

*Dé Máirt, 27 Meitheamh, 2006*  
*Tuesday, 27th June, 2006*

2.30 p.m.

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RIAR NA hOIBRE  
*Order Paper*

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GNÓ POIBLÍ  
*Public Business*

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1. An Bille um Údarás Forbartha an Champais Náisiúnta Spórt 2006 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.  
 National Sports Campus Development Authority Bill 2006 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.
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*Tíolactha:*  
*Presented:*

2. An Bille Cosanta (Leasú) 2006 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
 Defence (Amendment) Bill 2006 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht d'údarú díormaí nó comhaltaí de na Buan-Óglaigh a chur chun bealaigh le haghaidh seirbhíse lasmuigh den Stát agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to authorise the despatch of contingents or members of the Permanent Defence Force for service outside the State and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

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3. Ráitis maidir le Straitéis Rialaithe Ailse 2006.  
 Statements on A Strategy for Cancer Control 2006.
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*Tíolactha:*  
*Presented:*

4. Bille na dTithe (Íocaíochtaí Céime) 2006 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
 Housing (Stage Payments) Bill 2006 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do thoirmeasc íocaíochtaí céime i gconarthaí le haghaidh tithe nua áirithe.

Bill entitled an Act to prohibit stage payments in contracts for certain new houses.

—*Senators Paul Coghlan, Joe O'Toole and Brendan Ryan.*

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*Tíolactha:*  
*Presented:*

5. An Bille Rialtais Áitiúil (Ceantair um Fheabhsú Gnó) 2006 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Bill 2006 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú chun Ceantair um Fheabhsú Gnó a bhunú laistigh de limistéir feidhme údarás rátúcháin, do chumasú scéimeanna faoina ndéantar tionscadail, seirbhísí agus oibreacha a sheoladh chun tairbhe na gceantair sin, do mhaoiniú na scéimeanna trí shocrú a dhéanamh maidir le forchur agus bailiú tobhaigh ar mhaoine inráitithe atá sna ceantair sin, d'fheabhsú maoiniú údarais áitiúil trí shocrú a dhéanamh maidir le forchur agus bailiú tobhach is infheidhme i ndáil le maoine nuathógtha, do leasú na nAchtanna Rialtais Áitiúil 1925 go 2003 chun na gríoch sin go léir, do leasú an Achta Luachála 2001, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the establishment of Business Improvement Districts within the functional areas of rating authorities, to enable schemes under which projects, services and works are carried out for the benefit of those districts, to finance the schemes by providing for the imposition and collection of a levy on rateable properties situated in those districts, to improve local authority funding by providing for the imposition and collection of levies applicable in relation to newly constructed properties, to amend the Local Government Acts 1925 to 2003 for all such purposes, to amend the Valuation Act 2001, and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

6. An Bille um Chistí Infheistíochta, Cuideachtaí agus Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha 2006 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Investment Funds, Companies and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2006 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú agus do leathnú Achtanna na gCuideachtaí, an Achta um Painéal Táthcheangail na hÉireann 1997, Achta an Bhainc Cheannais 1942 agus an Achta um Fhaisnéis do Thomhaltóirí 1978, do dhéanamh socrú maidir le cur chun feidhme Threoir 2004/109/CE an 15 Nollaig 2004 ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend and extend the Companies Acts, the Irish Takeover Panel Act 1997, the Central Bank Act 1942 and the Consumer Information Act 1978, to provide for the implementation of Directive 2004/109/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 December 2004 and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

7. An Bille um an gCúirt Choiriúil Idirnáisiúnta 2003 [*Dáil*] — An Coiste.  
International Criminal Court Bill 2003 [*Dáil*] — Committee.

8. An Bille um Athchóiriú an Dlí Talún agus Tíolactha 2006 — Ordú don Choiste.  
Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Bill 2006 — Order for Committee.

9. Bille na bPríosún 2005 — An Coiste.  
Prisons Bill 2005 — Committee.

- 10.** An Bille um Chlárú Uachtanna 2005 — An Coiste.  
Registration of Wills Bill 2005 — Committee.

—*Senator Terry Leyden.*

- 11.** Bille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2005 — An Dara Céim.  
Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2005 — Second Stage.

—*Senators Joe O’Toole, Paul Coghlan, David Norris.*

- 12.** An Bille um Chosaint Beatha agus Maoine 2006 — An Dara Céim.  
Defence of Life and Property Bill 2006 — Second Stage.

