

Dé Céadaoin, 28 Éanáir, 2009
Wednesday, 28th January, 2009

10.30 a.m.

RIAR NA hOIBRE

Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ

Public Business

Tairiscint:

Motion:

1. ‘D’ainneoin aon ní sna Buan-Orduithe: That, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders:
- (1) Go dtógfár inniu an Dara Céim agus na Céimeanna a bheidh Fágtha den Bhille um Thionóntachtaí Cónaithe (Leasu1) 2009, agus go mbeidh feidhm ag na socruithe seo a leanas:
- (1) The Second and Remaining Stages of the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bill 2009, shall be taken today and the following arrangements shall apply:
- (i) tabharfar na himeachtaí ar an Dara Céim chun críche, mura mbeidh siad críochnaithe roimhe sin, ar 12.45 p.m. agus is mar a leanas a bheidh na hóráidí:
- (i) the proceedings on the Second Stage, if not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion at 12.45 p.m. and the contributions shall be as follows:
- (a) ní rachaidh óráid an phríomh-urlabhraí do gach Grúpa thar 5 nóiméad i ngach cás;
- (a) the speech of the spokesperson of each Group shall not exceed 5 minutes in each case;
- (b) ní rachaidh óráid gach comhalta eile ar a nglaofar thar 4 nóiméad i ngach cás;
- (b) the speech of each other member called upon shall not exceed 4 minutes in each case;
- (c) féadfaidh comhaltaí am a roinnt; agus
- (c) members may share time; and
- (d) iarrfar an Aire óráid freagartha a thabhairt tráth nach déanaí ná 12.40 p.m.;
- (d) the Minister shall be called upon to make a speech in reply no later than 12.40 p.m.;

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- (ii) déanfar na himeachtaí ar Chéim an Choiste agus ar na Céimeanna a bheidh Fágtha, mura mbeidh siad críochnaithe roimhe sin, a thabhairt chun críche ar 1.30 p.m. le Ceist amháin, a chuirfear ón gCathaoir, agus nach bhfolóidh, i ndáil le leasuithe, ach leasuithe a bheidh curtha síos nó a mbeidh glactha leo ag an Rialtas.
- (ii) the proceedings on the Committee and Remaining Stages, if not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion at 1.30 p.m. by one Question which shall be put from the Chair and which shall, in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Government.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

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2. An Bille um Thionóntachtaí Cónaithe (Leasú) 2009 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.
Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bill 2009 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.
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Tairiscint:

Motion:

3. “Go gcomhthoilíonn Seanad Éireann, de bhun fho-alt 2^o d’alt 2 d’Airteagal 25 den Bhunreacht, leis an Rialtas in achainí chun an Uachtaráin go gcuirfidh sí a lámh leis an mBille um Thionóntachtaí Cónaithe (Leasú) 2009, ar dháta is luaithe ná an cúigiú lá tar éis an dáta a thairgfear an Bille di.

That, pursuant to subsection 2^o of section 2 of Article 25 of the Constitution, Seanad Éireann concurs with the Government in a request to the President to sign the Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bill 2009 on a date which is earlier than the fifth day after the date on which the Bill shall have been presented to her.”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

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4. (l) An Bille Cuanta (Leasú) 2008 — An Coiste (*leasú 7, atógáil*).
(a) Harbours (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Committee (*amendment 7, resumed*).
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Tíolactha:

Presented:

5. An Bille um Fhorbairt Tionscail 2008 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Industrial Development Bill 2008 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le scaireanna arna sealbhú ag Cuideachta Forbartha Aerfort Neamhchustam na Sionna Teoranta a aistriú chuig Fiontraíocht Éireann, do leasú an Achta um Fhorbairt Tionscail 1986 agus an Achta um Fhorbairt Tionscail 1993; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann leis an méid sin.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the transfer of shares held by Shannon free airport development company limited to Enterprise Ireland; to amend the Industrial Development Act 1986 and the Industrial Development Act 1993; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

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6. An Bille Toghcháin (Leasú) 2008 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.
Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2008 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.
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7. An Bille Gáis (Leasú) 2008 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.
Gas (Amendment) Bill 2008 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.

