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#### GNÓ POIBLÍ *Public Business*

 An Bille um Chlúmhilleadh 2006 [Bille Seanaid arna leasú ag an Dáil] — An Tuarascáil.
 Defamation Bill 2006 [Seanad Bill amended by the Dáil] — Report Stage.

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Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Bill 2006 [Seanad Bill amended by the Dáil] — Report Stage.

 An Bille um an Ochtú Leasú is Fiche ar an mBunreacht (Conradh Liospóin) 2009 [Dáil] — An Dara Céim,

Twenty-Eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Treaty of Lisbon) Bill 2009 [Dáil] — Second Stage

### Tairiscint:

Motion:

**4.** "GO ndéanfar an ráiteas atá leagtha amach sa Sceideal a ghabhann leis an Rún seo a fhorordú mar fhaisnéis do vótálaithe de bhun alt 23 d'Acht an Reifrinn 1994 (Uimh. 12 de 1994), i ndáil leis an togra chun Airteagal 29 den Bhunreacht a leasú, atá ar áireamh sa Bhille um an Ochtú Leasú is Fiche ar an mBunreacht (Conradh Liospóin) 2009, agus is ábhar do reifreann bunreachta.

#### An Sceideal

An Reifreann ar Chonradh Liospóin

Déanfar, le Conradh Liospóin, athruithe áirithe ar fheidhmiú an Aontais Eorpaigh. In Éirinn, ní féidir Conradh Liospóin a dhaingniú ach amháin má thoilítear le leasú ar an mBunreacht trí reifreann. Iarrfar ort an dtoilíonn tú nó nach dtoilíonn tú leis an mBille um an Ochtú Leasú is Fiche ar an That the statement set out in the Schedule to this Resolution be prescribed for the information of voters pursuant to section 23 of the Referendum Act 1994 (No. 12 of 1994), in relation to the proposal to amend Article 29 of the Constitution which is contained in the Twenty-Eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Treaty of Lisbon) Bill 2009, and is the subject of a constitutional referendum.

#### Schedule

#### Treaty of Lisbon Referendum

The Treaty of Lisbon will effect certain changes to the functioning of the European Union. In Ireland the Treaty of Lisbon can only be ratified if an amendment of the Constitution is approved by referendum. You will be asked whether or not you approve of the Twenty-Eighth Amendment

mBunreacht (Conradh Liospóin) 2009, lena mbeartaítear forálacha an Bhunreachta a bhaineann le comhaltas na hÉireann den Aontas Eorpach a leasú agus a thabhairt cothrom le dáta. Leis an leasú beartaithe, dhéanfaí—

- (a) tiomantas na hÉireann i leith an Aontais Eorpaigh a dhearbhú,
- (b) a chumasú d'Éirinn Conradh Liospóin a dhaingniú agus a bheith ina comhalta den Aontas Eorpach a bhunaítear leis an gConradh sin,
- (c) forálacha an Bhunreachta a thabhairt cothrom le dáta, rud a chinnteoidh go mbeidh comhoiriúnacht dhlíthiúil idir dlí na hÉireann agus dlí an Aontais Eorpaigh,
- (d) a ligean d'Éirinn comhaontú le bearta áirithe faoi na conarthaí arna leasú le Conradh Liospóin, faoi réir ceadú a fháil roimh ré ó dhá Theach an Oireachtais, agus
- (e) an toirmeasc atá ar Éirinn dul isteach in aon socrú comhchosanta de chuid an Aontais Eorpaigh a athdhearbhú,

agus tá an leasú beartaithe leagtha amach mar áis tagartha anseo thíos.

Is é atá beartaithe leis an mBille um an Ochtú Leasú is Fiche ar an mBunreacht (Conradh Liospóin) 2009—

- (a) na fo-ailt seo a leanas a chur isteach in alt 4 d'Airteagal 29 den Bhunreacht:
  - '4° Dearbhaíonn Éire a tiomantas i leith an Aontais Eorpaigh ar laistigh de a oibríonn ballstáit an Aontais sin le chéile chun an tsíocháin, comhluachanna agus leas a bpobal a chur chun cinn.
  - 5° Tig leis an Stát Conradh Liospóin ag leasú an Chonartha ar an Aontas Eorpach agus an Chonartha bunú ag an *Chomhphobail Eorpaigh*, arna shíniú i Liospóin an 13ú lá de Nollaig 2007 ("Conradh Liospóin"), a dhaingniú agus tig leis a bheith ina chomhalta den Aontas Eorpach a bhunaítear de bhua an Chonartha sin.

