

Dé Céadaoin, 12 Samhain, 2008
Wednesday, 12th November, 2008

10.30 a.m.

RIAR NA hOIBRE

Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ

Public Business

1. Ráitis maidir le Tionscal na hIascaireachta.
Statements regarding the Fishing Industry.

2. Ráitis maidir le Tuarascáil Bhliantúil 2007 ón mBiúró um Shócmhainní Coiriúla.
Statements on the Criminal Assets Bureau Annual Report 2007.

3. Ráitis maidir le Bearta Cosanta i ndáil le Radón.
Statements on Radon Protection Measures.

4. (l) An Bille Cuanta (Leasú) 2008 — An Coiste (Leasú 7 atógáil).
(a) Harbours (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Committee (Amendment 7 resumed).

5. An Bille Carthanas 2007 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.
Charities Bill 2007 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.

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

7. Bille na dTithe (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2008 — An Coiste.
Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2008 — Committee.

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

9. An Bille um Chosaint Coigiltis Comhair Creidmheasa 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Credit Union Savings Protection Bill 2008 — Second Stage.
*—Senators Joe O’Toole, David Norris, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik,
Rónán Mullen.*

- 10.** An Bille um Chumas Meabhrach agus Caomhnóireacht 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Mental Capacity and Guardianship Bill 2008 — Second Stage.
—*Senators Joe O’Toole, David Norris, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik.*
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- 11.** An Bille um Chosaint Tomhaltóirí (Leasú) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Consumer Protection (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.
—*Senators Brendan Ryan, Alex White, Dominic Hannigan, Alan Kelly, Michael McCarthy, Phil Prendergast.*
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- 12.** An Bille um Dhliteanas Sibhialta (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Civil Liability (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.
—*Senators Eugene Regan, Frances Fitzgerald, Maurice Cummins.*
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Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

- 13.** 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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Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

- 14.** An Bille Meabhair-Shláinte (Bearta Ainneonacha) (Leasú) 2008 — An Dara Céim
(*atógáil*).
Mental Health (Involuntary Procedures) (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Second Stage
(*resumed*).
—*Senators Dan Boyle, Déirdre de Búrca, David Norris.*
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Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

- 15.** An Bille um Orgáin de chuid Chorp an Duine agus Fíocháin Dhaonna 2008 — An
Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Human Body Organs and Human Tissue Bill 2008 — Second Stage (*resumed*).
—*Senator Feargal Quinn.*
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Tíolactha:

Presented:

- 16.** 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.*

17. Bille Toghcháin an tSeanaid (Rolla-Chomhaltaí) (Leasú) 2008 — Ordú don Dara Céim.

Seanad Electoral (Panel Members) (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Order for Second Stage.

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.*

18. An Bille um an Dlí Coiriúil (Inghlathacht Fianaise) 2008 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Criminal Law (Admissibility of Evidence) Bill 2008 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh athmheas páirteach ar dhlí na fianaise in imeachtaí coiriúla agus chun na críche sin do chur deireadh le riail na heisiatachta agus do leasú Acht an Gharda Síochána 2005.

Bill entitled an Act to revise in part the law of evidence in criminal proceedings and for that purpose to abolish the exclusionary rule and to amend the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

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

Ráitis (atógáil):

Statements (resumed):

19. Ráitis maidir le Conradh Liospóin um Athchóiriú (atógáil).
Statements on the Lisbon Reform Treaty (*resumed*).

Tairiscintí:

Motions:

20. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachtáil maidir le Leanaí dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil Eatramhach ar an mBille um an Ochtú Leasú is Fiche ar an mBunreacht 2007, Airteagal 42(A).5.1^o — Togra chun údarás dlíthiúil a thabhairt chun faisnéis a bhailiú agus a mhalartú ar faisnéis í a bhaineann leis an bpríacal go gcuirfead leanaí i mbaol nó go ndéanfar dúshaothrú gnéasach nó mí-úsáid ghnéasach orthu, nó a bhaineann leis na nithe sin do tharlú*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 11 Meán Fómhair, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children entitled ‘*Interim Report on the Twenty-eighth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2007, Article 42(A).5.1^o — Proposal to give legal authority for the collection and exchange of information concerning the risk or the occurrence of endangerment, sexual exploitation or sexual abuse of children*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 11 September, 2008.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

[30 September, 2008]

21. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 17: COM*

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘*EU Scrutiny Report No. 17: COM (2008) 09 — Proposal for a Directive of the*

(2008) 09 — *Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le sábháilteacht bréagán* a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 17 Iúil, 2008.

