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Order Paper

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Public Business

Tairiscintí:
Motions:

1. “(1) Go ndéanfar Roghchoiste, ar a beidh ceathrar comhalta de Sheanad Éireann, a chomhcheangal le Roghchoiste atá le ceapadh ag Dáil Éireann chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh chun breithniú a dhéanamh, *inter alia*, ar an méid seo a leanas:

(1) That a Select Committee, consisting of four members of Seanad Éireann, be joined with a Select Committee to be appointed by Dáil Éireann to form the Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security to consider, *inter alia*:

— spriocanna meántréimhseacha agus fadtréimhseacha maidir le hathrú aeráide agus na bearta fíor-riachtanacha a theastaíonn chun na spriocanna sin a bhaint amach;

— medium and long term climate change targets and the key measures needed to meet those targets;

— ról na hearnála Talmhaíochta maidir le barra bithbhreosla agus bithmhaise a sholáthar agus maidir leis na himpleachtaí a leanann as sin;

— the role of the Agriculture sector in providing bio-fuel and biomass crops and consequential implications;

— na leibhéil soláthair cumhachta is féidir a ghiniúint as foinsí in-athnuaite fuinnimh nó as soláthairtí cumhachta nua eile;

— the levels of power supply which can be generated from renewables or other new power supplies;

— an t-éileamh ar fhuinneamh a réamh-mheastar a bheidh ag an earnáil iompair agus na himpleachtaí maidir le háirithiú fuinnimh agus maidir le spriocanna i dtaca le hastuithe;

— the projected energy demand from transport and the implications for energy security and emissions targets;

— cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh dhá Theach an Oireachtais chuige ó am go ham;

— such other matters as may be referred to it from time to time by both Houses of the Oireachtas

agus chun tuarascáil a thabhairt ar an méid sin do dhá Theach an Oireachtais sula gcuirfear i gcrích na caibidlí iar-Kyoto ag

and to report thereon to both Houses of the Oireachtas in advance of the conclusion of the post-Kyoto negotiations by the United

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Creatchoiste na Náisiún Aontaithe um Athrú Aeráide (UNFCCC) agus próiseas roinnte ualaigh 2020 AE a ghabhann leis sin.

(2) Beidh na cumhachtaí a mhínítear i mBuan-Orduithe 70(1) go (9), go huile, ag an gComhchoiste.

(3) Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar Comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad agus ar Comhalta de Sheanad Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad.

Nations Framework Committee on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the associated EU 2020 burden sharing process.

(2) The Joint Committee shall have the powers defined in Standing Orders 70(1) to (9) inclusive.

(3) The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a Member of Dáil Éireann and one a Member of Seanad Éireann.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

2. “D’ainneoin aon ní sna Buan-Orduithe, go ndéanfar Buan-Orduithe Sheanad Éireann i dtaobh Gnó Phoiblí a leasú leis seo mar a leanas:

That, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders, the Standing Orders of Seanad Éireann relative to Public Business are hereby amended as follows:

(1) i mBuan-Ordú 89 trí mhíreanna (1)(c), (1)(e) agus (5) a scriosadh;

(1) in Standing Order 89 by the deletion of paragraphs (1)(c), (1)(e) and (5);

(2) tríd an méid seo a leanas a ghlaacadh mar Bhuan-Ordú breise i dtaobh Gnó Phoiblí:

(2) by the adoption of the following as an additional Standing Order relative to Public Business:

‘94A. (1) Beidh arna bhunú, tráth thosach gach Seanaid, Buanchoiste a chomhcheanglófar le Coiste dá shamhail de chuid na Dála chun bheith ina Chomhchoiste Riaracháin.

94A. (1) There shall stand established at the commencement of every Seanad a Standing Committee which shall be joined with a similar Committee of the Dáil to constitute the Joint Administration Committee.

(2) Déanfaidh an Coiste ionadaíocht do thuairimí comhaltaí i dtaca le soláthar seirbhísí do na Tithe agus ag na Tithe i gcoitinne, agus féadfaidh sé moltaí maidir leis sin a dhéanamh do Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais (“an Coimisiún”).

(2) The Committee shall represent the views of members on the provision of services for and by the Houses generally, and may make recommendations thereon to the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission (“the Commission”).

(3) Beidh moltaí ón gCoiste faoi réir na nithe seo a leanas—

(3) Recommendations of the Committee shall be subject to—

(a) ceadú an Choimisiúin i ndáil le himpleachtaí airgeadais na moltaí sin;

(a) the sanction of the Commission in relation to the financial implications of such recommendations;

(b) údarás rialála an Choimisiúin nó an Aire Airgeadais, mar a fhoráiltear le dlí; agus

(b) the regulatory authority of the Commission or the Minister for Finance, as provided by law; and

- (c) an gá atá le héifeachtacht agus barainneacht i dtaca le húsáid acmhainní an Choimisiúin agus cúinsí luach ar airgead i gcoitinne.

