

Dé Máirt, 6 Márta, 2007
Tuesday, 6th March, 2007

2.30 p.m.

RIAR NA hOIBRE
Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ
Public Business

1. (l) An Bille um Chlúmhilleadh 2006 — An Coiste (*leasú 10 atógáil*).
(a) Defamation Bill 2006 — Committee (*amendment 10 resumed*).

2. (l) An Bille um an nGníomhaireacht Chúltaca Ola Náisiúnta 2006 [*Dáil*] — An Coiste.
(a) National Oil Reserves Agency Bill 2006 [*Dáil*] — Committee.

3. An Bille um Rialú Foirgníochta 2005 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.
Building Control Bill 2005 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.

Tíolactha:
Presented:

4. Bille na mBóithre 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Roads Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú agus do leathnú Achtanna na mBóithre 1993 go 2001, an Achta um Rialáil Tacsaithe 2003 agus forálacha áirithe de na hAchtanna um Thrácht ar Bhóithre 1961 go 2006 agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe comhghaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend and extend the Roads Acts 1993 to 2001, the Taxi Regulation Act 2003 and certain provisions of the Road Traffic Acts 1961 to 2006 and to provide for connected matters.

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

5. Bille Iascaigh an Fheabhail agus Chairlinn 2006 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.
Foyle and Carlingford Fisheries Bill 2006 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.

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

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

7. Bille Náisiúntachta agus Saoránachta Éireann (Leasú) (An Garda Síochána) 2006 — An Dara Céim.
Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Amendment) (An Garda Síochána) Bill 2006 — Second Stage.
—*Senators Brian Hayes, Maurice Cummins, Ulick Burke.*
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8. An Bille um Chosaint Beatha agus Maoine 2006 — Ordú don Choiste.
Defence of Life and Property Bill 2006 — Order for Committee.
—*Senators Tom Morrissey, Michael Brennan, John Minihan.*
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Tíolactha:
Presented:

9. An Bille um Príobháideacht 2006 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Privacy Bill 2006 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le Tort arb éard é Príobháideacht a Shárú; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann leis an méid sin.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for a Tort of Violation of Privacy; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

10. 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.*

11. 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.*

Tairiscintí:
Motions:

12. “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.*

13. “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 2008.

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 8 March 2008.”

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

Ráitis:

Statements:

14. 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*).

15. Ráitis maidir le Saoráidí Spóirt Náisiúnta a Sholáthar (*atógáil*).

Statements on the Provision of National Sporting Facilities (*resumed*).

16. Ráitis maidir le Beartas Iompair Réigiúnach (*atógáil*).

Statements on Regional Transport Policy (*resumed*).

17. Ráitis maidir le Sábháilteacht ar Bhóithre (*atógáil*).

Statements on Road Safety (*resumed*).

18. Ráitis maidir le Pleanáil agus saincheisteanna gaolmhara (*atógáil*).

Statements on Planning and related issues (*resumed*).

Bille (atógáil) (05 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (05 m. remaining):

19. 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.*

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

1. “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, Joe O’Toole.*

[3 May, 2006]

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2. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to introduce a scheme to automatically register all those who turn 18 years of age and for the creation of a new centrally run National Electoral Register.”

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

[3 July, 2006]

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3. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to provide the funding to deliver the investments in water and sanitary services for towns and villages promised by the current Government 1997 and 2002 and condemns the failure of the Government, in this and the previous administration, to deliver to small towns and villages all over this country the necessary infrastructural investment to sustain their survival and future.”

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

[3 July, 2006]

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4. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to provide greater funding for the Private Residential Tenancies Board to tackle the poor maintenance of some rental properties and for the empowerment of the Board to take over the regulation of property management companies, the poor state of which is contributing directly to the inferior maintenance of public areas.”

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

[3 July, 2006]

5. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to end the blight of unfinished housing estates by passing legislation that would prohibit those developers who have not met their commitments under previously granted planning permission, from obtaining planning permission in the future.”