—*Senators Tom Morrissey, Michael Brennan, John Minihan.*

*Tíolachta:*

*Presented:*

- 13.** 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.*

- 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.*

- 15.** An Bille um Chiontaí in aghaidh an Stáit (Leasú) 2006 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Offences Against the State (Amendment) Bill 2006 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta um Chiontaí in Aghaidh an Stáit 1939.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Offences Against the State Act 1939.

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

- 16.** An Bille Ginealais agus Araltais 2006 — Ordú don Dara Céim.  
Genealogy and Heraldry Bill 2006 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht d’aisghairm agus do leasú alt den Acht um Fhorais Chultúir Náisiúnta 1997; do bhunú Údaráis Araltais d’Éirinn agus do dhéanamh socrú maidir le feidhmeanna, dualgais agus cumhachtaí an chéanna; do thabhairt chun rialtacha agus do nuachóiriú an tsoláthair seirbhísí araltais

Bill entitled an Act to repeal and to amend sections of the National Cultural Institutions Act 1997; to establish a Heraldic Authority for Ireland and provide for the functions, duties and powers thereof; to regularise and modernise the delivery of heraldic services by the State; to establish

ag an Stát; do bhunú Oifig na nArmas agus do dhéanamh socrú ina leith, arb éard a bheidh inti Príomh-Aralt na hÉireann (*Chief Herald of Ireland*) agus Leas-Phríomharalt na hÉireann (*Deputy Chief Herald of Ireland*); do mhíniú, do chomhordú agus do bhunú nósanna imeachta chun an Stát do sholáthar seirbhísí araltais, brateolaíochta agus ginealais agus chun beartas i leith na nithe sin a fhoirmliú; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le cothabháil, cosaint, agus coimeád dlíthiúil taifead a bhaineann leis na feidhmeanna sin thuas agus le rochtain phoiblí ar na taifid sin; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le daingniú cúlghabhálach Deonuithe Armas a rinne an Oifig Ghinealais neamhrechtúil in ainm Phríomh-Aralt na hÉireann thar ceann an Stáit ó 1943 i leith agus do leasú an dlí a bhaineann le feidhmeanna araltais an Stáit agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

and make provision for an Office of Arms consisting of Príomh-Aralt na hÉireann (Chief Herald of Ireland) and Leas-Phríomharalt na hÉireann (Deputy Chief Herald of Ireland); to define, coordinate and establish procedures for the delivery of heraldic, vexillological and genealogical services by the State and for the formulation of policy in respect of such matters; to provide for the maintenance, protection, legal custody and public accessibility of records pertaining to the functions above; to provide for the retrospective confirmation of Grants of Arms made by the non-statutory Genealogical Office in the name of the Chief Herald of Ireland on behalf of the State since 1943 and to amend the law relating to the heraldic functions of the State and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Brendan Ryan.*

*Tairiscint:*

*Motion:*

17. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe, arna chur ar fáil le hAirteagal 4 den cheathrú Prótacal atá leagtha amach i gConradh Amstardam, fógra a thabhairt don Chomhairle agus don Choimisiún gur mian leis glacadh leis an mbeart seo a leanas:

That Seanad Éireann approves the exercise by the State of the option, provided by Article 4 of the fourth Protocol set out in the Treaty of Amsterdam, to notify the Council and the Commission that it wishes to accept the following measure:

Treoir 2004/82/CE an 29 Aibreán, 2004 ón gComhairle maidir le hoibleagáid a bheith ar iompróirí sonraí a thabhairt mar gheall ar phaisinéirí,

Council Directive 2004/82/EC of 29th April, 2004 on the obligation of carriers to communicate passenger data,

ar beart é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 25 Iúil, 2005.

a copy of which measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on 25th July, 2005.”

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

*Ráitis:*

*Statements:*

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

19. 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*).

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

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

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22. Ráitis maidir le Sábháilteacht ar Bhóithre (*atógáil*).  
Statements on Road Safety (*resumed*).

