

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

2.30 p.m.

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RIAR NA hOIBRE  
*Order Paper*

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GNÓ POIBLÍ  
*Public Business*

*Tairiscintí:*  
*Motions:*

1. “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:

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

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

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:

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,

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

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

2. “Go ndéanfar an togra go mbeartaíonn Seanad Éireann go leanfaidh alt 17A (a cuireadh isteach le halt 2(1) den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe (Leasú) 2001 (Uimh. 3 de 2001)) den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe 1966 (Uimh. 6 de 1966) i bhfeidhm ar feadh na tréimhse dar críoch an 8 Márta, 2009, a tharchur chuig an gComhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Bia, de réir mhír (1) (Seanad) d’Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin, agus go ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste sin, tráth nach déanaí ná an 6 Márta, 2008, 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).

That the proposal that Seanad Éireann resolves that section 17A (inserted by section 2(1) of the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) Act 2001 (No. 3 of 2001)) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1966 (No. 6 of 1966) shall continue in force for the period ending on 8th March, 2009, be referred to the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food, in accordance with paragraph (1) (Seanad) of the Orders of Reference of that Committee, which, not later than 6th March, 2008, 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.*

3. An Bille um an Dlí Coiriúil (Gáinneáil ar Dhaoine) 2007 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).

Criminal Law (Human Trafficking) Bill 2007 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage (*resumed*)

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4. An Bille chun Onnmhairí a Rialú 2007 [*Bille Seanaid arna leasú ag an Dáil*] — An Tuarascáil.

Control of Exports Bill 2007 [*Seanad Bill amended by the Dáil*] — Report Stage.

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5. Ráitis maidir leis na Tuarascálacha ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan maidir le teagmhais fhoréigneacha ag éirí as an gcoinbhleacht i dTuaisceart Éireann.

Statements regarding the Reports of the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights on violent incidents arising from the conflict in Northern Ireland.

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6. Ráitis maidir le Foraoiseacht.

Statements on Forestry.

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7. Ráitis maidir le hOideachas do Dhaoine a bhFuil Riachtanais Speisialta Oideachais Acu.

Statements on Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs.

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8. An Bille Cróinéirí 2007 — An Coiste.

Coroners Bill 2007 — Committee.

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9. An Bille um Chlúmhilleadh 2006 — An Tuarascáil.

Defamation Bill 2006 — Report Stage.

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10. 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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*Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):*

*Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):*

11. 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.*

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*Tíolactha:*

*Presented:*

12. 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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- 13.** Bille Toghcháin an tSeanaid (Rolla-Chomhaltaí) (Leasú) 2008.  
Seanaid Electoral (Panel Members) (Amendment) Bill 2008.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú Acht Toghcháin an tSeanaid (Rolla-Chomhaltaí) 1947 i ndáil le clárú maidir leis an rolla riaracháin.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947 in relation to registration in respect of the administrative panel.

—*Senators Maurice Cummins, Frances Fitzgerald, Paul Coghlan.*

*Tugadh Isteach:*  
*Introduced:*

- 14.** An Bille um Chosaint Coigiltis Comhair Creidmheasa 2008 — An Chéad Chéim.  
Credit Union Savings Protection Bill 2008 — First Stage.  
—*Senators Joe O'Toole, David Norris, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross and Ivana Bacik.*

- 15.** An Bille um Chumas Meabhrach agus Caomhnóireacht 2008 — An Chéad Chéim.  
Mental Capacity and Guardianship Bill 2008 — First Stage.  
—*Senator Joe O'Toole.*

*Tairiscintí:*  
*Motions:*

**16.** “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.*

**17.** “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 Luimnigh a Athrú 2008,

Limerick City Boundary Alteration 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.*

**18.** “Go mbeartaíonn Seanad Éireann go leanfaidh alt 17A (a cuireadh isteach le halt 2(1) den Acht um Ghálair Ainmhithe

That Seanad Éireann resolves that section 17A (inserted by section 2(1) of the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) Act

(Leasú) 2001 (Uimh. 3 de 2001)) den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe 1966 (Uimh. 6 de 1966) i bhfeidhm ar feadh na tréimhse dar críoch an 8 Márta 2009.

2001 (No. 3 of 2001)) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1966 (No. 6 of 1966) shall continue in force for the period ending on 8 March 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

*Ráitis:*

*Statements:*

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

- 20.** *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]**

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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]**

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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]**

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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]**

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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]**

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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.*

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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

- 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, in light of the changing economic outlook of our economy, calls on the Government:

- to accelerate the reforms of the sectors of our economy under its control and to dramatically improve the productivity and competitiveness of Government provided services;
- to respect the role of the Oireachtas, as the legitimate forum of decision making for the people of Ireland, by fully informing the Oireachtas on the national pay talks in a timely fashion;
- to ensure that vital infrastructure is delivered on time and gives Value for Money to the taxpayers of Ireland; and
- to ensure that the necessary funding for all levels of the educational system, research and development, and IT development is provided so that we can deliver the knowledge based society that Ireland must become in the future.”

—*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.*

**[19 February, 2008]**

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

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**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 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.

