

Dé Céadaoin, 13 Feabhra, 2008
Wednesday, 13th February, 2008

2.30 p.m.

RIAR NA hOIBRE
Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ
Public Business

1. An Bille um an Dlí Coiriúil (Gáinneáil ar Dhaoine) 2007 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.
 Criminal Law (Human Trafficking) Bill 2007 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage

2. Ráitis maidir leis an Straitéis Dramhaíola Náisiúnta (*atógáil*).
 Statements on the National Waste Strategy (*resumed*).

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

4. An Bille um Chlúmhilleadh 2006 — An Tuarascáil.
 Defamation Bill 2006 — Report Stage.

5. Bille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2005 — An Dara Céim.
 Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2005 — Second Stage.
 —*Senators Joe O'Toole, Paul Coghlan, David Norris.*

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

—*Senator David Norris.*

Tíolactha:
Presented:

7. 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.*

Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

8. 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.*

Tairiscintí:

Motions:

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 Creat-Chinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le prionsabal an aitheantais fhrithpháirtigh a fheidhmiú i leith breithiúnas i nithe coiriúla lena bhforchuirtear pianbhreitheanna coimeádta, nó bearta ar chuid díobh baint na saoirse, chun críche a bhforfheidhmithe san Aontas Eorpach,

a proposal for a Council Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgments in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences or measures involving the deprivation of liberty for the purpose of their enforcement in the European Union,

ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 25 Eanáir, 2008.

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on 25th January, 2008.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

10. “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 Creat-Chinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le cineálacha agus léirithe áirithe ciníochais agus seineafóibe a chomhrac tríd an dlí coiriúil,

a proposal for a Council Framework Decision on combating certain forms and expressions of racism and xenophobia by means of criminal law,

ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 7 Eanáir 2008.

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on 7th January 2008.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

11. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an tOrdú seo a leanas ina dhréacht: That Seanad Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

An tOrdú um Theorainn Chathair Limerick City Boundary Alteration
Luimnigh a Athrú 2008, Order 2008,

ar leagadh cóipeanna de ina dhréacht faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 12 Feabhra 2008. copies of which have been laid in draft form before Seanad Éireann on 12th February 2008.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

12. 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]

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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 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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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]

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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, concerned at the dire economic and humanitarian situation in Zimbabwe, the plight of many millions of people suffering from food shortages, the suppression of political activists and interference with freedom of the press:

- welcomes the holding of the Second EU-Africa Summit in Lisbon and the EU Presidency’s intention to ensure the current grave situation in Zimbabwe is appropriately raised and discussed at the Summit;
- calls on the Government to continue its efforts, including through the European Union, in support of the promotion of human rights and democracy in Zimbabwe;
- welcomes the mediation effort being undertaken by President Mbeki of South Africa on behalf of the Southern Africa Development Community aimed at promoting political dialogue and agreement between the Government of Zimbabwe and the opposition parties on the future democratic governance of Zimbabwe, and encourages the member countries of SADC to continue to be persuaders for change in Zimbabwe and to ensure the maximum flow of information from the current mediation process;
- emphasises the critical importance of a level playing field being established in order to guarantee the conduct of free, fair and democratic elections in Zimbabwe in 2008;
- calls for full compliance by the Zimbabwean Government and parties with the SADC Guidelines on the Conduct of Democratic Elections and encourages the broadest possible international observation of any elections held in Zimbabwe in 2008; and

- welcomes the continuing substantial direct assistance which Irish Aid is giving to the people of Zimbabwe, amounting to over €17 million in the past two years, and urges the Government to continue this support.”

—*Senators Ivor Callely, David Norris.*

[5 December, 2007]

Leasú:

Amendment:

1. After the second paragraph to insert the following new paragraph:

“—believes however that, given the deep unhappiness of the Irish people, and human rights organisations, at the human rights record of the Government of Robert Mugabe, and the failure of President Mugabe to respond positively to attempts by Ireland and others to urge a greater commitment to human rights, it would be inappropriate for the Taoiseach and any member of the cabinet to attend the EU-Africa summit should President Mugabe also attend;”

—*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, David Norris, Ivana Bacik.*

33. “That Seanad Éireann:

- expressing its outrage at the kidnapping and detention for political ends of hostages, held by illegal armed groups in Colombia, including in 2002 that of Ms Ingrid Betancourt, a former member of the National Senate of Colombia and a candidate for the Presidency of Colombia;
- appalled by the written and photographic evidence recently recovered by the Government of Colombia that portray the inhuman conditions in which Ms Betancourt is being held;
- recalling further that Ms Betancourt has dual French-Colombian citizenship and is therefore also a citizen of Europe;
- regretting that in the last two years, proposals made to facilitate a humanitarian exchange resulting in a release of all hostages held by illegal armed groups, including efforts by the governments of France, Spain and Switzerland have not been successful to date;
- noting the renewed efforts made by the President of France with the full support and encouragement of all the Member States of the European Union;
- noting also efforts at intermediation made by the President of Venezuela, which were acknowledged in the Council Conclusions on Colombia of 19 November 2007, and further recent offers of intermediation made by the Presidents of Argentina and Brazil;
- welcomes the recent offer of the Colombian Government to create a ‘zone of encounter’ for a humanitarian agreement and the offer of the Episcopal Conference of Colombia to act as mediators in securing the release of the hostages;
- calls upon the illegal armed groups in Colombia to release all hostages without delay and on all involved parties to demonstrate the necessary political will to bring an end to this brutal affront to human rights and dignity; and

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- continues to support the Government of Colombia in its search for a negotiated solution to the internal armed conflict, including through direct engagement with those illegal armed groups which may be prepared to negotiate, and to bring lasting peace to Colombia.”