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

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

10. 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.*

11. 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.*

12. 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.*

13. 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.*

Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

14. 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.*

Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

15. 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.*

Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

- 16.** 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.*

Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

- 17.** An Bille um Thaighde Gaschille (Suthanna Daonna a Chosaint) 2008 — An Dara Céim. (*atógáil*).
Stem-Cell Research (Protection of Human Embryos) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.
(*resumed*).
—*Senators Rónán Mullen, Jim Walsh, John Hanafin.*

Tíolactha:

Presented:

- 18.** 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.*

- 19.** An Bille Uchtála 2009 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Adoption Bill 2009 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir leis an mBord Uchtála a dhíscaoileadh agus maidir le comhlacht a bhunú ar a dtabharfar, sa Ghaeilge, Údarás Uchtála na hÉireann nó, sa Bhéarla, *the Adoption Authority of Ireland*; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le nithe a bhaineann le leanaí a uchtáil; do thabhairt feidhm dlí don Choinbhinsiún um Chosaint Leanáí agus Comhar i leith Uchtála idir Tíortha a síníodh sa Háig an 29 Bealtaine, 1993; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le huchtálacha idir tíortha a dhéanamh agus a aithint de réir comhaontuithe déthaobhacha agus de réir socruithe eile; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le huchtálacha áirithe a dhéantar lasmuigh den Stát a aithint; d'aisghairm na nAchtanna Uchtála 1952 go 1998; agus do dhéanamh leasuithe iarmhartacha ar Achtanna eile.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the dissolution of An Bord Uchtála and the establishment of a body to be known in the Irish language as *Údarás Uchtála na hÉireann* or in the English language as the *Adoption Authority of Ireland*; to provide for matters relating to the adoption of children; to give the force of law to the Convention on the Protection of Children and Co-operation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption signed at the Hague on 29 May, 1993; to provide for the making and recognition of intercountry adoptions in accordance with bilateral agreements and with other arrangements; to provide for the recognition of certain adoptions effected outside the State; to repeal the Adoption Acts 1952 to 1998; and to make consequential amendments to other Acts.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

20. 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.*

21. An Bille um Fhorais Chultúir Náisiúnta (Leasú) 2008 — Ordú don Dara Céim.

National Cultural Institutions (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta um Fhorais Chultúir Náisiúnta 1997.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the National Cultural Institutions Act 1997.

—*Senator Alex White.*

Ráitis (atógáil):

Statements (resumed):

22. Ráitis maidir le Conradh Liospóin um Athchóiriú (*atógáil*).

Statements on the Lisbon Reform Treaty (*resumed*).

Tairiscintí:

Motions:

23. “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]

24. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha dar teideal ‘*Conradh Liospóin um Athchóiriú*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 29 Bealtaine, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Affairs entitled ‘*The Lisbon Reform Treaty*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 29 May, 2008.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

[18 November, 2008]

25. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘*COM(2007) 654 críochnaitheach — Togra le haghaidh Creat-Chinnidh ón gComhairle*

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘*COM(2007) 654 final — Proposal for A Council Framework Decision on the use of Passenger Name Record (PNR) for*

maidir le Tairiscintí Aoinmneacha Paisinéirí (TAP) a úsáid chun críocha forfheidhmithe dlí a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 13 Samhain, 2008.

law enforcement purposes' which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 13th November, 2008."

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

26. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil ón bhFochoiste um thodhchaí na hÉireann san Aontas Eorpach: Todhchaí na hÉireann san Aontas Eorpach: Dúshláin, Saincheistanna agus Roghanna’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 27 Samhain, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Affairs entitled ‘Report of the Sub-Committee on Ireland’s future in the European Union: Ireland’s future in the European Union: Challenges, Issues and Options’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 27 November, 2008.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[3 December, 2008]

27. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá haire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnsrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 21: COM(2008)40 críochnaitheach — Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le Faisnéis faoi Bhia a Sholáthar do Thomhaltóirí’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 13 Samhain, 2008.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘EU Scrutiny Report No. 21: COM(2008)40 final — Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Provision of Food Information to Consumers’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 13th November, 2008.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[27 January, 2009]

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

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

—*Senators David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Shane Ross.*
[30 January, 2008]

2. “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]

3. “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]

4. “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]

5. “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]

6. “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]

7. “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]

8. “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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9. “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]

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10. “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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11. “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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12. “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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13. “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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14. “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]

15. “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]

16. “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]

17. “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]

18. “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]

19. “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]

20. “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]

21. “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]

22. “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]

23. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to explain the Government’s actions in imposing savage cut backs and other negative measures on the Equality Agency, the Combat Poverty Agency, the Irish Human Rights Commission and other state established bodies which have the responsibility of representing the marginalised and vulnerable in our Society.”