of the Constitution (Treaty of Lisbon) Bill 2009 which proposes to amend and update the provisions of the Constitution relating to Ireland's membership of the European Union. The proposed amendment would—

- (*a*) affirm Ireland's commitment to the European Union,
- (b) enable Ireland to ratify the Treaty of Lisbon and to be a member of the European Union established by that Treaty,
- (c) update the provisions of the Constitution that will ensure legal compatibility between Irish law and the law of the European Union,
- (d) allow Ireland to agree to certain measures under the treaties being amended by the Treaty of Lisbon, subject to prior approval of both Houses of the Oireachtas, and
- (e) restate the prohibition on Ireland joining any European Union common defence arrangement,

and for ease of reference the proposed amendment is set out hereunder.

The Twenty-Eighth Amendment of the Constitution (Treaty of Lisbon) Bill 2009 proposes—

- (a) to insert the following subsections in section 4 of Article 29 of the Constitution:
  - '4° Ireland affirms its commitment to the European Union within which the member states of that Union work together to promote peace, shared values and the well-being of their peoples.
  - 5° The State may ratify the Treaty of Lisbon amending the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty establishing the European Community, signed at Lisbon on the 13th day of December 2007 ("Treaty of Lisbon"), and may be a member of the European Union established by virtue of that Treaty.

- 6° Ní dhéanann aon fhoráil atá sa Bhunreacht seo dlíthe a d'achtaigh, gníomhartha a rinne nó bearta a ghlac an Stát roimh theacht i bhfeidhm do Chonradh Liospóin, ar theacht i bhfeidhm dó nó tar éis teacht i bhfeidhm dó, de bhíthin riachtanais na n- oibleagáidí mar chomhalta den Aontas Eorpach dá dtagraítear i bhfo-alt 5° den alt seo nó den Chomhphobal Eorpach um Fhuinneamh Adamhach, a chur ó bhail dlí ná cosc a chur le dlíthe a d'achtaigh, gníomhartha a rinne nó bearta a ghlac—
  - (i) an tAontas Eorpach sin nó an Comhphobal Eorpach um Fhuinneamh Adamhach nó institiúidí den chéanna,
  - (ii) na Comhphobail Eorpacha nó an tAontas Eorpach a bheidh ar marthain díreach roimh theacht i bhfeidhm do Chonradh Liospóin, nó institiúidí den chéanna, nó
  - (iii) comhlachtaí atá inniúil faoi na conarthaí dá dtagraítear san alt seo,
- ó fheidhm dlí a bheith acu sa Stát.
- 7° Tig leis an Stát na roghnuithe nó na roghanna a fheidhmiú—
  - (i) a bhfuil feidhm ag Airteagal 20 den Chonradh ar an Aontas Eorpach a bhaineann le comhar feabhsaithe maidir leo,
  - (ii) faoi Phrótacal Uimh. 19 ar acquis Schengen arna chomhtháthú isteach i gcreat an Aontais Eorpaigh atá i gceangal leis an gconradh sin agus leis an gConradh ar Fheidhmiú an *Aontais* Eorpaigh (ar a dtugtaí an Conradh ag bunú an Chomhphobail *Eorpaigh*), agus
  - (iii) faoi Phrótacal Uimh. 21 maidir le seasamh na

- 6° No provision of this Constitution invalidates laws enacted, acts done or measures adopted by the State, before, on or after the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, that are necessitated by the obligations of membership of the European Union referred to in subsection 5° of this section or of the European Atomic Energy Community, or prevents laws enacted, acts done or measures adopted by—
  - (i) the said European Union or the European Atomic Energy Community, or by institutions thereof,
  - (ii) the European Communities or European Union existing immediately before the entry into force of the Treaty of Lisbon, or by institutions thereof, or
  - *(iii) bodies competent under the treaties referred to in this section,*

from having the force of law in the State.

