urgent measures to open the West Link Toll Bridge on Dublin’s M50 motorway.”

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

[15 December, 2004]

13. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to end the practice of making political appointments to the judiciary.”

—*Senators Shane Ross, David Norris.*

[15 December, 2004]

14. “That Seanad Éireann;

- welcomes the very positive labour market figures 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;
- 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 most 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.*

[22 February, 2005]

Leasú:

Amendment:

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

“condemns the Government for the continuing deterioration in employment in the manufacturing sector;

regrets the low level of growth in the number of indigenous companies;

notes the low rate of Corporation Tax that led to a huge increase in the number of foreign owned companies and thus employment; and

calls on the Government to adopt a similar low tax strategy for the indigenous sector”.

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

25. 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 Thruaillíú 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 Dhíomhaoine (Leasú) 2004.
Dormant Accounts (Amendment) Bill 2004.

Bille an Gharda Síochána 2004.
Garda Síochána Bill 2004.

An Bille um Shaoire do Thuismitheoirí (Leasú) 2004.
Parental Leave (Amendment) Bill 2004.

MEMORANDA

*Dé Céadaoin, 23 Feabhra 2005.
Wednesday, 23rd February, 2005.*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 1, TL 2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights, in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontraíocht agus Mionghnóthaí i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise and Small Business in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Ortadóntaic i Seomra Coiste 2, TL 2000, ar 10.30 a.m.

Meeting of the sub-Committee on Orthodontics in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 10.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Chearta an Duine i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 12 meán lae.

Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 12 noon.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Muir agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 2 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 1, TL 2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

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Thursday, 24th February, 2005.*

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1) Ráitis i leith Comhairleoirí Speisialta don Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Iompair (Ivor Mac Alaigh, T.D.) de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [2004] [10 Feabhra, 2005].

2) Ráitis i leith Comhairleoirí Speisialta don Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Comhshaoil, Oidhreachta agus Rialtais Áitiúil (Parthalán Ó Caoimh, T.D.) de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [10 Feabhra, 2005].

3) Ráitis i leith Comhairleoirí Speisialta don Aire Cumarsáide, Mara agus Acmhainní Náidúrtha de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [2004] [17 Feabhra, 2005].

4) Bearta, Bearta Beartaithe agus Forbairtí i ndáil leis na Comhphobail Eorpacha agus an Aontas Eorpach. Tuarascáil don tréimhse 1 Iúil, 2004 - 31 Nollaig, 2004 (An Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta).

5) Coláiste Oideachais Tís San Caitríona, Cnoc Síon, An Charraig Dhubh. Ráitis Airgeadais don bhliain dar chríoch 31 Lúnasa, 2003 mar aon leis an tuarascáil ón Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste orthu sin.

6) Coláiste Oideachais Eaglais na hÉireann, Ráth Maonais. Ráitis Airgeadais, 2003.

7) Athbhreithniú Staidrimh Árachais, 2003, lena n-áirítear Achoimre ar Ráitis i dtaobh Gnó Árachais a rinneadh i rith na bliana dar chríoch 31 Nollaig, 2003, mar aon le Tuairisceáin Bhliantúla Árachais Saoil agus Árachais Neamh-Shaoil, 2003.

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2) Statements in respect of Special Advisers to the Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (Batt O'Keeffe, T.D.) in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [10 February, 2005].

3) Statements in respect of Special Advisers to the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [2004] [17 February, 2005].

4) Measures, Proposed Measures and Developments in relation to the European Communities and European Union. Report for the period 1 July, 2004 - 31 December, 2004 (Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs).

5) St. Catherine's College of Education for Home Economics, Sion Hill, Blackrock. Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August, 2003 together with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

6) Church of Ireland College of Education, Rathmines. Financial Statements, 2003.

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8) Tuarascáil ón Roinn Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta don Oireachtas faoi Alt 2(5) d'Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh (Grinnscrúdú) 2002 don tréimhse ó Iúil go Nollaig, 2004.

9) Na hAchtanna um an nGníomhaireacht Foirgníochta Náisiúnta Teoranta 1963 go 1974. Ráiteas maidir le ráthaíochtaí ón Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil ar iasachtaí a fuair an Gníomhaireacht Foirgníochta Náisiúnta Teoranta. Mar a bhí an 31 Nollaig, 2004.

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2) An Comhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí. Ordú ag bunú Fochoiste um Orta-dóntaic. (Ordaíodh an 17 Feabhra, 2005).

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