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

[13 November, 2008]

24. “That Seanad Éireann noting:

- the findings of the Health Information and Quality Authority whereby the introduction of the HPV cervical cancer vaccination programme could see a 34 per cent reduction in pre-cancers, a 56 per cent reduction in cervical cancer and a 56 per cent reduction in deaths from cervical cancer;
- that the total cost of introducing the vaccine is estimated to be €9.7 million according to the Health Information and Quality Authority;
- that the direct savings in treatment costs due to the disease being avoided is more than €2.7 million per annum according to the Health Information and Quality Authority, excluding broader savings;
- the breakthrough nature of this medical advance; and
- that the total health budget is more than €16,000 million this year;

condemns the decision of the Minister for Health and Children to abandon this programme as short-sighted and unjustifiable, and calls on the Minister for Health and Children to immediately reverse her decision.”

—*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.*

[13 November, 2008]

25. “That Seanad Éireann deplores the murder of an innocent victim in Limerick by gangland criminals last week, making him the 17th gangland murder victim this year; and calls on the Government to take definitive action steps to quell the activities of criminal gangs.”

—*Senators Eugene Regan, Frances Fitzgerald, Paul Bradford, 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.*

[18 November, 2008]

26. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to cut off the source of gangland criminals’ wealth and weapons, namely drugs, by providing adequate resources to An Garda Síochána and the Customs and Excise Service with the necessary manpower and modern equipment.”

—*Senators Eugene Regan, Frances Fitzgerald, Paul Bradford, 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.*

[18 November, 2008]

27. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform, as a matter of urgency, to outline immediately the government’s plans regarding the construction of the proposed new prison, Thornton Hall, dealing with all aspects of the project.”

—*Senators Eugene Regan, Frances Fitzgerald, Paul Bradford, 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.*

[18 November, 2008]

28. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform to implement measures to reduce the high numbers of repeat offenders in Ireland as revealed in a 2006 UCD study.”

—*Senators Eugene Regan, Frances Fitzgerald, Paul Bradford, 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.*

[18 November 2008]

29. “That Seanad Éireann hereby states and resolves that the proposed deportation of Pamela Izevbekhai and her daughters was not the sort of action envisaged by this House when the original legislation was passed.”

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

[25 November, 2008]

30. “That Seanad Eireann condemns utterly the disgraceful action of the Government in destroying the Combat Poverty Agency and the Equality Agency and the gutting of the Irish Human Rights Commission and calls on the Government to rescind these decisions.”

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

[15 December, 2008]

31. “That Seanad Éireann—

- acknowledges the fact that there is a global economic down turn, that Ireland was the first EU country to officially enter recession, and that the EU predicts the Irish economy will have the second worst contraction rate of 5% in 2009;
- notes that standardised unemployment rate increased to 8.3% in December last which resulted in 293,500 people being on the live register at the start of 2009;
- notes with deep concern that from December 2007 to December 2008 there was a massive increase of 120,987 (+71%) unemployed;

- notes the prediction of the Economic and Social Research Institute that unemployment will rise to an average of 9.4 per cent in 2009 with a net emigration of 50,000;
- attributes the recent loss of thousands of jobs in companies such as Dell (Limerick), Cigna (Galway), Kostal (Cork & Limerick), and Amann (Kerry), to the inability of Government to maintain economic competitiveness in the Irish economy;
- condemns the Government for its handling of the economy by pushing unsustainable economic policies that developed a ‘boom — bust’ economy and is directly responsible for the current unprecedented crisis in the national finances;

and calls on Government to—

- exempt employers from paying PRSI on any additional staff that they take on in 2009;
- completely overhaul FÁS to provide better quality and quantity of training and expand the business led Skillsnets programme;
- reduce the regulatory burden on small and medium enterprises by introducing a standard costs model approach to regulation and reform the current Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIS) model to genuinely assess the impact of new legislation on business;
- extend and reform the ‘Back to Education Allowance’;
- switch the R&D tax credit to a volume based” approach to allow Ireland to compete with other countries (the UK, Spain) in attractive research intensive mobile foreign investment projects;
- give SMEs a PRSI offset to support employee upskilling; and
- restore national economic competitiveness by:
 - freezing increases in utility costs and Government charges;
 - use the downturn in the construction industry as an opportunity to invest in national infrastructure;
 - developing next generation broadband access for business and educational facilities; and
 - reverse the increase in VAT rates.”