(4) Gan dochar do ghinearáltacht mhír (2), féadfaidh an Coiste comhairle a thabhairt don Choimisiún, agus moltaí a dhéanamh chuige ar mhodh tuarascála, maidir leis na nithe seo a leanas—

- (a) Seirbhísí do Chomhaltaí, lena n-áirítear:

- (i) saoráidí rúnaíochta agus eile;
- (ii) seirbhísí leabharlainne agus taighde; agus
- (iii) seirbhísí comhairle dlí (de réir bhrí alt 4(2)(e) de na hAchtanna um Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais 2003 agus 2006).

- (b) Cóiríocht agus saoráidí, lena n-áirítear:

- (i) na beáir, an siopa agus na bialanna;
- (ii) na dálaí faoina seolann, nó na háitribh ina seolann, comhaltaí a gcuid dualgas; agus
- (iii) slándáil agus rochtain.

- (c) Seirbhísí Cumarsáide, lena n-áirítear:

- (i) oideachas, caidreamh leis na meáin agus seirbhísí faisnéise poiblí; agus
- (ii) craoladh (den uile chineál) imeachtaí Sheanad Éireann agus a Coistí, lena n-áirítear rialacha tuairisceoireachta agus rochtain ar an gcartlann,

- (c) the requirement for efficiency and economy in the use of Commission resources and value for money considerations generally.

(4) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2), the Committee may advise, and make recommendations by way of report to, the Commission, on—

- (a) Members' Services, including:

- (i) secretarial and other facilities;
- (ii) Library and research services; and
- (iii) Legal advice services (within the meaning of section 4(2)(e) of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission Acts 2003 and 2006).

- (b) Accommodation and facilities, including:

- (i) the bars, shop and restaurants;
- (ii) the conditions or premises in which members carry out their duties; and
- (iii) security and access.

- (c) Communications Services, including:

- (i) education, media relations and public information services; and
- (ii) broadcasting (in all its forms) of the proceedings of Seanad Éireann and its Committees, including rules of coverage and archive access,

Ar choinníoll, i ndáil le craoladh, go ndéanfaidh an Coiste:

(I) na socruithe faireacháin is gá a chomhall do theilifísiú in-Tí agus do chraoladh fuaime agus teilifísithe Sheanad Éireann agus a Coistí;

(II) athbhreithniú agus modhnú ar na rialacha tuairisceoireachta do theilifísiú imeachtaí Sheanad Éireann agus a Coistí;

(III) na rialacha rochtana a chinneadh i leith chartlann imeachtaí Sheanad Éireann agus a Coistí; agus

(IV) a chinneadh, faoi réir thoiliú Choimisiún Thi-the an Oireachtais, ó am go ham, na táillí is infoctha i leith chraoladh imeachtaí Sheanad Éireann agus a Coistí.

(d) Cibé nithe eile a tharchuirfidh an Coimisiún chuig an gCoiste ó am go ham.

(5) Gach tuarascáil a dhéanfaidh an Comhchoiste, tarchuirfear í chuig an gCoimisiún agus a Choiste Bainistíochta, agus féadfaidh an Coimisiún freagra foirmiúil a ullmhú ar na moltaí atá inti.

(6) Naonúr comhalta de Sheanad Éireann a bheidh ar an mBuainchoiste agus áireofar orthu Aoirí na bPáirtithe/na nGrúpaí. Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste, ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad agus ar comhalta de Sheanad Éireann duine amháin díobh ar a laghad. Áireofar ar an gComhchoiste comhalta amháin den Choimisiún ar a laghad (cibé acu is Teachta

Provided, that in relation to broadcasting, the Committee shall:

(I) discharge the necessary monitoring arrangements for in-House televising and for sound and televised broadcasting of Seanad Éireann and its Committees;

(II) review and modify the rules of coverage for the televising of proceedings of Seanad Éireann and its Committees;

(III) determine rules of access in respect of the archive of proceedings of Seanad Éireann and its Committees; and

(IV) determine, subject to the consent of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission, from time to time the fees to be payable in respect of broadcasting of proceedings of Seanad Éireann and its Committees.

(d) Such other matters as may be referred to the Committee by the Commission from time to time.

(5) Every report which the Joint Committee may make shall be referred to the Commission and its Management Committee, which may prepare a formal response to the recommendations therein.

