

*Déardaoin, 28 Bealtaine, 2009*  
*Thursday, 28th May, 2009*

10.30 a.m.

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RIAR NA hOIBRE  
*Order Paper*

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GNÓ POIBLÍ  
*Public Business*

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*Tairiscint:*

*Motion:*

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

An tOrdú um an mBord Bia (Aistriú Feidhmeanna an Bhoird Iascaigh Mhara a bhaineann le hÉisc a Mhargú) 2009

An Bord Bia (Transfer of Functions of An Bord Iascaigh Mhara relating to Fish Marketing) Order 2009,

ar leagadh cóip de ina dhréacht faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 1 Bealtaine, 2009.

a copy of which Order in draft was laid before Seanad Éireann on 1 May, 2009”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

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2. (m) An Bille Airgeadais 2009 [*Bille Airgid Deimhniú*] — An Dara Céim.  
 (r) Finance Bill 2009 [*Certified Money Bill*] — Second Stage.

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3. An Bille fán Scéim um Thacaíocht Tithe Banaltrais 2008 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.  
 Nursing Homes Support Scheme Bill 2008 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.

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4. An Bille um Sheirbhísí Maoine (Rialáil) 2009 — An Coiste.  
 Property Services (Regulation) Bill 2009 — Committee.

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

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6. 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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7. 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.*
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8. 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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9. 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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10. 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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11. An Bille um Fhorais Chreidmheasa (Tacaíocht Airgeadais) (Leasú) 2009 — An Dara Céim.  
Credit Institutions (Financial Support) (Amendment) Bill 2009 — Second Stage.  
—*Senators Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Frances Fitzgerald.*
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*Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):*

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

12. 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):*

13. 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):*

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

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

15. 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.*
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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. An Bille um Nós Imeachta Coiriúil 2009 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
Criminal Procedure Bill 2009 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú agus do leathnú an Achta um Cheartas Coiriúil 1993; do leasú an dlí choiriúil agus an nós imeachta choiriúil ar shlí eile, lena n-áirítear socrú a dhéanamh maidir le heisceachtaí ón riail in aghaidh contúirte dúbailte chun a chumasú don Chúirt Achomhairc Choiriúil iarratais chun éigionuithe áirithe a neamhniú agus chun daoine is ábhair do na hiarratais sin a chur faoi atriail arna ndéanamh in imthosca áirithe ag an Stiúrthóir Ionchúiseamh Poiblí a chinneadh agus a éisteacht, agus do dhéanamh socrú maidir le hachomharc chun na Cúirte Uachtaraí ar phonc dlí i gcoinne cinnidh ón gCúirt Achomhairc Choiriúil i leith na n-iarratas sin; do leathnú chumhachtaí an Gharda Síochána i ndáil le himscrúdú cionta áirithe; do leathnú na n-imthosca ina bhféadfaidh an Stiúrthóir Ionchúiseamh Poiblí nó an tArd-Aighne, de réir mar is cuí, achomharc a dhéanamh in imeachtaí coiriúla; do leasú an Achta um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cúnamh Dlíthiúil) 1962, an Achta Cúirteanna Breithiúnais 1924 agus an Achta um Chiontaí in Aghaidh an Stáit 1939; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend and extend the Criminal Justice Act 1993; to amend criminal law and procedure in other respects, including making provision for exceptions to the rule against double jeopardy so as to enable the Court of Criminal Appeal to hear and determine applications brought in certain circumstances by the Director of Public Prosecutions to quash certain acquittals and to have persons who are the subject of those applications re-tried, and to provide for an appeal to the Supreme Court on a point of law from a determination of the Court of Criminal Appeal in respect of such applications; to extend the powers of the Garda Síochána in relation to the investigation of certain offences; to extend the circumstances in which the Director of Public Prosecutions or the Attorney General, as may be appropriate, may take an appeal in criminal proceedings; to amend the Criminal Justice (Legal Aid) Act 1962, the Courts of Justice Act 1924 and the Offences Against the State Act 1939; and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

**18. An Bille um Fhorbairtí Ilaonad 2009 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
Multi-Unit Developments Bill 2009 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear do leasú an dlí a bhaineann le húinéireacht agus bainistiú limistéar comhchoiteann forbairtí ilaonad agus chun bainistiú cóir, éifeachtúil agus

Bill entitled an Act to amend the law relating to the ownership and management of the common areas of multi-unit developments and to facilitate the fair,

éifeachtach ar chomhlachtaí atá freagrach i mbainistiú limistéir chomhchoiteanna den sórt sin a éascú, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

efficient and effective management of bodies responsible for the management of such common areas, and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

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**19.** 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.*

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**20.** 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.*

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*Ráitis (atógáil):*

*Statements (resumed):*

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

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

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**22.** Ráitis faoin Tuarascáil maidir le Grinnscrúdú AE (Uimh. 21) dar teideal Faisnéis faoi Bhia a Sholáthar do Thomhaltóirí (*atógáil*).