—*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.*

[27 January, 2009]

Leasú:

Amendment:

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

- commends the Government for its management of the economy and public finances, which means that Ireland faces the current global economic crisis from a position of strength, given the strong growth of recent years and very low levels of public debt;

- acknowledges that through the policies now being pursued to restore credibility and sustainability to the public finances, these will help Ireland to take full advantage of the global upswing when it emerges, thus ensuring growth returns to its potential growth rate;
- notes that:
 - whilst the labour market has deteriorated significantly recently, over 2 million people are still employed, which is 600,000 more than 1998;
 - the Government through its ongoing management will continue to address the economic and fiscal issues facing the country over the coming years in a responsible and sustainable manner;
 - the external factors impacting upon the economy and the recent publication of economic forecasts by the European Commission which have downgraded the growth outlook for the Euro zone and the wider European Union;
- furthermore, in the light of the changed economic realities recognise that the recent publication of the Addendum to the Stability and Growth Pact sets out a framework for the restoration of sustainability in the public finances over the medium term, commencing with immediate action to secure a further adjustment in the public finances of up to €2 billion in 2009;
- welcomes the recent publication by the Government of ‘Building Ireland’s Smart Economy: A Framework for Sustainable Economic Renewal’, which provides a blueprint for how the Government proposes to re-orientate and reprioritise its business over the next few years so as to weather the global economic storm in a realistic and sustainable way;
- notes that Ireland continues to be well positioned to attract investment and to re-establish export led growth; and
- welcomes the Government’s commitment to providing a competitive operating environment for our enterprise base.”

Senator Donie Cassidy.

32. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Irish Government to support moves to establish an International War Crimes Inquiry into certain aspects of the Israeli attack on Gaza including the use of white phosphorus in densely inhabited civilian areas, the use of dime munitions and the apparently deliberate shelling of the U.N. facilities, including schools which were being used as places of sanctuary by Palestinian civilians as well as the question of illegal collective punishment.”

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

[27 January, 2009]

29. 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 Chlúmhillleadh 2006.
Defamation Bill 2006.

An Bille Craolacháin 2008.
Broadcasting Bill 2008.

Bille na dTithe (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2008.
Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2008.

MEMORANDA

Dé Céadaoin, 28 Eanáir, 2009.
Wednesday, 28th January, 2009.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000,
ar 9.45 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 4, LH2000,
at 9.45 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha
i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 9.45 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 9.45 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht Iascaigh agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 2,
TL2000, ar 11 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food in Committee
Room 2, LH2000, at 11 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste Riaracháin i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 12.15 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Administration Committee in Committee Room 1, LH2000,
at 12.15 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 2,
TL2000, ar 2.15 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee
Room 2, LH2000, at 2.15 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe
agus Gaeltachta i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and
Gaeltacht Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 3.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 3.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachtá maidir le Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 5 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 5 p.m.

Déardaoin, 29 Eanáir, 2009.
Thursday, 29th January, 2009.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 9.45 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 9.45 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascaigh agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 10.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 10.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Education and Science in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

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

Reachtúil:

1) Ciste Pinsean Thithe an Oireachtais (Comhaltaí). Cuntas ar Fháiltais agus Caiteachas don bhliain dar chríoch 31 Nollaig, 2007.

2) An tOrdú um Acht na gCuideachtaí (Iniúchadh agus Cuntasaíocht) 2003 (Tosach Feidhme) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 13 de 2009).

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1) An Roinn Fiontar, Trádála agus Fostaíochta. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2007.

2) An Coimisiún um Athchóiriú an Dlí. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2007.

3) Athbhreithniú Costais agus Éifeachtúlachta ar Bhus Átha Cliath agus ar Bhus Éireann. Eanáir, 2009.

Statutory:

1) Houses of the Oireachtas (Members) Pension Fund. Account of Receipts and Expenditure for the year ended 31 December, 2007.

2) Companies (Auditing and Accounting) Act 2003 (Commencement) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 13 of 2009).

Non-Statutory:

1) Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. Annual Report, 2007.

2) Law Reform Commission. Annual Report, 2007.

3) Cost and Efficiency Review of Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann. January, 2009.

4) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha. Tuarascáil ar Thairscint maidir leis an gCor i nGasá. Eanáir, 2009.

5) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha. Tuarascáil ar Thairscint maidir le Comhaontú Comhlachais AE/Iosrael. Eanáir, 2009.

6) Ciontóirí Gnéis a Bhainistiú — Plé-Dhoiciméad. Eanáir, 2009. [An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí].

4) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on European Affairs. Report on a Motion regarding the Situation in Gaza. January, 2009.

5) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on European Affairs. Report on a Motion regarding the EU/Israel Association Agreement. January, 2009.

6) The Management of Sex Offenders — A Discussion Document. January, 2009. [Dept. of Justice, Equality and Law Reform].