(6) The Standing Committee shall consist of nine members of Seanad Éireann and shall include the Party/Group Whips. The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann. The Joint Committee shall include at least one member of the Commission (whether Deputy or Senator). The Chairman of the

nó Seanadóir é nó í). Beidh Cathaoirleach an Chomhchoiste ina Chomhalta nó ina Comhalta de Dháil Éireann.

(7) Beidh na cumhachtaí seo a leanas ag an gComhchoiste:

- (a) cumhacht Fochoistí a cheapadh, mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(3);
- (b) cumhacht sainchomhairleoirí a fhostú, mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(8); agus
- (c) cumhacht taistil, mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 70(9).

(8) Beidh cumhacht ag an gComhchoiste daoine a ainmniú chun cabhrú leis ina phléití; agus freastalóidh na daoine sin ar cibé cruinnithe a chinneadh an Comhchoiste.

(9) Tabharfaidh an Comhchoiste tuarascáil don Choimisiún ar a chuid gníomhaíochtaí ar bhonn bliantúil, faoin 31 Nollaig gach bliain.

(3) trí Bhuan-Orduithe 95 agus 96 a scriosadh; agus

(4) i mBuan-Ordú 97(c), trí “an Chomhchoiste Craolacháin agus Faisnéise Parlaiminte” a scriosadh agus “an Chomhchoiste Riaracháin” a chur ina ionad.

Joint Committee shall be a member of Dáil Éireann.

(7) The Joint Committee shall have the following powers:

- (a) power to appoint sub-Committees as defined in Standing Order 70(3);
- (b) power to engage consultants as defined in Standing Order 70(8); and
- (c) power to travel as defined in Standing Order 70(9).

(8) The Joint Committee shall have power to nominate persons to assist it in its deliberations; and such persons shall attend such meetings as the Joint Committee may determine.

(9) The Joint Committee shall report to the Commission on its activities on an annual basis, by 31 December each year.’

(3) by the deletion of Standing Orders 95 and 96; and

(4) in Standing Order 97(c) by the deletion of “the Joint Committee on Broadcasting and Parliamentary Information” and the substitution thereof of “the Joint Administration Committee”.’”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

3. “Go ndéanfar an togra go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann na hOrduithe seo a leanas ina ndréacht:

- (i) An tOrdú um Boird Iascaigh Réigiúnacha (Toghcháin a Iarchur) 2007,
- (ii) An tOrdú Iascaigh (Ceadúnais Tráchtála Ilghnéitheacha) (Dleachtanna a Athrú) 2007,

ar leagadh cóipeanna de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 8 Samhain, 2007,

That the proposal that Seanad Éireann approve the following Orders in draft:

- (i) Regional Fisheries Boards (Postponement of Elections) Order 2007,
- (ii) Fisheries (Miscellaneous Commercial Licences) (Alteration of Duties) Order 2007,

copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 8th November, 2007,

a tharchur chuig an gComhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Ná-úrtha, de réir mhír (1) (Seanad) d'Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin, agus go ndéanfaidh an Coiste sin, tráth nach déanaí ná an 5 Nollaig, 2007, teachtaireacht a chur chuig an Seanad ar an modh a fhorordaítear i mBuan-Ordú 72, agus go mbeidh feidhm dá réir ag Buan-Ordú 74(2).

be referred to the Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, in accordance with paragraph (1) (Seanad) of the Orders of Reference of that Committee, which, not later than 5th December, 2007, shall send a message to the Seanad in the manner prescribed in Standing Order 72, and Standing Order 74(2) shall accordingly apply."

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

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4. Ráitis maidir le Sábháilteacht ar Bhóithre.
Statements on Road Safety.

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5. Ráitis maidir leis an Scéim Fóirdheontais Cúraim Leanaí Pobail 2008 - 2010 (*atógáil*).
Statements on Community Childcare Subvention Scheme 2008 - 2010 (*resumed*).

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

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

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

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9. 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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10. An Bille um Páirtíocht Shibhialta 2004 — An Dara Céim.
Civil Partnership Bill 2004 — Second Stage.

—*Senator David Norris.*

Tíolactha:
Presented:

11. 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.*

*Tairiscintí:**Motions:*

12. “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 fáiltais 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.*

13. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an tOrdú seo a leanas ina dhréacht:

That Seanad Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

An tOrdú um Boird Iascaigh Réigiúnacha (Toghcháin a Iarchur) 2007,

Regional Fisheries Boards (Postponement of Elections) Order 2007,

ar leagadh cóipeanna de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 8 Samhain, 2007.

copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 8th November, 2007.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

14. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an tOrdú seo a leanas ina dhréacht:

That Seanad Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

An tOrdú Iascaigh (Ceadúnais Tráchtála Ilghnéitheacha) (Dleachtanna a Athrú) 2007,

Fisheries (Miscellaneous Commercial Licences) (Alteration of Duties) Order 2007,

ar leagadh cóipeanna de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 8 Samhain, 2007.

copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 8th November, 2007.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

15. 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.*

16. 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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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32. “That Seanad Éireann commends the Government on its publication of the Green paper on pensions as a first step towards ensuring that as our society ages there is adequate pension provision particularly for people on low and middle incomes.”