Statements on the Report on EU Scrutiny (No. 21) entitled Provision of Food Information to Consumers (*resumed*).

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*Tairiscintí:*

*Motions:*

**23.** “Go ndéanann Seanad Éireann:

That Seanad Éireann:

— a thabhairt dá aire an tuarascáil maidir leis an scrúdú neamhspleách a rinne an tUasal Paul Coffey AS ar ábhair inní Choiste Íospartach Stardust i ndáil leis an imscrúdú ar an gcúis a bhí leis an tubaiste dóiteáin;

— notes the report of the independent examination by Mr. Paul Coffey SC of the concerns of the Stardust Victims Committee in relation to the investigation of the cause of the fire disaster;

— a aithint nach eol cén chúis a bhí leis an dóiteán, gur míniú barúlach amháin an fhionnachtain bhunaídh gur choirloscadh a bhí ann agus nach bhfianáítear an méid sin le haon fhianaise agus nach féidir a

— acknowledges that the cause of the fire is unknown, the original finding of arson is a mere hypothetical explanation and is not demonstrated by any evidence and that none of the persons present on the night of

mheas go bhfuil aon daoine de na daoine a bhí i láthair oíche an dóiteáin freagrach as;

the fire can be held responsible for it;

— glacadh le tuairim an Uasail Coffey nárbh é leas an phobail é Binse nua a bhunú chun an chúis a bhí leis an dóiteán a fhiosrú d'éagmais aon fhianaise sainaitheanta;

— accepts the view of Mr. Coffey that to establish a new Tribunal to investigate the cause of the fire in the absence of any identified evidence would not be in the public interest;

— tacú leis an Rialtas le linn Coiste a bhunú chun faireachán a dhéanamh ar riachtanais comhairleoireachta agus liachta na ndaoine sin a tháinig slán as agus mhuintir na ndaoine a fuair bás; agus

— supports the Government in establishing a Committee to monitor the counselling and medical needs of the survivors and bereaved; and

— a fhíor-chomhbhrón leanúnach d'íospartaigh thragóid Dhóiteán Stardust agus do mhuintir na ndaoine a fuair bás a chur in iúl.

— expresses its continuing and deep sympathy with all of the victims and bereaved of the Stardust Fire tragedy.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

**[3 March, 2009]**

**24.** “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha dar teideal Cuairt Staidéir ar na Balcáin Thiar: An Chróit agus An Bhoisnia-Heirseagaivéin — *Aontachas AE agus Peirspictíocht Eorpach*; a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 7 Aibreán, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Affairs, entitled Study Visit to the Western Balkans: Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina — *EU Accession and a European Perspective*; which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 7 April, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

**[22 April, 2009]**

**25.** “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha ina ndéantar comhghairdeas le Comhairle na hEorpa ar ócáid a Cothroim 60 Bliain agus ina n-aithnítear an rannchuidiú ollmhór atá déanta ag an gComhairle i réimse chearta an duine agus trí fhóram a sholáthar do Thíortha na hEorpa chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar shaincheistanna is cás leo go léir; a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 7 Aibreán, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Affairs congratulating the Council of Europe on the occasion of its 60th Anniversary and acknowledging the enormous contribution the Council has made in the field of human rights and in providing a forum for the Countries of Europe to address issues of mutual concern; which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 7 April, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

**[22 April, 2009]**

**26** “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnsrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 22: COM*

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘*EU Scrutiny Report No. 22: COM (2008) 721 — Proposal for a Council*

(2008) 721 — *Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena mbunaítear córas rialaithe Comhphobail chun a chinntiú go gcomhlíontar rialacha an Chomhbheartais Iascaigh* a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 15 Aibreán, 2009.

