

Dé Céadaoin, 7 Samhain, 2007
Wednesday, 7th November, 2007

2.30 p.m.

RIAR NA hOIBRE
Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ
Public Business

1. Ráitis maidir leis an Scéim Fóirdheontais Cúraim Leanaí Pobail 2008 - 2010.
 Statements on Community Childcare Subvention Scheme 2008 - 2010.

2. Ráitis maidir le beartas an Rialtais ar Shábháilteacht Bia.
 Statements on the Government's policy on Food Safety.

3. An Bille Cróinéirí 2007 — An Coiste.
 Coroners Bill 2007 — Committee.

4. An Bille um Chlúmhilleadh 2006 — An Coiste.
 Defamation Bill 2006 — Committee.

5. An Bille Árachais Sláinte Shaorálaigh (Leasú) 2007 — An Coiste.
 Voluntary Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2007 — Committee.

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. An Bille um Páirtíocht Shibhialta 2004 — An Dara Céim.
 Civil Partnership Bill 2004 — Second Stage.
 —*Senator David Norris.*

Tíolactha:
Presented:

8. 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.*

Tairiscint:
Motion:

9. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe nó na rogha arna gcur ar fáil le hAirteagal 1.11 de Chonradh Amstardam 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 take part in the adoption of the following proposed measure:

togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le comhar idir Oifigí Gnóthaithe Sócmhainní na mBallstát sa réimse fáltais ó choireacht, nó maoin eile a bhaineann léi, a rianú agus a aithint,

a proposal for a Council Decision concerning co-operation between Asset Recovery Offices of the Member States in the field of tracing and identification of proceeds from, or other property related to, crime,

ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 26 Meán Fómhair, 2007.

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on 26th September, 2007.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):
Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

10. An Bille um Chosaint Aeráide 2007 — An Dara Céim (atógáil).

Climate Protection Bill 2007 — Second Stage (resumed).

—*Senators Ivana Bacik, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross, David Norris, Feargal Quinn.*

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

1. “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, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen.*

[13 September, 2007]

2. “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, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

[13 September, 2007]

3. “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, Joe O’Toole, Ivana Bacik.*

[13 September, 2007]

4. “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, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen.*

[13 September, 2007]

5. “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, Joe O’Toole, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen.*

[13 September, 2007]

6. “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, Joe O’Toole, Ivana Bacik.*

[13 September, 2007]

7. “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, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

[13 September, 2007]

8. “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, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen.*

[13 September, 2007]

9. “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, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

[13 September, 2007]

10. “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, Joe O’Toole, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

[13 September, 2007]

11. “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, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

[13 September, 2007]

12. “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, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

[13 September, 2007]

13. “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, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

[13 September, 2007]

14. “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, Joe O’Toole, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*

[13 September, 2007]

15. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Government to implement the recommendations of the 2004 ‘Report on Seanad Reform’ by the Seanad Committee on Procedure Privileges Sub-Committee on Seanad Reform.”

—*Senators David Norris, Feargal Quinn, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen.*

[13 September, 2007]

16. “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 and that 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, Ivana Bacik, Joe O’Toole.*

[13 September, 2007]

17. “That in the light of the Government’s uncaring attitude as exemplified by the case of the repatriation of Great Agbonlahor, and their persistent ignoring of the CIA rendition flights through Shannon Airport, Seanad Éireann urges the Government to remove all references to humanity, compassion and religion in the Constitution.”

—*Senators David Norris, Ivana Bacik.*

[13 September, 2007]

18. “That Seanad Éireann takes note of the Environmental Protection Agency’s report ‘Key Meteorological Indicators of Climate Change in Ireland’.”

—*Senators David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Shane Ross, Rónán Mullen.*

[13 September, 2007]

19. “That Seanad Éireann, expresses its full confidence in the integrity of the Mahon Tribunal (Tribunal of Inquiry Into Certain Planning Matters and Payments); and rejects all attempts to undermine the work of the Tribunal.”

—*Senators Eugene Regan, Frances Fitzgerald.*

[26 September, 2007]

20. “That Seanad Éireann, noting the recent difficulties experienced by many children in obtaining places in primary schools, and the consequent establishment on an emergency basis of a school in Bracken by Educate Together, calls on the Minister for Education to take steps to explore as a matter of urgency how best the management of the primary education system may be structured to ensure equality of access to national school places for all children, irrespective of their religious denomination.”