European Parliament and of the Council on the safety of toys’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 17th July, 2008”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[30 September, 2008]

22. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 16: COM(2007)697, COM(2007)698 agus COM(2007)699 — Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Treoracha 2002/21/CE maidir le comhchreat rialála i gcomhair líonraí agus seirbhísí cumarsáide leictreonaí, 2002/19/CE maidir le rochtain ar líonraí agus seirbhísí cumarsáide leictreonaí, agus maidir lena n-idircheangal, agus 2002/20/CE maidir le húdarú líonraí agus seirbhísí cumarsáide leictreonaí, Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Treoir 2002/22/CE maidir le seirbhís uilechoiteann agus cearta úsáideoirí a bhaineann le líonraí cumarsáide leictreonaí, Treoir 2002/58/CE maidir le próiseáil sonraí pearsanta agus maidir leis an bpríobháideacht a chosaint in earnáil na cumarsáide leictreonaí agus Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 2006/2004 maidir le comhar i leith cosanta tomhaltóirí, Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena mbunaítear an tÚdarás Eorpach um Margadh na Cumarsáide Leictreonaí*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 29 Aibreán, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘*EU Scrutiny Report No. 16: COM(2007)697, COM(2007)698 and COM(2007)699 — Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directives 2002/21/EC on a common regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services, 2002/19/EC on access to, and interconnection of electronic communications networks and services, and 2002/20/EC on the authorisation of electronic communications networks and services, Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2002/22/EC on universal service and users’ rights relating to electronic communications networks, Directive 2002/58/EC concerning the processing of personal data and the protection of privacy in the electronic communications sector and Regulation (EC) No. 2006/2004 on consumer protection cooperation, Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing the European Electronic Communications Market Authority*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 29th April, 2008.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[9 October, 2008]

23. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 19: COM (2008) 162 — Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 423/2004 maidir le stoic trosc a athbhunú agus lena leasaítear Rialachán (CEE) Uimh. 2847/93*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 8 Deireadh Fómhair, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘*EU Scrutiny Report No. 19: COM (2008) 162 — Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 423/2004 as regards the recovery of cod stocks and amending Regulation (EEC) No. 2847/93*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 8th October, 2008.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[9 October, 2008]

24. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil maidir le Rannchuidiú an Chomhchoiste le Coimisiún na hEorpa ar a Pháipéar Bán maidir le Lánpháirtíú Margaí Creidmheasa Morgáiste AE*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 1 Deireadh Fómhair, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Affairs entitled ‘*Report on the Joint Committee’s Contribution to The European Commission on its White Paper on the Integration of EU Mortgage Credit Markets*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 1 October, 2008.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

[14 October, 2008]

25. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil Speisialta maidir le Reachtaíocht nua ón AE — 1 Eanáir go 30 Meitheamh, 2008*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 31 Deireadh Fómhair, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘*Special Report on new EU Legislation — 1 January to 30 June, 2008*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 31 October, 2008.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

[5 November, 2008]

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

1. “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.*

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

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

[30 January, 2008]

3. “That Seanad Éireann, in the light of the recent comments by Nobel Prize winning poet Seamus Heaney and others, calls on the Government to revisit plans and examine an alternative routing and methodology to that of the M3 through the Tara Valley which will win acceptance among all interested parties.”

—*Senators David Norris, Ivana Bacik.*

[5 March, 2008]

4. “That Seanad Éireann ask FARC to release immediately on humanitarian grounds, Ingrid Betancourt and other ill hostages held in Colombia.”

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

[8 April, 2008]

5. “That Seanad Éireann regrets and distances itself from the comments of Senator Jim Walsh at the Order of Business on Tuesday 22 April 2008 in relation to Chairmen of Tribunals established by these Houses.”

—*Senators Frances Fitzgerald, Joe O’Toole, Alex White, David Norris.*

[24 April, 2008]

6. “That Seanad Éireann condemns the Government for:

- squandering significant budget surpluses,
- its failure to control inflation,
- its failure to deliver necessary infrastructure on time and within budget, and,
- its failure to reform the public service;

and, in light of the changing economic outlook for our economy calls on the Government to outline the results of measures taken (if any) to stress test our economy and provide detail cost benefits analysis of major projects, and

to outline the steps that are being taken to:

- restore competitiveness,
- restore the low rates of inflation that were the hallmark of our economy,
- prevent rising unemployment, and
- ensure that vital health services, education services and infrastructural projects will be available to the citizens of Ireland.”