*Regulation establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy* which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 15th April, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*  
[22 April, 2009]

27. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil maidir le rannchuidiú an Chomhchoiste leis an gCoimisiún Eorpach i dtaca lena Pháipéar Uaine ‘I dtreo Margaidh Fuinnimh Eorpaigh a bheidh daingean, inmharthana agus iomaíoch;’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 17 Aibreán, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee’s contribution to the European Commission on its Green Paper ‘Towards a secure, sustainable and competitive European Energy Market;’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 17 April, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*  
[22 April, 2009]

28. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil maidir le tráchtáil an Chomhchoiste i ndáil leis na moltaí ón nGrúpa Ardleibhéil ar Mhaoirseacht Airgeadais san AE; a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 17 Aibreán, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee’s comments on the recommendations of the High Level Group on Financial Supervision in the EU; which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 17 April, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*  
[22 April, 2009]

29. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachtáil maidir le Leanaí dar teideal ‘An Dara Tuarascáil Eatramhach ar an mBille um an Ochtú Leasú is Fiche ar an mBunreacht 2007, Airteagal 42(A).5.2° — Togra chun údarás dlíthiúil a thabhairt chun cionta a chruthú ar cionta dliteanais iomláin nó diandliteanais i leith cionta gnéasacha in aghaidh leanáí nó i dtaca le leanáí iad’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 7 Bealtaine, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children entitled ‘Second Interim Report on the Twenty-eighth Amendment of the Constitution Bill 2007, Article 42(A).5.2° — Proposal to give legal authority to create offences of absolute or strict liability in respect of sexual offences against or in connection with children’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 7 May, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*  
[13 May, 2009]

30. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil maidir le Rannchuidiú an Chomhchoiste leis an gCoimisiún Eorpach i dtaca lena Pháipéar Uaine maidir le cáilíocht táirgí talmhaíochta: caighdeáin táirgí, riachtanais

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 Green Paper on agricultural product quality: product standards, farming requirements and quality schemes’



feirmeoireachta agus scéimeanna cáil-íochta’, COM(2008)641, Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 4, a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 15 Bealtaine, 2009.

COM(2008)641, EU Scrutiny Report No. 4, which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 15 May, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*  
[19 May, 2009]

**31.** “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe, arna chur ar fáil le hAirteagal 3 den cheathrú Prótacal atá leagtha amach i gConradh Amstardam, fógra a thabhairt d’Uachtarán na Comhairle gur mian leis a bheith páirteach i nglacadh agus i bhfeidhmiú an bhirt bheartaithe seo a leanas:

That Seanad Éireann approves the exercise by the State of the option, provided by Article 3 of the fourth Protocol set out in the Treaty of Amsterdam, to notify the President of the Council that it wishes to take part in the adoption and application of the following proposed measure:

togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle maidir le sásra measúnachta a bhunú chun cur chun feidhme *acquis* Schengen a fhíorú,

a proposal for a Council Regulation on the establishment of an evaluation mechanism to verify the application of the Schengen *acquis*,

ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 2 Aibreán, 2009.

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on 2nd April, 2009.”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

**32.** “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá haire an Chéad Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh dar teideal *I dTreo Nialais-Béarfaidh Feithiclí Leictreacha Bua.*

That Seanad Éireann notes the First Report of the Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security entitled *Drive for Zero-Electric Vehicles are a Winning Proposition.*”.

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

**33.** “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascach agus Bia dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil ar thruailliú táirgí muiceola Éireannaí*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 26 Bealtaine, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food entitled ‘*Report on the contamination of Irish pork products*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 26 May, 2009.”.

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

**34.** *Tairiscintí nach ón Rialtas:*  
*Non-Government Motions:*

1. “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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2. “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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3. “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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4. “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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5. “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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6. “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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7. “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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8. “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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9. “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]**

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10. “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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11. “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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12. “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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13. “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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14. “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]**

15. “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]**

16. “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]**

17. “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]**

18. “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]**

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19. “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, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen, Joe O’Toole.*

**[25 November, 2008]**

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20. “That Seanad Éireann 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]**

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21. “That Seanad Éireann condemns the Government for the abolition of the Combat Poverty Agency which successfully:

- represented the vulnerable and forgotten in Irish society;
- provided vital data on poverty and health inequalities;
- highlighted social welfare reform proposals;

for imposing excessive cutbacks of 43% of the annual budget of the Equality Authority and decentralising its offices resulting in a loss of expertise, thus

- purposely diminishing its ability to provide its services;
- effectively forcing its Chief Executive to resign his post;

for the cuts of 24% to the budget of the Irish Human Rights Commission, thus

- weakening its role within the context of the Good Friday agreement;
- “substantially hampering” its ability to execute its core activities; and

for severely impairing the ability of the Equality Authority and Irish Human Rights Commission to carry out their functions and thereby damaging Ireland’s reputation as a vigilant democracy in respect of human rights.”