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MEMORANDA

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

Cruinniú den Choiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí i Seomra 2, sa Phríomh-Halla, Teach Laighean, ar 12 méan lae.  
Meeting of the Committee on Procedure and Privileges in Room 2, in the Main Hall, Leinster House, at 12 noon.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 3 LH2000, ar 2 p.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 3 LH2000, at 2 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Rialála Geilleagair i Seomra Coiste 1, LH2000, ar 4 p.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Economic Regulatory Affairs in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 4 p.m.

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*Dé Céadaoin, 20 Feabhra, 2008.*  
*Wednesday, 20th February, 2008.*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádurtha i Seomra Coiste 4, LH2000, ar 9.30 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontair, Trádáil agus Fostaíocht i Seomra Coiste 3, LH2000, ar 10 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Iompar i Seomra Coiste 1, LH2000, ar 10 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Transport in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht Iascaigh agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4, LH2000, ar 11.30 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture Fisheries and Food in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh i Seomra Coiste 3, LH2000, ar 2.30 p.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachta maidir le Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 4, LH2000, ar 5 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 5 p.m.

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*Déardaoin, 21 Feabhra, 2008.*

*Thursday, 21st February, 2008.*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht Iascaigh agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4, LH2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture Fisheries and Food in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 3, LH2000, ar 12 méan lae.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 12 noon.

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## PÁIPÉIR A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID AN tSEANAID

*Papers laid before the Seanad*

### *Reachtúil:*

### *Statutory:*

1) Na Rialacháin um an mBinse Luachála (Achomhairc Athluachála) (Táillí) 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 18 de 2008).

1) Valuation Tribunal (Revaluation Appeals) (Fees) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 18 of 2008).

2) Na Rialacháin um Chomhairle na nDochtúirí Leighis (Lia-Chleachtóirí Cláraithe a Thoghadh) 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 23 de 2008).

2) Medical Council (Election of Registered Medical Practitioners) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 23 of 2008).

3) An tOrdú um Acht na Lia-Chleachtóirí 2007 (Tosach Feidhme) 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 24 de 2008).

3) Medical Practitioners Act 2007 (Commencement) Order 2008 (S.I. No. 24 of 2008).

4) An tOrdú fán Acht um Shábháilteacht, Sláinte agus Leas ag an Obair 2005 (Cairéil) (Aisghairm agus Cúlghairm) (Tosach Feidhme) 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 29 de 2008).

4) Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 (Quarries) (Repeals and Revocations) (Commencement) Order 2008 (S.I. No. 29 of 2008).

5) Na Rialacháin um Shábháilteacht, Sláinte agus Leas ag an Obair 2008 (Cairéil) 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 28 de 2008).

5) Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Quarries) Regulations 2008 (S.I. No. 28 of 2008).

6) Ráitis i leith Comhairleoirí Speisialta don Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Sláinte agus Leanaí ar a bhfuil freagracht maidir le Leanaí, Breandán Mac Gabhann, T.D., de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [2007] [15 Feabhra, 2008].

6) Statements in respect of Special Advisers to the Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children with responsibility for Children, Brendan Smith, T.D., in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [2007] [15 February, 2008].

7) Ráiteas i leith Comhairleora Speisialta don Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Sláinte agus Leanaí ar a bhfuil freagracht maidir le

7) Statement in respect of Special Adviser to the Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children with responsibility

Saincheisteanna Míchumais agus Meabhair-Shláinte, An. Dr. Séamus Ó Daimhín, T.D., de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [2007] [15 Feabhra, 2008].

8) Ráitis i leith Comhairleoirí Speisialta don Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Sláinte agus Leanaí, Pat the Cope Ó Gallchóir, T.D., de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [2007] [15 Feabhra, 2008].

9) Ráiteas faoi Chaiteachais Toghcháin arna Leasú ó Trish Forde Brennan Uas., iarrthóir san Olltoghchán don Dáil an 24 Bealtaine, 2007, de bhun Ailt 36(1) agus 36(2) den Acht Toghcháin 1997 (arna leasú).

#### *Neamhreachtuil:*

1) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí. Rún a rith an Comhchoiste — 14 Feabhra, 2008. Feabhra, 2008.

2) An Comhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht. Tuarascáil maidir le cuairteanna ar Ollscoil Luimnigh agus ar Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Chorcaí (Scoil Cheoil Chorcaí) maidir le Cúrsaí sa Teiripe Cheoil. 19 Eanáir, 2008.

3) Tuarascáil ón gCoimisiún um Athchóiriú an Dlí maidir le hIonpháirteacht i gConradh agus Cearta Tríú Páirtithe (LRC 88 — 2008).

for Disability Issues and Mental Health, Dr. Jimmy Devins, T.D., in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [2007] [15 February, 2008].

8) Statements in respect of Special Advisers to the Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children, Pat the Cope Gallagher, T.D., in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001 [2007] [15 February, 2008].

9) Amended Election Expenses Statement of Ms Trish Forde Brennan, candidate at the Dáil General Election of 24 May, 2007 pursuant to Sections 36(1) and 36(2) of the Electoral Act 1997 (as amended).

#### *Non Statutory:*

1) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on Health and Children. Resolution of the Joint Committee — 14 February, 2008. February, 2008.

2) Joint Committee on Education and Science. Report on visits to University of Limerick and the Cork Institute of Technology (Cork School of Music) regarding Music Therapy Courses. 19 January, 2008.

3) Law Reform Commission Report on Privity of Contract and Third Party Rights (LRC 88 — 2008).