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

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

24. “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 Bheithimh Curtin a chuardach faoi alt 7 den Acht um Gháinneáil ar

(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

Leanaí agus Pornagrafaíocht Leanaí 1998 a eisiúint de bhun iarratais ó chomhalta den Gharda Síochána an 20 Bealtaine 2002,

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.*

*Bille (atógáil) (05 n. fágtha):*

*Bill (resumed) (05 m. remaining):*

- 25.** 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.*

- 26.** Tairiscintí nach ón Rialtas:  
Non-Government Motions:

1. “That Seanad Éireann notes that:

- Ireland has one of the highest incidences of Cystic Fibrosis in the world;
- Cystic Fibrosis is Ireland’s most common life threatening genetically inherited disease with 1 in every 20 people carrying the recessive Cystic Fibrosis gene;
- people with Cystic Fibrosis rely heavily on a health system that is inadequately staffed and resourced;
- the survival statistics relating to Cystic Fibrosis is directly proportional to the quality of the health care system, and Ireland sadly falls well below internationally accepted norms;
- with the correct health care, a large proportion of people with Cystic Fibrosis will be able to live a normal productive life; and
- and Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to take immediate steps to provide adequate increased funding and resources to help sufferers of this condition.”

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

**[28 June, 2005]**



2. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to examine the status of charities and charitable collections and in particular to investigate the practice of so called ‘chugging’ or charity mugging by street collectors.”

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

**[28 September, 2005]**

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3. “That Seanad Éireann, in the light of recent tragic fires in France and other countries involving hostel accommodation of migrant workers and asylum seekers and in the light of our own recent narrow escapes from such tragedies, calls upon the Government to ensure that all such accommodation in Ireland is professionally vetted to ensure compliance with fire regulations, health, safety and hygiene provisions.”

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

**[28 September, 2005]**

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4. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources to ensure,

- 1) a total ban on use or sale of mono and multi-monofilament gill and drift nets;
- 2) a ban on trawling within 6 mile limit;
- 3) no netting of any description within 1 mile of the low water mark;
- 4) the creation of and an increase in the protection for spawning/nursery areas;
- 5) closed seasons to protect spawning fish;
- 6) that angling groups like the IFSA are involved in consultation processes;
- 7) that a full survey of all recreational anglers to determine our economic input is commissioned;
- 8) that there is an increase in minimum sizes and a reduction of quotas for commercially exploited species;
- 9) increased fishery protection resources;
- 10) much tighter oversight of domestic and foreign vessels as regards landings, gear etc.;
- 11) an end to the practices of marine dumping and aggregate extraction; and
- 12) an end to nuclear waste dumping/discharges in the Irish Sea.”

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

**[28 September, 2005]**

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5. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Minister for Foreign Affairs to seek the establishment of a monitoring group to supervise the implementation of the Human Rights Attachments to the External Association Agreement between the European Union and the State of Israel.”

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

**[28 September, 2005]**

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6. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to take all possible measures to ensure that the refinancing of Irish Insurance risk internationally does not as a result of recent tragic global events make Irish domestic insurance unacceptably high.”

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

**[28 September, 2005]**

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7. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism to come into the house to give a full account of the current situation regarding the future of the Abbey Theatre and its possible relocation.”

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

**[28 September, 2005]**

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8. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government to give this House a definitive time-scale for the final introduction of electronic voting, in the light of the unacceptable level of spending being incurred by him, including and following the initial €50 million outlay, the €685,000 annual storage cost incurred over the last three years which will continue to be spent for an indefinite period and the €400,000 spent on testing the system.”

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

**[29 September, 2005]**

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9. “That Seanad Éireann believes that the Groceries Order should be replaced with a new law to take account of changes in the Competition Act and modern trends in the grocery trade to include the following:—

(1) that all discounts appear on invoices so that the benefits of food competition can be fully passed on to consumers; and

(2) that our communities are protected from predatory pricing by major multiples in order to see choice and diversity in the food sector where multiples and locals shops can compete on a level playing pitch.”

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

**[29 September, 2005]**

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10. “That Seanad Éireann,

— appalled at the continuing imprisonment of 5 law abiding citizens from Rossport in County Mayo;

— acknowledging that the 5 remain convinced that the Shell operation at Rossport poses a serious threat to life and health;

— condemns the extraordinarily lethargic and indifferent response of the Government to the men’s imprisonment;

— calls on Shell immediately to waive its interests under the injunction;

— invites the five men simultaneously to apologise to the court; and

— calls on the Government to appoint an independent mediator acceptable to the five men to do the following:

- (1) to report, using independent professional and technical advice as required, on the appropriateness or otherwise of the proposed development on environmental, health and safety grounds and in particular on the appropriateness or otherwise of the use of Quantified Risk Assessments in such a development;
- (2) to identify and quantify following discussions with the Government and Shell how if at all the proposed development will be used to benefit this region of Mayo; and
- (3) to identify and quantify following discussions with the Government and Shell the benefits, if any, which will accrue to this country generally from the proposed development.”