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

**[30 January, 2009]**

22. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Irish Government to continue its support for 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 and to maintain discussions with the representatives of countries such as Cyprus, Sweden and Portugal who have also supported this move.”

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

**[10 February, 2009]**

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23. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Irish Government to continue its support for moves to establish an independent international investigation into alleged violations of international humanitarian law during Israel’s military action in Gaza including the use of white phosphorus in densely inhabited civilian areas, the use of dime munitions and the 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 collective punishment and to maintain discussions with the representatives of countries such as Belgium, Cyprus, Sweden and Portugal who have also supported this move and that the independent international investigation also investigate the indiscriminate rocket attacks on civilians perpetrated by Hamas and others, the alleged storage of munitions in civilian locations and the allegations of the shooting of innocent Palestinians by Hamas, the alleged use of civilians as human shields by any actor and the alleged firing of rockets from positions adjacent to UN facilities, to schools and hospitals, furthermore, that the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs supports a two state solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict with the objective of the State of Israel and an independent Palestinian State living side by side in peace and security and urges the Government to continue to fully support such resolution of the conflict and to take all appropriate steps in the UN, at EU level and in its bilateral international relations to promote and achieve such resolution; supports the International Quartet (EU, USA, Russia and the UN) in its work, and other initiatives to resolve the conflict; welcomes the appointment by President Obama of George Mitchell as his Middle East peace envoy; calls on Iran to end its opposition to a 2 state solution; commends the initiative taken by Egypt to mediate a durable ceasefire between Israel and Hamas; and urges all sides to fully co-operate with UNRWA to facilitate the provision by it in Gaza of humanitarian relief.”

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

**[17 February, 2009]**

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24. “That Seanad Éireann make special provision for a 90 minute rolling debate on the economy to be taken on a weekly basis following the Order of Business.”

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

**[23 February, 2009]**

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25. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Government to accept the recommendations of Transparency International including:

- the introduction of laws, similar to those in the UK, to protect whistleblowers in the public and private sector who report concerns of public importance;
- the introduction of a Register of Lobbyists that would bring more transparency to the relationship between government, regulators, business and interest groups.
- the ratification of international conventions against corruption, including the UN Convention described as the “Kyoto Protocol” on global corruption.

- the establishment of a Garda Anti-Corruption Unit and more resources for law enforcement agencies including the Director of Corporate Enforcement, the Competition Authority, the Criminal Assets Bureau, and the Garda Fraud Squad;
- the reform of the Freedom Information fee system as the Irish FOI fees and costs of appeals are the highest in the developed world;
- the publication of local Councillors' declarations of interest on the internet;
- the scrapping of Government plans to treble the amount of gifts and loans politicians can receive and keep secret;
- the publication of an annual report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on some of the most costly public contracts each year;
- the opening of all appointments to the Boards of State bodies to public competition; and
- the publication of clear no-bribe and conflict of interest policies by newspaper organisations and journalist unions."

—*Senators David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen.*

**[3 March, 2009]**

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26. "Ag cuimhneamh:

- go ndearnadh gnó na Chéad Dála 90 bliain ó shin go hiomlán trí Ghaeilge; agus
- gurb í an Ghaeilge an teanga náisiúnta agus an phríomhtheanga oifigiúil faoi Airteagal 8 den Bhunreacht;

beartaíonn an Seanad:

- úsáid na Gaeilge a mhéadú i ngnó an tSeanaid i 2009 go céatadán a bheidh aontaithe idir na páirtithe; agus
- tús a chur leis seo le linn 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' sa Dáil an 10, 11, 12 Márta nuair a dhéanfar 50% de ghnó an tSeanaid trí mheán na Gaeilge."

—*Senators Pearse Doherty, Joe O'Toole.*

**[10 March, 2009]**

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27. "Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Transport to ensure:

- an immediate Moratorium on the issuing of taxi plates;
- the initiation of a comprehensive and coherent reform of the Taxi Service Industry under the aegis of the Framework for Progress;
- the absorption of the Taxi Regulator's office into the Department of Transport;
- the granting of legal power to Local Authorities to establish and regulate appropriate numbers of taxi licences in their areas; and
- the reclassification of taxi drivers for PRSI purposes to enable protection in adverse financial or health circumstances under the social welfare code."