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

[3 July, 2006]

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6. “That Seanad Éireann, in light of inconvenience to individuals and the potential damage being done to the reputation of this country in terms of efficient communications, calls on the Government to maximise the resources being put into ensuring broadband access in every home and business in Ireland.”

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

[27 September, 2006]

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7. “That Seanad Éireann congratulates His Holiness the Dalai Lama on the US Congress passing a Bill which will award the Dalai Lama the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal.”

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

[27 September, 2006]

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8. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to end political input into the appointment of members of the judiciary.”

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

[27 September, 2006]

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9. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to ensure that future appointments to the boards of semi-state bodies and agencies are subject to hearings and approval by Oireachtas committees.”

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

[27 September, 2006]

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10. “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, Joe O’Toole.*

[28 September, 2006]

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11. “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, Shane Ross.*

[28 September, 2006]

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12. “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, Joe O’Toole.*

[28 September, 2006]

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13. “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, Joe O’Toole.*

[28 September, 2006]

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14. “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, Joe O’Toole.*

[28 September, 2006]

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15. “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, Joe O’Toole.*

[28 September, 2006]

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16. “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, Feargal Quinn, Mary Henry.*

[12 October, 2006]

17. “That Seanad Éireann welcomes the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme of the World Council of Churches in arranging for human rights observers to work in Israel and Palestine; encourages the Government to work with intergovernmental organisations to establish a human rights observation force in the Occupied Territories, and to press for an end to the occupation in a just and peaceful solution to the conflict on the basis of UN resolutions and the international rule of law.”

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

[25 October, 2006]

18. “That Seanad Éireann notes that the number of patients with MRSA infections in Irish hospitals was 285 cases for the first 6 months of 2006; calls on the Minister for Health and Children to ensure that when patients test positive for MRSA that they and/or their family are informed immediately so that appropriate steps are taken to aid their full recovery. That Seanad Éireann calls on all health facilities in the State to fulfil their duty of care responsibilities as outlined in the 1947 Health Act in so far as patients’ health should not deteriorate due to negligence on the health facility’s part.”

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

[8 November, 2006]

19. “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, Shane Ross.*

[8 November, 2006]

20. “That Seanad Éireann welcomes the Publication of the Leas Cross Nursing Home Report and calls for a Patient Safety Authority to be established to maintain and ensure standards in both private and public hospitals and which would also provide a forum for whistleblowers in the Health Service; and notes that, in the 18 months since the Prime Time Programme on the Leas Cross Nursing Home, the Government has failed to ensure that adequate measures are put in place to prevent other cases of patient neglect and or abuse taking place.”

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

[15 November, 2006]

21. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to introduce compensatory relief for VAT charged to charities on essential expenditure so that the cost burden to charities nationwide may be relieved.”

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

[16 November, 2006]

22. “That Seanad Éireann expresses concern at the risks posed to infants by the heavy fluoridation of water in this jurisdiction.”

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

[22 November, 2006]

23. “That Seanad Éireann, appalled by the abuse of Falun Gong practitioners being perpetrated by the Chinese Government and the Chinese Communist Party, urges the Irish Government to express its revulsion at these atrocities and demands that the Irish Government seeks to have them fully investigated by the appropriate international bodies and that our concerns be brought to the immediate attention of the Chinese Ambassador to Ireland and the Chinese Government.”

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

[23 November, 2006]

24. “That Seanad Éireann,

- noting the fact that in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and France State pension funds are now required to recognise social and environmental and ethical considerations in their investment decisions;
- condemns the failure to impose such conditions on The National Pensions Reserve Fund; and
- calls on the Government immediately to introduce ethical guidelines for the NPRF if necessary following appropriate amending legislation.”

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

[30 November, 2006]

25. “That Seanad Éireann notes the Government’s promise to allow Cork Airport to commence an independent operation free from debt and demands that the Government immediately clarify the position of Cork Airport with respect to the debt incurred in the recently completed developments.”