—*Senators Brendan Ryan, Kathleen O’Meara, Joanna Tuffy, Michael McCarthy and Derek McDowell.*

**[5 October, 2005]**

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11. “That Seanad Éireann expresses its concern at growing reports of climate change in various parts of the world; and requests the Minister to come into the house and give a progress report on our position concerning Ireland reaching its target under the Kyoto Protocol.”

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

**[5 October, 2005]**

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12. “That Seanad Éireann, mindful of Ireland’s unprecedented national wealth, urges the Minister for Finance to give far greater resources in the next Budget to childcare and the difficulties encountered by parents of children attending crèches, primary or secondary schools. In particular, Seanad Éireann urges the Minister to set up structures unlocking parents from the difficulties encountered by huge bills for crèches if they decide to work outside the home, aimed at giving them real choices about whether to rejoin the workforce or to care for their children themselves.”

—*Senators Shane Ross, Joe O’Toole and Mary Henry.*

**[5 October, 2005]**

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13. “That Seanad Éireann, in the light of the Ferns Report, requests the Government to re-examine the exemption of the churches from the operations of equality legislation.”

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

**[3 November, 2005]**

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14. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government, in the light of increased tax receipts, to increase funding to all Local Authorities in the upcoming Budget, as they face unprecedented financial hardship in the coming year.”

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

**[9 November, 2005]**

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## 15. “That Seanad Éireann supports:

the declaration of the 4th World Parliamentarian’s Convention on Tibet adopted by parliamentarians from 30 different countries on November 19, 2005 in Edinburgh, Scotland in support of Tibet’s goal of genuine autonomy;

supports His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s Middle Way approach to resolve the conflict between the People’s Republic of China and the Tibetan Government in exile through negotiations in the spirit of non-violence and reconciliation;

commends the Chinese Government in inviting the Dalai Lama’s special envoys for four rounds of high-level meetings in Beijing and Berne between September 2002 and June 2005;

supports the creation of a zone of ahimsa (peace and non-violence) throughout the Tibetan plateau;

deplores the refusal of the Chinese Government to release political prisoners, in particular the Panchen Lama, Gebhum Choekyi Nyima, who has been held in a secret location since 1995, when he was only 6 years old; and

the recent forcible attempts by the Chinese authorities to introduce a brutal discipline known as ‘Patriotic re-education’ which has been inflicted upon monasteries in Tibet and which has resulted in injury and death to some of the monks at the Drepung Monastery in Tibet.”

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

**[13 December, 2005]**

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16. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government, for an urgent debate on the Nitrates Directive, in light of his hasty signing of said directive, particularly as the figures on which he based his decision, have now been highlighted as being erroneous and the impossibility of the Government standing over such figures, allied with its total disregard for the future of Irish farming.”

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

**[25 January, 2006]**

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17. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Government to ensure that the child sex abuse victim from Cork is not under any circumstances to be pursued for her costs in the wake of her recent unsuccessful legal action.”

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Mary Henry, Joe O’Toole, Feargal Quinn, Brian Hayes, James Bannon, Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Paul Coghlan, Noel Coonan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry, Brendan Ryan, Kathleen O’Meara, Joanna Tuffy, Michael McCarthy and Derek McDowell.*

**[28 March, 2006]**

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18. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Irish Government to redouble its efforts to ensure the closure of British Nuclear Fuel’s Sellafield plant.”

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

**[3 May, 2006]**

19. “That Seanad Éireann will establish a petitions committee and initiate procedures for civil engagement with the Seanad through a right of individuals, community groups and organisations to petition the Seanad and make a request to the Seanad to take a view or initiate or amend legislation in relation to matters of public interest or concern”

—*Senators Joanna Tuffy, Brendan Ryan, Kathleen O’Meara, Michael McCarthy and Derek McDowell.*

[30 May, 2006]

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

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BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL  
*Seanad Bills with the Dáil*

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

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

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An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Bonneagar Straitéiseach) 2006.  
Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Bill 2006.

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An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cúnamh Frithpháirteach) 2005.  
Criminal Justice (Mutual Assistance) Bill 2005.

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An Bille um Thrácht ar Bhóithre 2006.  
Road Traffic Bill 2006.

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MEMORANDA

*Dé Máirt, 27 Meitheamh, 2006.*  
*Tuesday, 27th June, 2006.*

Cruinniú den Choiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí i Seomra 102, Dorchla an tSeanaid, Teach Laighean, ar 12 meán lae.

