

Dé Céadaoin, 4 Iúil, 2007
Wednesday, 4th July, 2007

10.30 a.m.

RIAR NA hOIBRE

Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ

Public Business

1. An Bille Airí agus Rúnaithe (Airí Stáit) 2007 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.
 Ministers and Secretaries (Ministers of State) Bill 2007 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.
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Tairiscint:

Motion:

2. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe nó na rogha, arna gcur ar fáil le hAirteagal 1.11 de Chonradh Amstardam, fógra a thabhairt d’Uachtarán na Comhairle gur mian leis a bheith páirteach i nglacadh an bhirt bheartaithe seo a leanas:

That Seanad Éireann approves the exercise by the State of the option or discretion, provided by Article 1.11 of the Treaty of Amsterdam, to notify the President of the Council that it wishes to take part in the adoption of the following proposed measure:

Comhaontú idir an tAontas Eorpach agus Stáit Aontaithe Mheiriceá maidir le haeriompróirí do phróiseáil agus d’aistriú sonraí taifid ainmneacha paisinéirí chuig Roinn Slándála Dúiche na Stát Aontaithe,

Agreement between the European Union and the United States of America on the processing and transfer of passenger name record data by air carriers to the United States Department of Homeland Security,

ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 3 Iúil, 2007.

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on 3rd July, 2007.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

3. (l) An Bille um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí (Leasú) 2007 — An Coiste.
 (a) Ethics in Public Office (Amendment) Bill 2007 — Committee.
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Tíolactha:

Presented:

4. An Bille Cóipchirt agus Ceart Gaolmhar (Leasú) 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
 Copyright and Related Rights (Amendment) Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

Acht do leasú an Achta Cóipchirt agus Ceart Gaolmhar 2000 chun socrú a dhéanamh i ndáil le Scéim um Luach Saothair ó Iasachtaí leis an bPobal a bhunú i gcomhréir le Treoir Uimh. 92/100/CEE an

An Act to amend the Copyright and Related Rights Act 2000 to make provision in relation to the establishment of a Public Lending Remuneration Scheme in conformity with Council Directive No.

P.T.O.

19 Samhain 1992 ón gComhairle agus chun críoch gaolmhar, agus do dhéanamh leasú iarmhartach ar alt 79 den Acht Rialtais Áitiúil 2001.

92/100/EEC of 19 November 1992 and for related purposes, and to consequentially amend Section 79 of the Local Government Act 2001.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

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5. (l) An Bille um Chlúmhilleadh 2006 — An Coiste (*atógáil*) (*leasú* 29).
(a) Defamation Bill 2006 — Committee (*resumed*) (*amendment* 29).

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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.*

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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.

—*Senator Maurice Cummins.*

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

—*Senator Mary Henry.*

Tíolactha:
Presented:

10. 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 Donie Cassidy.*

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11. An Bille Cróinéirí 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Coroners Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

Acht do leasú, do chomhdhlúthú agus do leathnú an dlí a bhaineann le cróinéirí, le himscrúduithe cróinéirí agus le hionchoisní cróinéirí, do dhéanamh socrú chun comhlacht a bhunú ar a dtabharfar an tSeirbhís Chróinéara nó, sa Bhéarla, the Coroner Service, do mhíniú a fheidhmeanna, do dhéanamh socrú maidir

An Act to amend, consolidate and extend the law relating to coroners, coroners' investigations and coroners' inquests, to provide for the establishment of a body to be known as an tSeirbhís Chróinéara or, in the English language, the Coroner Service, to define its functions, to provide for certain transitional matters including the

le nithe idirthréimhseacha áirithe lena n-áirítear ionchoisní arna dtosú faoin Acht Cróinéirí 1962 a chríochnú, doiciméid áirithe arna gcaomhnú faoin Acht Cróinéirí 1962 a aistriú chuig an tseirbhís chróinéara agus leanúint d'úsáid foirmeacha áirithe faoin Acht sin, d'aisghairm achtachán áirithe agus forálacha áirithe d'achtacháin, do leasú achtachán áirithe agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

completion of inquests commenced under the Coroners Act 1962, the transfer of certain documents preserved under the Coroners Act 1962 to the coroner service and the continuance in use of certain forms under that Act, to repeal certain enactments and provisions of enactments, to amend certain enactments and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