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

[30 November, 2006]

26. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Government

- (1) to play an effective role towards securing a total prohibition on the production, stockpiling, transfer and use of cluster munitions by its active participation in international initiatives to address the issue comprehensively and effectively;
- (2) to enact a national law prohibiting the production, stockpiling, transfer and use of cluster munitions as we know them;
- (3) to support research, publication and awareness raising initiatives on this subject nationally and internationally;
- (4) to increase support for the clearance of contaminated land by landmines, cluster munitions and other unexploded ordnance;
- (5) to increase support for Mine Risk Education;
- (6) to increase support for rehabilitation of mine survivors and their socio-economic integration;

and finally, pending the outlawing of landmines internationally,

(7) to ensure that no public funds are invested in any company involved in or associated with this inhuman practice.”

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

[6 December, 2006]

27. “That Seanad Éireann supports:

the declaration of the 4th World Parliamentarians’ 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, Joe O’Toole.*

[13 December, 2006]

28. “That Seanad Éireann deeply regrets the failure of the Government to condemn the authorities in Iran for hosting a conference denying the existence of the Holocaust, and furthermore demands that the Minister for Foreign Affairs supports the words of the EU Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs Franco Frattini when he denounced the conference as ‘an unacceptable affront to victims of World War 2 genocide’.”

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

[31 January, 2007]

29. “That Seanad Éireann takes note of the report of the Moriarty Tribunal and in particular the abstraction by the former Taoiseach Charles J. Haughey of monies from the account opened in favour of Brian Lenihan’s medical situation and also of the monies given by Mr. Mark Kavanagh to the Fianna Fáil Party which never appeared to have been transmitted to them.”

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

[31 January, 2007]

30. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to give serious examination to the Dargan Metro Project involving an orbital metro route as well as an airport metro line and which, fully costed, presents a more economic prospect than the existing proposal.”

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

[31 January, 2007]

31. “That Seanad Éireann expresses concern at the impact on the environment caused by aircraft emissions in an era of growing mass transport.”

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

[31 January, 2007]

32. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government in the light of the fact that Ireland is one of the few EU countries that does not facilitate citizens living abroad but within the EU in the exercise of their voting rights in Dáil elections, Presidential elections and referenda to make appropriate provisions without delay.”

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

[31 January, 2007]

33. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to extend the voting franchise to allow Irish citizens living outside of the country to vote in Presidential elections, Dáil elections and referenda.”

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

[31 January, 2007]

34. “In the light of the European Parliament Report on extraordinary rendition which calls on the Irish Government to establish a Committee of Inquiry into the role played by Shannon Airport in this illegal process, that Seanad Éireann immediately recommence moves initiated in 2006 to establish a Special Committee to look into this matter.”

—Senators David Norris, Joe O’Toole, Mary Henry.

[31 January, 2007]

35. “That Seanad Éireann in the light of Report from Amnesty International and other groups which suggest that Ireland is involved in the inadequately regulated export of more than 1bn. worth of war materials and the fact that Forfás has identified serious legislative gaps in this area calls on the Government to introduce the necessary legislation to remedy these defects.”

—Senators David Norris, Joe O’Toole, Mary Henry.

[31 January, 2007]

36. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government of the People’s Republic of China and the Dalai Lama, notwithstanding their differences on Tibet’s historical relationship with China, to continue the dialogue in a forward-looking manner which will lead to pragmatic solutions that respect the Chinese constitutional framework, the territorial integrity of China and fulfil the aspirations of the Tibetan people for a unified and genuinely autonomous Tibet.”