- 7° The State may exercise the options or discretions—
  - (i) to which Article 20 of the Treaty on European Union relating to enhanced cooperation applies,
  - (ii) under Protocol No. 19 on the Schengen acquis integrated into the framework of the European Union annexed to that treaty and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (formerly known as the Treaty establishing the European Community), and
  - (iii) under Protocol No. 21 on the position of the United

Ríochta Aontaithe agus na hÉireann i dtaca leis an limistéar saoirse, slándála agus ceartais, atá i gceangal amhlaidh, lena n-áirítear an rogha go scoirfidh an Prótacal sin Uimh. 21, go hiomlán nó go páirteach, d'fheidhm a bheith aige maidir leis an Stát,

ach beidh aon fheidhmiú den sórt sin faoi réir ceadú a fháil roimh ré ó dhá Theach an Oireachtais.

- 8° Tig leis an Stát aontú leis na cinntí, leis na rialacháin nó leis na gníomhartha eile arna ndéanamh—
  - (i) faoin gConradh ar an Aontas Eorpach agus faoin gConradh ar Fheidhmiú an Aontais Eorpaigh á údarú do Chomhairle an Aontais Eorpaigh gníomhú ar shlí seachas d'aontoil,
  - (ii) faoi na conarthaí sin lena n-údaraítear an gnáthnós imeachta reachtach a ghlacadh, agus
  - (iii) faoi fhomhír (d) d'Airteagal 82.2, faoin tríú fomhír d'Airteagal 83.1 agus faoi mhíreanna 1 agus 4 d'Airteagal 86 den Chonradh ar Fheidhmiú an Aontais Eorpaigh, a bhaineann leis an limistéar saoirse, slándála agus ceartais,

ach beidh aontú le haon chinneadh, rialachán nó gníomh den sórt sin faoi réir ceadú a fháil roimh ré ó dhá Theach an Oireachtais.

- 9° Ní ghlacfaidh an Stát cinneadh arna dhéanamh ag an gComhairle Eorpach chun comhchosaint a bhunú de bhun Airteagal 42 den Chonradh ar an Aontas Eorpach i gcás go mbeadh an Stát san áireamh sa chomhchosaint sin.',
- (b) an téacs seo a leanas a scriosadh as an gcéad abairt d'fho-alt 3° d'alt 4 d'Airteagal 29 den Bhunreacht:

Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice, so annexed, including the option that the said Protocol No. 21 shall, in whole or in part, cease to apply to the State,

but any such exercise shall be subject to the prior approval of both Houses of the Oireachtas.

- 8° The State may agree to the decisions, regulations or other acts—
  - (i) under the Treaty on European Union and the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union authorising the Council of the European Union to act other than by unanimity,
  - (ii) under those treaties authorising the adoption of the ordinary legislative procedure, and
  - (iii) under subparagraph (d) of Article 82.2, the third subparagraph of Article 83.1 and paragraphs 1 and 4 of Article 86 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, relating to the area of freedom, security and justice,

but the agreement to any such decision, regulation or act shall be subject to the prior approval of both Houses of the Oireachtas.

- 9° The State shall not adopt a decision taken by the European Council to establish a common defence pursuant to Article 42 of the Treaty on European Union where that common defence would include the State.',
- (b) to delete the following text from the first sentence of subsection 3° of section 4 of Article 29 of the Constitution:

'den Chomhphobal Eorpach do Ghual agus Cruach (do bunuigheadh le Connradh do sínigheadh i bPáras an 18adh lá d'Aibreán, 1951), de Chomhphobal Eacnamaíochta na hEorpa (do bunuigheadh le Connradh do sínigheadh insan Róimh an 25adh lá de Mhárta, 1957) agus',

- (c) an dara habairt den fho-alt sin 3° a scriosadh, agus
- (d) fo-ailt 4°, 5°, 6°, 7°, 8°, 9°, 10° agus 11° d'alt 4 d'Airteagal 29 den Bhunreacht a scriosadh

MÁ THOILÍONN TÚ leis an togra, cuir X os coinne an fhocail TÁ ar an bpáipéar ballóide.

MURA dTOILÍONN TÚ leis an togra, cuir X os coinne an fhocail NÍL ar an bpáipéar ballóide.

Is féidir cóip den Bhille a iniúchadh nó a fháil saor in aisce in aon Phost-Oifig.