12. An Bille um Inimirce, Cónaí agus Cosaint 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Immigration, Residence and Protection Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh athráitis agus modhnú ar ghnéithe áirithe den dlí a bhaineann le náisiúnaigh eachtracha áirithe agus daoine eile do theacht isteach sa Stát, a bheith sa Stát agus a chur as an Stát, lena n-áirítear náisiúnaigh eachtracha a bhfuil gá acu le cosaint ar bhaol díobhála tromchúisí nó géarleanúna in áiteanna eile, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to restate and modify certain aspects of the law relating to the entry into, presence in and removal from the State of certain foreign nationals and others, including foreign nationals in need of protection from the risk of serious harm or persecution elsewhere, and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

13. An Bille Bord Measúnaithe Díobhálacha Pearsanta (Leasú) 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.

Voluntary Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta Árachais Sláinte Shaorálaigh 1957, an Achta Árachais Sláinte 1994, an Achta Árachais Sláinte Shaorálaigh (Leasú) 1996, an Achta Árachais Sláinte (Leasú) 2001, do thabhairt feidhmeanna breise don Bhord Árachais Sláinte Shaorálaigh, d'fhonn a chumasú ar bhealach níos fearr don bhord iarratas a dhéanamh go ndeonófaí údarú dó chun gnó árachais neamhshaoil a sheoladh, do thabhairt cumhacht don bhord fochuideachtaí a fhoirmiú agus a bhunú nó a fháil chun feidhmeanna áirithe de chuid an bhoird a chomhlíonadh, do shonrú chumhachtaí an bhoird agus na bhfochuideachtaí sin iasachtaí a fháil, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Voluntary Health Insurance Act 1957, the Health Insurance Act 1994, the Voluntary Health Insurance (Amendment) Act 1996, the Health Insurance (Amendment) Act 2001, to confer additional functions on the Voluntary Health Insurance Board, with a view to better enabling the board to apply for the grant to it of an authorisation to carry on the business of non-life insurance, to empower the board to form and establish or acquire subsidiaries to perform certain functions of the board, to specify the borrowing powers of the board and such subsidiaries, and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

- 14.** 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.*

- 15.** 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.

Tairiscintí:

Motions:

- 16.** “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 Donie Cassidy.*

- 17.** “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha dar teideal ‘Beartas Imirce agus Lánpháirtíochta in Éirinn’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 30 Márta 2007.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Affairs entitled ‘Migration and Integration Policy in Ireland’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 30 March 2007.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

- 18.** “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha dar teideal ‘An Ceathrú Tuarascáil Bhliantúil ar Oibriú Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh (Grinnscrúdú)

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Affairs entitled ‘Fourth Annual Report on the Operation of the European Union (Scrutiny) Act 2002: 1 January 2006 to 31

2002: 1 Eanáir 2006 go 31 Nollaig 2006’ a December 2006’ which was laid before leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 30 Seanad Éireann on 30 March 2007.” Máirta 2007.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

Ráitis:

Statements:

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).

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

Statements on Regional Transport Policy (resumed).

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

Statements on Road Safety (resumed).

23. *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):

24. *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 Donie Cassidy.*

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

1. “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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2. “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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3. “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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4. “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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5. “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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6. “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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7. “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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8. “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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9. “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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10. “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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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, Feargal Quinn, Mary Henry.*

[12 October, 2006]

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12. “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]

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13. “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, Paul Bradford, Paddy Burke, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[8 November, 2006]

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14. “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]

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15. “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, Paul Bradford, Paddy Burke, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[15 November, 2006]

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16. “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 Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[16 November, 2006]

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17. “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]

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18. “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]

19. “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, David Norris.*

[30 November, 2006]

20. “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.*

[30 November, 2006]

21. “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]

22. “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]

23. “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]

24. “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]

25. “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]

26. “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]

27. “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]

28. “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]

29. “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]

30. “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]

31. “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]

32. “Lochtaíonn Seanad Éireann an Rialtas as faillí a dhéanamh i gcomhlíonadh an ghealltanais sa Chlár Rialtais go laghdófaí méid na ranganna do dhaltaí faoi bhun naoi mbliana d’aois go dtí leibhéal faoi bhun an mheáin idirnáisiúnta .i. 20:1. Iarrann Seanad Éireann ar an Rialtas céimeanna a chur ar bun agus clár a chur i gcrích chun múinteoirí agus foirgnimh scoile a sholáthar chun an caighdeán Eorpach maidir le méid ranganna a bhaint amach a luaithe agus is féidir.”