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

[31 January, 2007]

37. “That Seanad Éireann, noting that:

- the physical condition of many schools is poor, yet the delivery of new classrooms and buildings proceeds at a snails pace;
 - 30% of children from disadvantaged backgrounds have serious reading problems, 3 times the national average;
 - 110,000 primary school children are in classes of 30 or more, with 10,000 of these children in classes of 35 and up, despite Programme for Government promises now five years old;
 - early school leaving remains unacceptably high with up to 60% of young people leaving before Leaving Certificate in some areas, yet many schools are not served by the National Education Welfare Board (NEWB);
 - one in five school computers is more than 6 years old, with more than 5,000 computers being beyond repair or use; and
 - 50% of primary schools still have no access to the National Educational Psychological Service (NEPS) — a vital service for children with special educational needs — even though this service was established in 1999;
 - believes that this Government has failed children and young people, and that a change in leadership at the Department of Education and Science is long overdue.”
- Senators Ulick Burke, Brian Hayes, James Bannon, Paul Bradford, Fergal Broune, Paddy Burke, Noel Coonan, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[6 March, 2007]

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

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

Dé Sathairn, 17 Márta, 2007
Saturday, 17th March, 2007

An Bille um Chumas Meabhrach agus Caomhnóireacht 2007 — An Coiste.
Mental Capacity and Guardianship Bill 2007 — Committee.

BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL
Seanad Bills with the Dáil

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

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

An Bille um Chúram Leanaí (Leasú) 2006.
Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2006.

An Bille um Athchóiriú an Dlí Talún agus Tíolactha 2006.
Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Bill 2006.

An Bille um Ghníomhaireacht Airgeadais d'Fhorbairt Náisiúnta (Leasú) 2006.
National Development Finance Agency (Amendment) Bill 2006.

Bille na bPríosún 2006.
Prisons Bill 2006.

Bille na gComhphobal Eorpach 2006.
European Communities Bill 2006.

An Bille um Chlárú Uachtanna 2005.
Registration of Wills Bill 2005.

An Bille Cosanta (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 2006.
Defence (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2006.

An Bille Craolacháin (Leasú) 2006.
Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2006.

An Bille um Chosaint Tomhaltóirí 2007.
Consumer Protection Bill 2007.

An Bille um Athchóiriú an Dlí Reachtuíl 2007.
Statute Law Revision Bill 2007.

An Bille um Rialáil Cumarsáide (Leasú) 2007.
Communications Regulation (Amendment) Bill 2007.

An Bille chun Onnmhairí a Rialú 2007.
Control of Exports Bill 2007.

MEMORANDA

Dé Máirt, 6 Márta, 2007
Tuesday, 6th March, 2007

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Sheachthorthaí Dochracha Táirgí Cógaisíochta i Seomra
Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Sub Committee on the Adverse Side effects of Pharmaceuticals,
Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 1 TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 1 LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 3 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 3 p.m.

Dé Céadaoin, 7 Márta, 2007
Wednesday, 7th March, 2007

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontraíocht agus Mionghnóthaí i Seomra Coiste 3 TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise and Small Business in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 12 meán lae.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food, Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 12 noon.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Muir agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m. (*Príobháideach*).
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 2.30 p.m. (*Private*).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 3 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 3 p.m.

Déardaoin, 8 Márta, 2007
Thursday, 8th March, 2007

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Iniúchadh Eorpach i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Sub-Committee on European Scrutiny in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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

Reachtúil:

1) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Treoir 2003/6/CE maidir le déileáil chos istigh agus cúbláil mhargaidh (drochúsáid mhargaidh), i dtaca leis na cumhachtaí forfheidhmiúcháin a thugtar don Choimisiún mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 913.

Statutory:

1) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/6/EC on insider dealing and market manipulation (market abuse), as regards the implementing powers conferred on the Commission together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 913.

2) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh.1606/2002 maidir le caighdeáin chuntasaíochta idirnáisiúnta a chur chun feidhme i dtaca leis na cumhachtaí forfheidhmiúcháin a thugtar don Choimisiún mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 918.

3) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Treoir 2006/43/CE maidir le hiniúchadh reachtúil ar chuntais bhliantúla agus cuntais chomhdhlúite, i dtaca leis na cumhachtaí forfheidhmiúcháin a thugtar don Choimisiún mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 903.

4) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Treoir 2005/32/CE lena mbunaítear creat chun ceanglais éiceadheartha a leagan síos do tháirgí a úsáideann fuinneamh, agus Treoir 92/42/CEE ón gComhairle agus Treoracha 96/57/CE agus 2000/55/CE ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle, i dtaca leis na cumhachtaí forfheidhmiúcháin a thugtar don Choimisiún mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 907.

5) Páipéar Uaine: An dlí oibreachais a nuachóiriú d'fhonn dul i ngleic le dúshláin an 21ú haois mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 708.

6) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le treoirlínte i gcomhair Bheartais Fhostaíochta na mBallstát mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 815.

7) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le síniú agus cur chun feidhme sealadach comhaontaithe dhéthaobhaigh ar mhodh Malartú Litreacha idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus an Úcráin i dtaca le leathnú agus leasú an Chomhaontaithe idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus an Úcráin maidir le trádáil i dtáirgí teicstíle mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 730.

8) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle chun dlíthe na mBallstát a bhaineann le trádáil a chomhfhogasú (Leagan códaithe) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 812.

2) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 on the application of international accounting standards as regards the implementing powers conferred on the Commission together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 918.

3) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2006/43/EC on statutory audit of annual accounts and consolidated accounts, as regards the implementing powers conferred on the Commission together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 903.

4) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2005/32/EC establishing a framework for the setting of ecodesign requirements for energy-using products, and Council Directive 92/42/EEC and Directives 96/57/EC and 2000/55/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council, as regards the implementing powers conferred on the Commission together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 907.

5) Green Paper: Modernising labour law to meet the challenges of the 21st century together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 708.

6) Proposal for a Council Decision on guidelines for the Employment Policies of the Member States together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 815.

7) Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing and the provisional application of a bilateral agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the European Community and Ukraine concerning the extension and amendment of the Agreement between the European Community and Ukraine on trade in textile products together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 730.

8) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to trade marks (Codified version) together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 812.

9) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle lena gceaptar comhaltáí de Choiste Chiste Sóisialach na hEorpa mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 792.

10) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Treoir 2004/109/CE maidir le comhchuibhiú ceanglas trédhearcachta i ndáil le faisnéis i dtaobh eisiúnaithe a ligtear isteach a gcuid urrús chun a dtrádála ar mhargadh rialaithe i dtaca leis na cumhachtaí forfheidhmiúcháin a thugtar don Choimisiún mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 909.

11) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Treoir 2003/71/CE maidir leis an réamheolaire a bheidh le foilsiú nuair a thairgfear urrúis don phobal nó nuair a ligfear isteach iad chun a dtrádála, i dtaca leis na cumhachtaí forfheidhmiúcháin a thugtar don Choimisiún mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 911.

12) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle maidir leis an trádmarc Comhphobail (Leagan códaithe) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 830.

13) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena mbunaítear córas Comhphobail chun onnmhairí d'ítimí agus teicneolaíocht dé-úsáide a rialú mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 829.

14) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1784/2003 maidir le comheagraíocht an mhargaidh i ngránaigh mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 755.

15) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena n-osclófar cuótaí taraife d'allmharaithe siúcra cána amh isteach sa Bhulgáir agus sa Rómáin lena soláthar do scaglanna sna blianta margaidh 2006/2007, 2007/2008 agus 2008/2009 mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 798.

16) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le seasamh Comhphobail i gComhairle Chomhlachais CE-An Tuirc i dtaca le leasú na lamháltas trádála le haghaidh táirgí talmhaíochta próiseáilte a chlúdaítear le Cinneadh Uimh. 1/95 ó Chomhairle Chomhlachais CE-An Tuirc maidir le cur i ngníomh na céime deiridh den Aontas Custam agus le Cinneadh

9) Proposal for a Council Decision appointing members of the European Social Fund Committee together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 792.

10) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2004/109/EC relating to the harmonisation of transparency requirements in relation to information about issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market as regards the implementing powers conferred on the Commission together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 909.

11) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/71/EC relating to the prospectus to be published when securities are offered to the public or admitted to trading, as regards the implementing powers conferred on the Commission together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 911.