—*Senators Fiona O’Malley, Ciaran Cannon.*

[13 November, 2007]

Leasú:

Amendment:

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

“recognising that:

- according to most recent poverty figures almost one in five pensioners is at-risk-of poverty;
- among EU member states Ireland has the second highest at-risk-of poverty rate for persons aged 65 years and over;
- Ireland has the lowest pensions expenditure among EU member states;
- the number of people over 65 will increase by 60 per cent over the next 14 years, and will more than triple by the year 2061; and
- that progress has been slow in reaching the National Pensions Review target of ensuring that 70 per cent of the working population has private pension coverage;

calls on the Government to ensure that the consultation process, as set out in the Pensions Green Paper, will conclude by May 2008 and that a strategy is implemented as a priority to fill the existing pensions gulf.”

—*Senators Nicky McFadden, Frances Fitzgerald, Paul Bradford, Paddy Burke, Jerry Buttimer, Paudie Coffey, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Paschal Donohoe, Fidelma Healy-Eames, Eugene Regan, John Paul Phelan, Liam Twomey, Joe O’Reilly.*

[13 November, 2007]

17. 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, 14 Samhain, 2007
Wednesday, 14th November, 2007

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste ar an mBunreacht i Seomra Coiste 2, TL 2000, ar 9.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitution in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 1, TL 2000, ar 3 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights, in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, at 3 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 4 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 4 p.m.

Déardaoin, 15 Samhain, 2007
Thursday, 15th November, 2007

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 2 TL 2000, ar 11.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 2 LH 2000, at 11.30 a.m.

Déardaoin, 22 Samhain, 2007
Thursday, 22nd November, 2007

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhorfheidhmiú Chomhaontú Aoine an Chéasta i Seomra Coiste 1, TL 2000, ar 12 meán lae.
 Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, at 12 noon.

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

Reachtúil:

Bord Fiontar Iarthar Chorcaí. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2006.

Statutory:

West Cork Enterprise Board. Annual Report, 2006.

*Neamhreachtúil:**Non-Statutory:*

1) Óráid an Taoisigh, an tUasal Parthalán Ó hEachthairn, T.D., ag an gCruinniú Iomlánach faoi I dTreo 2016 i dTeach Farmleigh an 8 Samhain, 2007.

1) Speech by the Taoiseach, Mr. Bertie Ahern, T.D., at the Plenary Meeting under Towards 2016 in Farmleigh House on 8 November, 2007.

2) Nótaí Labhartha don Uasal Seán Ó Gormlaigh, T.D., Aire Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtais Áitiúil ag Cruinniú Iomlánach I dTreo 2016 ag Teach Farmleigh an 8 Samhain, 2007.

2) Speaking Notes for Mr. John Gormley, T.D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government at the Towards 2016 Plenary Meeting at Farmleigh House on 8 November, 2007.

3) Páipéar le scaipeadh ag an Aire Sláinte agus Leanaí, Máire Ní Áirne, T.D., ag an gCruinniú Iomlánach leis na Comhpháirtithe Sóisialta, Teach Farmleigh, 8 Samhain, 2007.

3) Paper for circulation by the Minister for Health and Children, Mary Harney, T. D., at the Plenary Meeting with the Social Partners, Farmleigh House, 8 November, 2007.

4) Óráid an Tánaiste agus Aire Airgeadais, an tUasal Brian Ó Comhain, T.D., ag Cruinniú Iomlánach I dTreo 2016, Farmleigh, 8 Samhain, 2007.

4) Speech by the Tanáiste and Minister for Finance, Mr. Brian Cowen, T.D., at the Towards 2016 Plenary Meeting, Farmleigh, 8 November, 2007.

5) Tíolacadh Réamh-Bhuiséid na Roinne Airgeadais.

5) Pre-Budget Presentation by the Department of Finance.

6) I dTreo 2016: Comhaontú Comhpháirtíochta Sóisialta Deich mBliana 2006-2015. An Tríú Tuarascáil faoi Dhul chun Cinn, Samhain, 2007.

6) Towards 2016: Ten-Year Framework Social Partnership Agreement 2006-2015. Third Progress Report, November, 2007.