—*Senators Donie Cassidy, Frances Fitzgerald, Joe O’Toole, Alex White, Dan Boyle, Fiona O’Malley.*

[20 December, 2007]

34. “That Seanad Éireann notes the Irish Human Rights Commission’s Report on Rendition.”

—*Senators David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Joe O’Toole.*

[30 January, 2008]

35. “That Seanad Éireann acknowledging The Millennium Development Goal committing us to reducing maternal mortality by 75 percent between 1990 and 2015 in developing countries, congratulates the Government on its commitment to this goal and its substantial contribution to the new UNFPA trust which will be used to support 75 of the poorest countries deliver better services for women before, during and after childbirth.”

—*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.*

[13 February, 2008]

Leasú:

Amendment:

1. To delete all words after “developing countries,” and substitute the following:

“— supports the Government in its commitment to this goal and its substantial contribution to the new UNFPA trust which will be used to support 75 of the poorest countries to deliver better services for women before, during and after childbirth;

— notes however that commitments given by An Taoiseach in the United Nations in 2000 that Ireland would reach the target of 0.7% of GNP by 2007 were reneged upon, and will now only be met in 2012; and

— urges the Government to give an absolute commitment to Seanad Éireann that the targets set for the Millennium Development Goal will be met and will not be reneged upon under any circumstances.”

—*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.*

13. 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 Árachais Sláinte Shaorálaigh (Leasú) 2007.
Voluntary Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2007.

MEMORANDA

Dé Céadaoin, 13 Feabhra, 2008.
Wednesday, 13th February, 2008.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha
i Seomra Coiste 3, LH 2000, ar 9.30 a.m. (*príobháideach*)
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m. (*private*)

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha i Seomra Coiste 3, LH 2000,
ar 11 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH 2000,
at 11 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht Iascaigh agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4,
LH 2000, ar 11.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture Fisheries and Food in Committee
Room 4, LH 2000, at 11.30 a.m.

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

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 1, LH 2000, ar 2 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 1, LH 2000,
at 2 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 4,
LH 2000, ar 2.30 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee
Room 4, LH 2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta i Seomra Coiste 2, LH 2000, ar 4.15 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 4.15 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachta maidir le Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 4, LH 2000, ar 5 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 5 p.m.

Dé Máirt, 19 Feabhra, 2008.
Tuesday, 19th February, 2008.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Rialála Geilleagair i Seomra Coiste 1, LH 2000, ar 4 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Economic Regulatory Affairs in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, at 4 p.m.

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. 3286/94 lena leagtar síos nósanna imeachta Comhphobail i réimse an chomhbheartais tráchtála d'fhonn feidhmiú chearta an Chomhphobail faoi rialacha trádála idirnáisiúnta a áirithiú, go háirithe na cearta sin a bunaíodh faoi choimirce na hEagraíochta Trádála Domhanda mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 796.

2) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena bhfeidhmítear scéim de tharairfroghanna ginearálaithe don tréimhse ón 1 Eanáir, 2009 go dtí 31 Nollaig, 2011 agus lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh 552/97, Uimh 1933/2006 agus Rialachán (CE) Uimh 964/2007 agus Uimh 1100/2006 ón gCoimisiún mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 857.

3) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena bhforchuirtear dleacht fhrithdhumpála chinntitheach agus lena mbailítear go cinntitheach an dleacht shealadach a forchuireadh ar allmhairí déhidreamirceanóil de bhunadh na hIndia mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 834.

Statutory:

1) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 3286/94 laying down Community procedures in the field of the common commercial policy in order to ensure the exercise of the Community's rights under international trade rules, in particular those established under the auspices of the World Trade Organization together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 796.

2) Proposal for a Council Regulation applying a scheme of generalised tariff preferences for the period from 1 January, 2009 to 31 December, 2011 and amending Regulations (EC) No 552/97, No 1933/2006 and Commission Regulations (EC) No 964/2007 and No 1100/2006 together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 857.

3) Proposal for a Council Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed on imports of dihydromyrcenol originating in India together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 834.

4) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle i dtaobh Airteagal 81(3) den Chonradh a chur chun feidhme maidir le hearnálacha áirithe comhaontuithe, cinntí agus cleachtas comhbheartaithe idir cuideachtaí loingseoireachta línear (comheagrais) (leagan códaithe) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 753.

5) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh 2505/96 lena n-osclaítear cuótaí taraife Comhphobail uathrialacha do tháirgí áirithe talmhaíochta agus tionscail agus lena ndéantar foráil maidir lena riaradh mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 718.

6) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh 1255/96 lena bhfionraítear go sealadach na dleachtanna taraife comhchustam uathrialacha ar tháirgí áirithe tionscail, talmhaíochta agus iascaigh mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2007) 719.

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10) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le téarmaí agus coinníollacha

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5) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No 2505/96 opening and providing for the administration of autonomous Community tariff quotas for certain agricultural and industrial products together with explanatory information note. COM (2007) 718.

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