—*Derek Mac Dúill, Breandán Ó Riain, Cáitlín Ní Mheara, Micheál Mac Cárthaigh.*

[20 Márta, 2007]

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33. “That Seanad Éireann:

- acknowledges the major threat climate change poses to us all;
- welcomes the EU target of a 20% cut in emissions by 2020;
- condemns the failure of the Government to meet the targets it set itself in the National Climate Change Strategy;
- urges the Government to meet the targets for renewable energy contained in the Energy White Paper and the Bio-energy Action Plan;
- encourages, in particular, investment in the development of sustainable and renewable energy technologies; and
- presses the Government to take further environmental action in the transport and housing sectors.”

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

[23 March, 2007]

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34. “That Seanad Éireann:

- acknowledging the work undertaken by Community Groups throughout the country with the assistance of the FÁS Community Employment Schemes;
- acknowledging the increased difficulty 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; and
- 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 review the operation of the CE schemes to ensure that participants, over 55 years old in particular, could continue on the scheme to retirement age, provided that evidence be produced that no other suitable training or employment opportunity is available for them in the area; and devise a more personalised approach to individual employment needs.”

—*Senators Paul Coughlan, Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Maurice Cummins, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[3 April, 2007]

35. “That Seanad Éireann, noting:

- that in 1999, the European and Local Elections were held on a Thursday with a turnout of 50.21%;
- that when the 2004 European and Local Elections were switched to a Friday, turnout rose dramatically to 58.58%; and
- the difficulty that voting on Thursday will cause young people studying in third-level institutions not located in their own constituencies;

calls on the Government to hold the next General Elections on either a Friday, Saturday or Sunday.”

—*Senators Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[25 April, 2007]

Leasú:

Amendment:

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

- “the relevant Constitutional provisions regarding dissolution of the Dáil;
- the provision in electoral law that polling at a Dáil election may take place on any day of the week;
- the fact that voting in Ireland has to date taken place on every day of the week, except Sunday and Monday;
- the fact that arguments may be both for and against the choice of any particular day of the week as the polling day; and
- the postal voting facilities available to certain categories of voters, including students pursuing full-time studies in an educational institution in the State;

calls for all relevant factors to be taken into account in the determination of the day of the week which is to be polling day at the next general election.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

36. “That Seanad Éireann welcomes the publication of the National Women’s Strategy 2007 - 2016”.

—*Senators Eddie Bohan, Peter Callanan, Brendan Daly, Geraldine Feeney, Camillus Glynn, John Hanafin, Tony Kett, Terry Leyden, Don Lydon, Marc MacSharry, Paschal Mooney, Pat Moylan, Francis O’Brien, Labhrás Ó Murchú, Ann Ormonde, Kieran Phelan, Jim Walsh, Mary White and Diarmuid Wilson.*

[1 May, 2007]

37. “That Seanad Éireann, noting evidence to show a relationship between class size and pupil attainment, especially for younger children, and that Ireland has the second biggest class sizes in Europe at primary level, urges the Government to renew its commitment made in the programme for Government to reduce classes to 20 or less for all those under 9 years”.

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

[3 July, 2007]

38. “That Seanad Éireann, in the light of further disclosures about ‘CIA Rendition Flights’ to torture destinations and the involvement in these practises as victims of women and children, condemns such activities in the most unequivocal manner; and calls for the establishment of an International War Crimes tribunal to determine the guilt or innocence of the most senior US and British personnel.”

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

[3 July, 2007]

39. “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 July, 2007]

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

BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL
Seanad Bills with the Dáil

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

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

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

Bille na mBóithre 2007.
Roads Bill 2007.