—*Senators Ivana Bacik, Shane Ross, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole, David Norris.*

[26 September, 2007]

21. “That Seanad Éireann calls upon the Government to bring forward legislation without delay criminalising the practice of trafficking in persons for the purpose of sexual exploitation, noting that Ireland is at present in breach of its international and European obligations in failing to have such legislation in place.”

—*Senators Ivana Bacik, Shane Ross, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole, Rónán Mullen, David Norris.*

[26 September, 2007]

22. “That Seanad Éireann calls upon the Government to bring forward legislation without delay specifically criminalising the practice of female genital mutilation.”

—*Senators Ivana Bacik, Shane Ross, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole, Rónán Mullen, David Norris.*

[26 September, 2007]

23. “That Seanad Éireann deplores the failure of the Government to ensure broadband access in every home and business in Ireland.”

—*Senators Shane Ross, David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Joe O’Toole, Rónán Mullen, Feargal Quinn.*

[18 October, 2007]

24. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Government to renew its commitment to reduce class sizes to 20 or less for all those under 9 years.”

—*Senators Shane Ross, David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Joe O’Toole, Rónán Mullen, Feargal Quinn.*

[18 October, 2007]

25. “That Seanad Éireann calls for an end to political appointments to the Judiciary.”

—*Senators Shane Ross, David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Joe O’Toole, Rónán Mullen.*

[18 October, 2007]

26. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to end the practice of making political appointments to semi-state bodies.”

—*Senators Shane Ross, David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen.*

[18 October, 2007]

27. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to set up an All-Party Committee to investigate the practice of overcharging by banks.”

—*Senators Shane Ross, David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Joe O’Toole, Rónán Mullen, Feargal Quinn.*

[18 October, 2007]

28. “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, Ivana Bacik, Joe O’Toole, Rónán Mullen.*

[18 October, 2007]

29. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to actively embrace human rights and international humanitarian law by putting maximum pressure on the Chinese Government to end the genocide and the massive displacement of people in Darfur.”

—*Senators Shane Ross, David Norris, Ivana Bacik.*

[18 October, 2007]

30. “That Seanad Éireann hereby annuls the Cockle (Fisheries Management and Conservation) (Waterford Estuary) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 531 of 2007).”

—*Senators Ivana Bacik, David Norris.*

[24 October, 2007]

31. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Committee on Procedures and Privileges to agree to an extension of the time allotted for discussion on the Order of Business from forty minutes to one hour.”

—*Senators David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Joe O’Toole, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross.*

[31 October, 2007]

32. “That Seanad Éireann commends the Government for its commitment to the development of a policy on energy security and climate change and on the establishment of an Oireachtas committee for the same.”

—*Senators Donie Cassidy, Martin Brady, Larry Butler, Peter Callanan, Ivor Callely, John Carty, Maria Corrigan, Mark Daly, John Ellis, Geraldine Feeney, Camillus Glynn, John Hanafin, Cecilia Keaveney, Tony Kett, Terry Leyden, Marc Mac Sharry, Lisa McDonald, Francis O’Brien, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Denis O’Donovan, Labhrás Ó Murchú, Ann Ormonde, Ned O’Sullivan, Kieran Phelan, Jim Walsh, Mary White, Diarmuid Wilson.*

[7 November, 2007]

Leasú:

Amendment:

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

“recognises that

- Ireland failed to meet its responsibilities under the Kyoto protocol and its greenhouse gas emissions are twice the overall target;
- only 4.5% of Ireland’s primary energy supply comes from renewables;
- fossil fuels still account for approximately 92.5% of all energy used in Ireland; and
- consumption of fossil fuels in the transport sector grew by 150.7% from 1990-2005 while energy efficiency in this sector only improved by 0.8% since 1995 and the sector was responsible for 33% (15,273 kt CO₂) of Ireland ‘s energy related CO₂ emissions, higher than any other sector