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

[7 May, 2008]

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7. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism, in the light of the proposed redevelopment of a very large site at the north end of O’Connell Street which includes the former Carlton Cinema, to take steps to ensure that the Abbey Theatre is located in the former Carlton site which all authorities agree is by far the best and most practical location.”

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

[20 May, 2008]

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8. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism as a matter of urgency, to immediately outline the Government’s programme and intention regarding the construction of a new Abbey National Theatre, dealing with all aspects of the project.”

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

[22 May, 2008]

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9. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism to reform the current system for the funding of the arts in Ireland to ensure that there is a coherent, transparent and accessible basis for funding the arts, and artists in Ireland and to develop clear criteria against which funding applications can be prepared, submitted and assessed so that *ad hoc* funding decisions are not taken by disparate bodies, agencies or the Department without regard to any wider strategic issues; and entrusts the Arts Council with primary responsibility to allocate funding to the arts.”

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

[24 September, 2008]

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10. “That Seanad Éireann is appalled by and deplores the outrageous decision by the Department of Education and Science to close the Centre for Early Childhood Development and Education; and this decision represents a significant set-back for the early childhood sector and in particular the promotion of consistent, high quality standards in this crucial area.”

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

[30 September, 2008]

11. “That Seanad Éireann expresses grave concern at water quality in Ireland; recent cases of lead pollution in County Louth, contamination of water supplies in major urban areas such as Galway city and the possible detrimental effect of the fluoridation scheme presently in operation.”

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

[7 October, 2008]

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12. “That Seanad Éireann takes note of the Annual Report 2007 of the Irish Human Rights Commission.”

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

[14 October, 2008]

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

[21 October, 2008]

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14. “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, Shane Ross.*

[21 October, 2008]

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

[21 October, 2008]

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

[21 October, 2008]

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17. “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, Ivana Bacik, Shane Ross.*

[21 October, 2008]

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

[21 October, 2008]

19. “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, Ivana Bacik, Shane Ross.*

[21 October, 2008]

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

[21 October, 2008]

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

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

[21 October, 2008]

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22. “That Seanad Éireann strongly recommends that the Government:

- excludes the minimum wage from the proposed 1% income levy;
- reinstates in full, the universal entitlement of the over 70s to a medical card and;
- reverses the budget proposal to worsen class size in primary and post primary schools.”

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

[22 October, 2008]

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23. “That Seanad Éireann demands the immediate reversal of the Government decision to withdraw the automatic entitlement to a medical card from citizens aged over 70 years.”

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

[22 October, 2008]

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24. “That Seanad Éireann,

in view of:—

- the challenges facing Irish agriculture and the need to encourage the maximum transfer of farms into the ownership of young, qualified farmers;
- the demographic challenge the current age profile of Irish agriculture presents;

- the Programme for Government commitment to ‘Continue to offer a range of supports to young farmers entering agriculture — including education, taxation measures and direct start-up aid’;
- the commitment in the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 to the rejuvenation of the Irish farming sector as a continued priority of Irish agricultural policy;
- the disproportionate impact changes to the Disadvantaged Areas Scheme will have on farmers and their future viability;

condemns the Government’s decision to suspend the Young Farmer’s Installation Aid Scheme, the Early Retirement Scheme and to reduce the payments under the Disadvantage Areas Scheme;

and calls on the Government to:—

- immediately restore the Young Farmer’s Installation Aid Scheme;
 - immediately restore the Early Retirement Scheme and;
 - immediately reverse cutbacks to the Disadvantaged Areas Scheme.’’.
- Senators Paul Bradford, Frances Fitzgerald, Paddy Burke, Jerry Buttimer, Paudie Coffey, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Paschal Donohoe, Fidelma Healy Eames, Nicky McFadden, Joe O’Reilly, Eugene Regan, John Paul Phelan, Liam Twomey.*
[11 November, 2008]

Leasú:

Amendment:

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

“notes that:

- having regard to the objectives of Budget 2009, including the objective of ensuring that Ireland has a solid basis for economic recovery when world economic conditions improve, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food has protected the most productive elements of the Irish agri-food sector;
- total expenditure in 2009 by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, including EU funding, in support of the agriculture, fisheries, food and forestry sectors, will be €3.26 billion, in recognition of the role the sector has to play and the enormous contribution it makes to the Irish economy;
- the Minister for Finance has confirmed the extension of a number of tax reliefs worth €65 million annually to Irish farmers;
- a record level of funding of €355 million is being provided for the Rural Environmental Protection Scheme in 2009, bring to €2.5 billion the amount provided for REPS this decade;
- the Minister has ensured that the commitment, entered into with the farm organisations in Partnership, to provide €250 million for a Suckler Welfare Scheme is being honoured in full;
- the Government is currently funding the most ambitious and generous on-farm investment scheme in the history of the State, through which €615 million of taxpayers’ money is being provided for the farm waste management scheme between 2007-2009;

- expenditure on forestry will increase next year by 6 per cent to €127.7 million, which recognises the importance of forestry in contributing to meeting the challenge of climate change;
- the provision of €118 million for the seafood industry in 2009 demonstrates the Government's commitment to this important sector;
- that the Government continues to negotiate the most favourable CAP framework for Irish agriculture and food, including at next week's CAP Health Check negotiations; and

that given the background of a significant tax shortfall and continuing pressures on public finances, it was necessary to make choices between competing demands and that, accordingly, the Minister

- has reduced expenditure on area-based compensation payments in a targeted way that
 - ensures that the majority of farmers participating in the scheme will experience no reduction in their payments;
 - the average participant in the scheme will not be affected; and
 - that notwithstanding the economic pressures, the Department will still pay €220 million to over 100,000 farmers in 2009
- has temporarily suspended entry for new entrants to the Early Retirement and Young Farmers' Installation Aid Schemes, though the Department will still pay €48 million in pensions and €9 million in grants under the respective schemes in 2009;
- has indicated that issues in relation to the disadvantaged area payments as well as the installation aid and early retirement schemes can be reviewed as soon as the current budgetary constraints allow; and

acknowledges

- that the Government recognises fully the role of the Irish agri-food and drink sector, which accounts for 9.7 per cent of the country's exports and 8.2 per cent of total employment and remains absolutely committed to the continued support and development of the sector as the most important indigenous sector in the Irish economy."

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[12 November, 2008]

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

BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL
Seanad Bills with the Dáil

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 um Chlúmhilleadh 2006.
Defamation Bill 2006.

An Bille Craolacháin 2008.
Broadcasting Bill 2008.

MEMORANDA

Dé Céadaoin, 12 Samhain, 2008.
Wednesday, 12th November, 2008.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Thodhchaí na hÉireann san Aontas Eorpach i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 10 a.m.
Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Ireland's Future in the European Union in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

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Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 10 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 11 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 11 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascaigh agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 11.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 2.15 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 2.15 p.m.

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste maidir leis na hArdleibhéil Féinmharaithe i Sochaí na hÉireann i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 3 p.m.
Meeting of the sub-Committee on The High Level of Suicide in Irish Society in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 3 p.m.

Cruinniú de Choiste Feidhmiúcháin an Chumainn Pharlaimintigh sa Seomra Agallaimh, An Príomh-Halla, Teach Laighean, ar 6.30 p.m. (*Príobháideach*).

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Parliamentary Association, Interview Room, Main Hall, Leinster House, at 6.30 p.m. (*Private*).

*Déardaoin, 13 Samhain, 2008.
Thursday, 13th November, 2008.*

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Thodhchaí na hÉireann san Aontas Eorpach i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Ireland's Future in the European Union in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 11.15 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights, in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 11.15 a.m.

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- 14) An tOrdú um Thoghlimistéir Áitiúla Chontae Uíbh Fhailí 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 440 de 2008). 14) County of Offaly Local Electoral Areas Order 2008 (S.I. No. 440 of 2008).
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- 22) An tOrdú um Thoghlimistéir Áitiúla Chontae Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 448 de 2008). 22) County of North Tipperary Local Electoral Areas Order 2008 (S.I. No. 448 of 2008).
- 23) An tOrdú um Thoghlimistéir Áitiúla Chontae Thiobraid Árann Theas 2008 (I.R. Uimh. 449 de 2008). 23) County of South Tipperary Local Electoral Areas Order 2008 (S.I. No. 449 of 2008).

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