- 'the European Coal and Steel Community (established by Treaty signed at Paris on the 18th day of April, 1951), the European Economic Community (established by Treaty signed at Rome on the 25th day of March, 1957) and',
- (c) to delete the second sentence of the said subsection 3°, and
- (d) to delete subsections 4°, 5°, 6°, 7°, 8°, 9°, 10° and 11° of section 4 of Article 29 of the Constitution.

IF YOU APPROVE of the proposal, mark X opposite the word YES on the ballot paper.

IF YOU DO NOT APPROVE of the proposal, mark X opposite the word NO on the ballot paper.

A copy of the Bill can be inspected or obtained free of charge at any Post Office." *—Senator Donie Cassidy.* 

- Ráitis maidir leis na Tuarascálacha ón Eagraíocht um Chomhar agus Forbairt Eacnamaíochta agus ón gCiste Airgeadaíochta Idirnáisiúnta. Statements on OECD and IMF Reports.
- 6. An Bille Cuanta (Leasú) 2008 [*Bille Seanaid arna leasú ag an Dáil*] An Tuarascáil. Harbours (Amendment) Bill 2008 [*Seanad Bill amended by the Dáil*] — Report Stage
- 7. An Bille um Fhorbairtí Ilaonad 2009 An Coiste. Multi-Unit Developments Bill 2009 — Committee.
- **8.** An Bille um Nós Imeachta Coiriúil 2009 An Coiste. Criminal Procedure Bill 2009 — Committee.
- **9.** An Bille um Sheirbhísí Maoine (Rialáil) 2009 An Coiste. Property Services (Regulation) Bill 2009 — Committee.
- **10.** An Bille Cróinéirí 2007 An Coiste. Coroners Bill 2007 — Committee.

- Bille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2005 An Dara Céim. Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2005 — Second Stage. —Senators Joe O'Toole, Paul Coghlan, David Norris.
- 12. 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.
- 13. 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.
- 14. An Bille um Chosaint Tomhaltóirí (Leasú) 2008 An Dara Céim. Consumer Protection (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Second Stage. —Senators Brendan Ryan, Alex White, Dominic Hannigan, Michael McCarthy, Phil Prendergast.
- 15. 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.
- 16. 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.
- 17. An Bille chun Airm Úráiniam Laghdaithe a Thoirmeasc 2009 An Dara Céim. Prohibition of Depleted Uranium Weapons Bill 2009 — Second Stage. —Senators Dan Boyle, Déirdre de Búrca, Fiona O'Malley.

Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha): Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

18. 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):

- 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.

20. 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):

- **21.** 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:

**22.** 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 Príobháide- of Violation of Privacy; and to provide for acht a Shárú; agus do dhéanamh socrú i matters connected therewith. dtaobh nithe a bhaineann leis an méid sin.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for a Tort

-Senator Donie Cassidy.

23. An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2009 — Ordú don Dara Céim. Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2009 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú agus do leathnú an Achta um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2000, do leasú an Achta Iompair (Bonneagar Iarnróid) 2001, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend and extend the Planning and Development Act 2000, Transport (Railway to amend the Infrastructure) Act 2001, and to provide for related matters.

-Senator Donie Cassidy.

- 24. 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 Bill entitled an Act to amend the Seanad Toghcháin an tSeanaid (Rolla-Chomhaltaí) Electoral (Panel Members) Act 1947 in 1947 i ndáil le clárú maidir leis an rolla relation to registration in respect of the riaracháin. administrative panel.

-Senators Maurice Cummins, Frances Fitzgerald, Paul Coghlan.

**25.** 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):* 

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

*Tairiscintí: Motions*:

**28.** "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha dar teideal Cuairt Staidéir ar na Balcáin Thiar: An Chróit & 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 & Bosnia-Herzegovina — *EU Accession and a European Perspective*; which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 7 April, 2009."

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

**29.** "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 shaincheisteanna 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]

**30.** "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal '*Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 22: COM (2008) 721*  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 Regu-

— 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.

**31.** "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. lation 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]

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]

**32.** "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil maidir le tráchtaí 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.

**33.** "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachta 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 leanaí nó i dtaca le leanaí iad' a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 7 Bealtaine, 2009.

**34.** "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'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]

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]

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 cáilíochta', COM(2008)641, Tuarascáil Iniúchta which was laid before Seanad Éireann on AE Uimh. 4, a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 15 Bealtaine, 2009.