Meeting of the Committee on Procedure and Privileges in Room 102, Seanad Corridor, Leinster House, at 12 noon.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 2 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Sheachthorthaí Dochracha Táirgí Cógaisíochta i Seomra Coiste 1, TL 2000, ar 2.30 p.m. (*Príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Sub Committee on the Adverse Side effects of Pharmaceuticals Committee, Room 1, LH 2000, at 2.30 a.m. (*Private*).

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 3 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 3 p.m.

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*Dé Céadaoin, 28 Meitheamh, 2006.*  
*Wednesday, 28th June, 2006.*

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.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL 2000, ar 9.30 a.m. (*Príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m. (*Private*).

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 1, TL 2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 2, TL 2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 2 p.m.

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*Déardaoin, 29 Meitheamh, 2006.*  
*Thursday, 29th June, 2006.*

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Iniúchadh Eorpach i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Sub-Committee on European Scrutiny in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Chomhar Forbartha den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha, i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000 ar 11 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Sub-Committee on Development Co-Operation in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 11 a.m.

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

*Reachtúil:**Statutory:*

1) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 2505/96 lena n-osclofar cuótaí taraife uathrialacha de chuid an Chomhphobail do tháirgí áirithe talmhaíochta agus tionscail agus lena ndéanfar foráil maidir lena riaradh mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 176.

1) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 2505/96 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 176.

2) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh.1255/96 lena bhfionraítear go sealadach na dleachtanna taraife comhchustam uathrialacha ar tháirgí áirithe tionscail, talmhaíochta agus iascaigh mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 204.

2) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 1255/96 temporarily suspending the autonomous common customs tariff duties on certain industrial, agricultural and fishery products together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 204.

3) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle a bhaineann le táirgí fograíochta míthreoracha, agus táirgí fograíochta comparáideacha (leagan códaithe) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.COM (2006) 222.

3) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning misleading and comparative advertising (codified version) products together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 222.

4) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear an Iarscríbhinn a ghabhann le Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 2042/2000 lenar forchuireadh dleacht fhrithdhumpála chinntitheach ar allmhairí de chórais cheamaraí teilifíse de bhunadh na Seapáine mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 227.

4) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending the Annex to Regulation (EC) No. 2042/2000 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of television camera systems originating in Japan together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 227.

5) Togra Leasaithe le haghaidh Cinnidh ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena mbunaítear clár de ghníomhaíocht Chomhphobail sa réimse beartais Tomhaltóirí (2007-2013) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 235.

5) Amended Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a programme of Community action in the field of Consumer policy (2007-2013) together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 235.

6) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle lena leagtar síos méid na tacaíochta Comhphobail d'fhorbairt na tuaithe don tréimhse ó 1 Eanáir, 2007 go 31 Nollaig, 2013, miondealú na tacaíochta sin agus an méid íosta a dhlúthófar i reigiúin atá cáilithe faoin gCuspóir Cóineasaithe mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 238.

6) Proposal for a Council Decision laying down the amount of Community support to rural development for the period from 1 January, 2007 to 31 December, 2013, its annual breakdown and the minimum amount to be concentrated in regions eligible under the Convergence Objective together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 238.

7) Na Rialacháin Raidió Theileagrafaíochta (Bloc-Cheadúnais Náisiúnta Pointe go Pointe agus Pointe go hIlphointe) 2006 (I.R. Uimh. 296 de 2006).

7) Wireless Telegraphy (National Point-to-Point and Point-to-Multipoint Block Licences) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 296 of 2006).



- 8) Na Rialacháin Raidió-Theileagrafaíochta (Córas Raidió Aithisc Phoiblí) 2006 (I.R. Uimh. 304 de 2006).
- 8) Wireless Telegraphy (Wireless Public Address System) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 304 of 2006).
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- 17) Bord Sláinte an Iar-Thuaiscirt. Ráitis Airgeadais Bhliantúla, 2004 [Críochnaitheach].
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- 18) Bord Sláinte an Deiscirt. Ráitis Airgeadais Bhliantúla, 2004 [Críochnaitheach].
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- 19) Bord Sláinte an Oir-Thuaiscirt. Ráitis Airgeadais Bhliantúla, 2004 [Críochnaitheach].
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- 22) Comhairle na nOspidéal. Ráitis Airgeadais Bhliantúla, 2004 [Críochnaitheach].
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