12) Proposal for a Council Regulation on the Community trade mark (Codified version) together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 830.

13) Proposal for a Council Regulation setting up a Community regime for the control of exports of dual-use items and technology together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 829.

14) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 1784/2003 on the common organisation of the market in cereals together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 755.

15) Proposal for a Council Regulation opening tariff quotas for imports into Bulgaria and Romania of raw cane sugar for supply to refineries in the marketing years 2006/2007, 2007/2008 and 2008/2009 together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 798.

16) Proposal for a Council Decision on a Community position in the EC-Turkey Association Council on the amendment of the trade concessions for processed agricultural products covered by Decision No. 1/95 of the EC-Turkey Association Council on implementing the final phase of the Customs Union and by Decision No. 1/97 of the EC-Turkey Association Council on the

Uimh. 1/97 ó Chomhairle Chomhlachais CE-An Tuirc maidir leis na socruithe is infheidhme maidir le táirgí talmhaíochta próiseáilte áirithe mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 808.

17) Tuarascáil ón gCoimisiún chuig an gComhairle maidir leis an gcóras cuóta i dtaca le stáirse prátaí a tháirgeadh [agus] Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1868/94 lena mbuntaítear córas cuóta i ndáil le stáirse prátaí a tháirgeadh mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 827.

18) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le críochnú Comhaontaithe ar mhodh malartú litreacha idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus Ríocht Haisimíteach na hIordáine lena leasaítear Comhaontú Comhlachais CE-an Iordáin mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 836.

19) An Coiste Gairmoideachais: Contae Dhún na nGall — Ráiteas Airgeadais Bliantúil don bhliain dar chríoch 31 Nollaig, 2005.

20) An Coiste Gairmoideachais: Cathair Bhaile Átha Cliath — Ráiteas Airgeadais Bliantúil don bhliain dar chríoch 31 Nollaig, 2005.

21) Na Rialacháin Sláinte (Tír Bhunaidh Mairteola) (Leasú) 2007 (I.R. Uimh 85 de 2007).

22) Na Rialacháin um an Oireachtas (Oifigí Aireachta agus Parlaiminte) (Saoráidí Rúnaíochta) (Uimh. 2) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 88 de 2007).

23) An Roinn Gnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta. Tuarascáil Leathbhliantúil faoi Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh (Grinnscrúdú) 2002. 1 Iúil - 31 Nollaig, 2006. (Márta, 2007).

24) An tOrdú fán Acht um Thrácht ar Bhóithre 2006 (Tosach Feidhme) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 86 de 2007).

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2) An Roinn Talmhaíochta agus Bia: Athbhreithniú Caiteachais ar Cheanglais Tástála Saotharlainne maidir le Sláinte

arrangements applicable to certain processed agricultural products together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 808.

17) Report from the Commission to the Council on the quota system for the production of potato starch [and] Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 1868/94 establishing a quota system in relation to the production of potato starch together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 827.

18) Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the European Community and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan amending the EC-Jordan Association Agreement together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 836.

19) Vocational Education Committee: County Donegal — Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December, 2005.

20) Vocational Education Committee: City of Dublin — Annual Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December, 2005.

21) Health (Country of Origin of Beef) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 85 of 2007).

22) Oireachtas (Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices) (Secretarial Facilities) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 88 of 2007).

23) Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs. Six-Monthly Report under EU (Scrutiny) Act 2002. 1 July - 31 December, 2006. (March, 2007).

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- 3) European Communities (Medical Devices) (Reclassification of Hip, Knee and Shoulder Joint Replacements) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 92 of 2007).
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- 5) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Bia. Tairiscint maidir le hAlt 17A den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe 1966. Feabhra, 2007.
- 5) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food. Motion re: Section 17A of the Diseases of Animals Act 1966. February, 2007.
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- 7) Na Rialacha Cúirte Dúiche (Éilimh Bheaga) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 82 de 2007).
- 7) District Court (Small Claims) Rules 2007 (S.I. No. 82 of 2007).
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