and calls on the Government to

- amend the National Spatial Strategy to include major renewable energy infrastructure projects and ensure that renewable energy infrastructure constitutes an element of Regional Development Plans;
 - build the necessary interconnecting infrastructure with other electricity markets to allow for a significant increase in generation from wind and increase research and development funding in the offshore hydro-electric sector to ensure established targets are met;
 - set clear targets for the wood energy sector in Ireland in order to reduce Ireland’s dependence on fossil fuels;
 - make Ireland less car dependant by fast-tracking high capacity commuter public transport services into the capital and other cities;
 - reform Vehicle Registration Tax (VRT) through the establishment of a system of energy efficiency labelling for motor vehicles, with lower rates of VRT for those cars with more efficient engines; and
 - publish annual reports to analyse progress on its commitment to reduce by 3% per year greenhouse gas emissions and to produce one third of all energy from renewable sources by 2020.”
- Senators Frances Fitzgerald, Paul Bradford, Paddy Burke, Jerry Buttimer, Paudie Coffey, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Paschal Donohoe, Fidelma Healy-Eames, Nicky McFadden, Eugene Regan, John Paul Phelan, Liam Twomey, Joe O’Reilly.*

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

BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL
Seanad Bills with the Dáil

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

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 um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí (Leasú) 2007.
Ethics in Public Office (Amendment) Bill 2007.

An Bille Cóipchirt agus Ceart Gaolmhar (Leasú) 2007.
Copyright and Related Rights (Amendment) Bill 2007.

MEMORANDA

Dé Céadaoin, 7 Samhain, 2007
Wednesday, 7th November, 2007

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 3.30 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, at 3.30 p.m.

Déardaoin, 8 Samhain, 2007
Thursday, 8th November, 2007

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Education and Science in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 10 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 10 a.m. (*Príobháideach*)
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 10 a.m. (*Private*)

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

Reachtúil:

1) Tosaíochtaí don Gharda Síochána don bhliain 2008 de réir mar a chinneadh an tAire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí faoi alt 20 d'Achtanna an Gharda Síochána 2005 agus 2007.

2) Na Rialacháin um Thrácht ar Bhóithre (Tiománaithe is Foghlaimeoirí a Cheadúnú) (Deimhnithe Inniúlachta) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 725 de 2007).

3) Na Rialacháin um Thrácht ar Bhóithre (Tiománaithe is Foghlaimeoirí a Cheadúnú) (Uimh. 2) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 724 de 2007).

4) Coiste an Asgard. Tuarascáil na Stiúrthóirí agus Ráitis Airgeadais, 2006 mar aon leis an Tuarascáil ón Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste orthu.

5) An Coimisiún um Chearta an Duine in Éirinn. Ráitis Airgeadais, 2006.

6) Stocmhalartán na hÉireann. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil chun an Aire Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta, de bhun Chuid V d'Acht na gCuideachtaí 1990, do 2006.

7) Na Rialacháin um Thobhaigh agus Táillí Acht an Bhainc Cheannais 1942 (Comhairle an Ombudsman um Sheirbhísí Airgeadais) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 726 de 2007).

8) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle lena ndéantar Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 168/2007 a chur i ngníomh maidir le Creat Ilbhliantúil a ghlacadh don Ghníomhaireacht Aontais Eorpaigh um Chearta Bunúsacha do 2007-2012 mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 515.

9) Bord Fiontar Contae Liatroma Teoranta. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Ráitis Airgeadais, 2006.

Neamhreachtúil:

1) Daonáireamh 2006. Imleabhar 11 — Míchumas, Cúramóirí agus Gníomhaíochtaí Saorálacha.

2) Na Rialacha Cúirte Dúiche (Gealtacht) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 727 de 2007).

Statutory:

1) Priorities for the Garda Síochána for 2008 as determined by the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform under section 20 of the Garda Síochána Acts 2005 and 2007.

2) Road Traffic (Licensing of Learner Drivers) (Certificates of Competency) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 725 of 2007).

3) Road Traffic (Licensing of Learner Drivers) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 724 of 2007).

4) Coiste an Asgard. Directors' Report and Financial Statements, 2006 together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.

5) Irish Human Rights Commission. Financial Statements, 2006.

6) The Irish Stock Exchange. Annual Report to the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, pursuant to Part V of the Companies Act 1990, for 2006.

7) Central Bank Act 1942 (Financial Services Ombudsman Council) Levies and Fees Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 726 of 2007).

8) Proposal for a Council Decision implementing Regulation (EC) No. 168/2007 as regards the adoption of a Multiannual Framework for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for 2007-2012 together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 515.

9) Leitrim County Enterprise Board Limited. Annual Report and Financial Statements, 2006.

Non-Statutory:

1) Census 2006. Volume 11 — Disability, Carers and Voluntary Activities.

2) District Court (Insanity) Rules 2007 (S.I. No. 727 of 2007).