An Bille um Ghnóthaí Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2007.
Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2007.

An Bille um Bord Measúnaithe Díobhálacha Pearsanta (Leasú) 2007.
Personal Injuries Assessment Board (Amendment) Bill 2007.

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

Reachtúil:

1) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 41/2007 ón gComhairle maidir leis an bplean aisghabhála do thuinnín gorm atá molta ag an gCoimisiún Idirnáisiúnta um Chaomhnú Tuinníní Atlantacha mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 74.

Statutory:

1) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No. 41/2007 as concerns the recovery plan for bluefin tuna recommended by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 74.

2) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena dtugtar maoluithe don Bhulgáir agus don Rómáin ó fhorálacha áirithe de Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 2371/2002 maidir le leibhéil tagartha cabhlach iascaireachta mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 75.

3) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle maidir le críochnú Comhaontaithe Comhpháirtíochta Iascaigh idir Poblacht Dhaonlathach São Tomé agus Príncipe agus an Comhphobal Eorpach mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 85.

4) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le críochnú Comhaontaithe ar mhodh malartú litreacha maidir le cur chun feidhme sealadach an Phrótacail lena leagtar amach na deiseanna iascaireachta agus an ranníocaíocht airgeadais dá bhforáiltear sa Chomhaontú Comhpháirtíochta Iascaigh idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus Poblacht Dhaonlathach São Tomé agus Príncipe don tréimhse ón 1 Meitheamh, 2006 go dtí an 31 Bealtaine, 2010 mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 89.

5) An Bord Comhairleach um Cheapacháin Bhreithiúnacha. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2006.

6) Na Rialacháin um Thrácht ar Bhóithre (Comhpháirteanna agus Aonaid Theicniúla Leithleacha) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 375 de 2007).

Neamhreachtúil:

1) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Cearta maidir le Cineálacha Plandaí a Chosaint) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 273 de 2007).

2) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Slándáil Poirt) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 284 de 2007).

3) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Táirgí Cosanta Plandaí a Údarú, a Chur ar an Margadh, a Úsáid agus a Rialú) (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 282 de 2007).

4) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Leas Laonna agus Muc) (Leasú) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 307 de 2007).

5) An tOrdú fán gCoimisiún um Thoghlaigh (Comhaltas) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 355 de 2007).

6) An Fodhlí Caomhnaithe um Iascaireacht Doingeán Uimh. 826 de 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 368 de 2007).

2) Proposal for a Council Regulation granting derogations to Bulgaria and Romania from certain provisions of Regulation (EC) No. 2371/2002 relating to reference levels of fishing fleets together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 75.

3) Proposal for a Council Regulation on the conclusion of a Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe and the European Community together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 85.

4) Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters on the provisional application of the Protocol setting out the fishing opportunities and financial contribution provided for in the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Community and the Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe for the period from 1 June, 2006 to 31 May, 2010 together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 89.

5) Judicial Appointments Advisory Board. Annual Report, 2006.

6) Road Traffic (Components and Separate Technical Units) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 375 of 2007).

Non-Statutory:

1) European Communities (Protection of Plant Variety Rights) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 273 of 2007).

2) European Communities (Port Security) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 284 of 2007).

3) European Communities (Authorisation, Placing on the Market, Use and Control of Plant Protection Products) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 282 of 2007).

4) European Communities (Welfare of Calves and Pigs) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 307 of 2007).

5) Constituency Commission (Membership) Order 2007 (S.I. No. 355 of 2007).

6) Bass Fishing Conservation Bye-law No. 826 of 2007 (S.I. No. 368 of 2007).

7) Na Rialacháin Doingean (Srian le Díol) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 367 de 2007).

8) An Coiste um Dhámhachtainí Feidhmíochta. Tuarascáil maidir leis na dámhachtainí a bhaineann leis an Scéim Feidhmíochta do bhainisteoirí rialtais áitiúil, bainisteoirí cúnta rialtais áitiúil agus stiúrthóirí seirbhísí rialtais áitiúil le haghaidh 2006. Meitheamh, 2007.

9) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Lipéadú, Tíolacadh agus Fógairt Earraí Bia) (Leasú) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 376 de 2007).

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