—*Senators David Norris, Joe O'Toole.*

**[10 March, 2009]**

28. “That Seanad Éireann,

- while acknowledging that recent budgetary provisions have led to serious inequities and that these inequities will require to be addressed in the near future;
- recognising the crucial role that the trade union movement continues to play in Irish life; and
- having regard to the urgency of the economic situation and the need for unity among all sectors of the community in dealing with this situation;

views with concern the proposal by ICTU to organise a one-day strike on Monday 30th March, 2009 and calls on the leadership of ICTU to cancel the proposed day of action in order to facilitate the best national effort in dealing with the current economic crisis.”

—*Senators Rónán Mullen, Shane Ross.*

**[25 March, 2009]**

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29. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to establish as a matter of urgency an expert committee to examine in an impartial fashion the feasibility, benefits and potential hazards of nuclear energy generation.”

—*Senators David Norris, Feargal Quinn.*

**[7 April, 2009]**

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30. “That Seanad Éireann noting;

- that Ireland has one of the highest levels of alcohol consumption in the world;
- that the level of alcohol consumption in Ireland and the economic and social problems which it creates is now such as to amount to a crisis for this country, tarnishing its image both at home and abroad;
- the persistent and serious problem of alcohol related violence, anti-social behaviour and other offences throughout the country;
- that 97% of all public order offences are alcohol related (National Crime Council 2003);
- that alcohol is a significant contributing factor in physical and sexual assaults, domestic violence, fatal road accidents, criminal damage and that almost half of homicides were perpetrated by intoxicated persons (HSE Report on Alcohol Related Harm 2008);
- that alcohol was found to be responsible for 6,584 deaths in the 5 year period 2000-2004 and in the same period 3 million hospitalisations at a cost of €930m, according to research presented at the 2009 Summer Scientific Meeting of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland;
- the fact that alcohol is a gateway drug for many young people amounting to an illegal industry of €145m annually;

and considering:

- the widespread and extensive exposure of alcoholic products through media outlets such as television, radio, cinema, and billboard advertising;



- the strong links that alcohol advertising has to sponsorship of sport and other cultural activities;
- that advertising of alcohol portrays a simple social activity and one to be encouraged;
- that alcohol advertisements hold a strong appeal for young people and are considered by young people to be stylish and humorous, showing alcohol as promoting a desirable lifestyle, and helping to improve confidence in social skills (the Impact of Alcohol Advertising on Teenagers in Ireland 2001);
- that measures are needed to curtail the demand for alcohol, to complement the measures introduced in the Intoxicating Liquor Act 2008, which restricts the supply of alcohol;
- that voluntary codes of practice on the promotion and advertising of alcoholic drinks is entirely ineffective;
- advice from the Irish Medical Organisation's former President, and public health specialist, Dr. Joe Barry that all alcohol advertising should be banned;
- a call from the Irish College of Psychiatrists (September, 2008) for a complete ban on all alcohol advertising in Ireland;
- the positive impact of France's ban on all televised advertising of alcohol and sponsorship of sport by the alcohol industry introduced in its 1991 Law, Loi Evin;

calls on the Government to:

- introduce without delay a total ban on all advertising of alcohol in Ireland.”
- *Senators Eugene Regan, Frances Fitzgerald, Paddy Burke, Paul Bradford, Jerry Buttimer, Paudie Coffey, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Paschal Donohoe, Fidelma Healy-Eames, Nicky McFadden, Joe O'Reilly, John Paul Phelan, Liam Twomey.*

**[28 May, 2009]**

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

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**BILLÍ AR SIÚL AGUS GNÓ ATÁ ORDAITHE**  
*Bills in Progress and Business Ordered*

*Dé Máirt, 2 Meitheamh, 2009.*  
*Tuesday, 2nd June, 2009.*

Bille na gCuideachtaí (Leasú) 2009 — An Tuarascáil.  
Companies (Amendment) Bill 2009 — Report Stage.

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**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.

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An Bille um Chlúmhillleadh 2006.  
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Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2008.

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An Bille Cuanta (Leasú) 2008.  
Harbours (Amendment) Bill 2008.

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An Bille Uchtála 2009.  
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*Déardaoin, 28 Bealtaine, 2009.*  
*Thursday, 28th May, 2009.*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanáí i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000,  
ar 10.30 a.m. (*Príobháideach*)  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 4, LH2000,  
at 10.30 a.m. (*Private*)

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