COM(2008)641, EU Scrutiny Report No. 4, 15 May, 2009."

> -Senator Donie Cassidy. [19 May, 2009]

35. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Chéad Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh dar teideal 'I dTreo Nialais — Béarfaidh Feithiclí Leictreacha Bua' a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 30 Aibreán, 2009.

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' which waslaid before Seanad Éireann on 30 April, 2009.".

> -Senator Donie Cassidy. [27 May, 2009]

36. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um an 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]

37. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí dar teideal 'An tArdleibhéal Féinmharaithe i Sochaí na hÉireann' a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 10 Meitheamh, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Health and Children entitled 'The High Level of Suicide in Irish Society' which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 10 June, 2009."

> -Senator Donie Cassidy. [11 June, 2009]

38. "Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um an Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 23: COM (2008) 887 — Togra le haghaidh Treorach lena leagtar síos an creat chun Córais Iompair Chliste a chur i ngníomh sa réimse arb é iompar ar bhóithre é agus le haghaidh comhéadan le modhanna iompair eile' a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 29 Bealtaine, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled 'EU Scrutiny Report No. 23: COM (2008) 887 — Proposal for a Directive laying down the framework for the deployment of Intelligent Transport Systems in the field of road transport and for interfaces with other transport modes" which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 29th May, 2009".

> -Senator Donie Cassidy. [16 June, 2009]

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

<sup>1. &</sup>quot;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]

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]

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]

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]

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]

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] 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]

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]

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]

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]

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."

[21 October, 2008]

- 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]

<sup>-</sup>Senators David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Shane Ross, Joe O'Toole, Rónán Mullen, Feargal Quinn.

—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]

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]

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, Senator Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen, Joe O'Toole. [25 November, 2008]

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]

- 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 Donohue, 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]

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]

<sup>24. &</sup>quot;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."

<sup>—</sup>Senator David Norris, Joe O'Toole, Ivana Bacik, Feargal Quinn, Rónán Mullen. [23 February, 2009]

- 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]

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 adhéanfar 50% de ghnó an tSeanaid trí mheán na Gaeilge."

—Senators Pearse Doherty, Joe O'Toole. [10 March, 2009]

- 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."
    —Senator 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]

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**]

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]

- *31.* "That Seanad Éireann acknowledging the results of the local and European elections condemns the Government for its failure;
  - to protect the most vulnerable in society;
  - to acknowledge the anger and frustration of the people of Ireland caused by the outcome of Government policy over the last decade; and
  - to outline the actions it proposes to protect the future of our economy and social policy.".

—Senators Liam Twomey, 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, Eugene Regan, Joe O'Toole.

[10 June, 2009]

32. "That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to include membership of any secretive religious organisations with campaigning or political briefs among items to be declared to the Standards in Public Office Commission.".

—Senators David Norris, Joe O'Toole, Ivana Bacik, Feargal Quinn, Alex White, Michael McCarthy, Dominic Hannigan.

[16 June, 2009]

*33.* "That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Arts, Sport and Tourism and the Minister for Education and Science to ensure that in the restructuring of the Dublin Institute of Technology the positive impact undertaken by D.I.T. Cathal Brugha Street should be neither obstructed nor minimised".

—Senators David Norris, Joe O'Toole, Ivana Bacik, Shane Ross, Feargal Quinn. [30 June, 2009]

[30 June, 2009]

**40.** An Seanad a chur ar athló. Adjournment of the Seanad.

BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL Seanad Bills with the Dáil

An Bille um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí (Leasú) 2007. Ethics in Public Office (Amendment) Bill 2007.

<sup>34. &</sup>quot;That Seanad Éireann, in light of the exorbitant fees being charged by Senior and Junior Counsel, calls on the Government to introduce a Maximum Fees Order, of not more than €969 per diem for Senior Counsel, and, €646 per diem for Junior Counsel (as decided by the Government in July 2004 in respect of Counsels fees for Tribunals of Inquiry)".

<sup>—</sup>Senators Jim Walsh, Mary White, Terry Leyden, Deirdre De Búrca, Mark Daly, Feargal Quinn, Lisa McDonald, Ivor Callely, Cecilia Keaveney, Eoghan Harris, Marc MacSharry.

An Bille Uchtála 2009. Adoption Bill 2009.

An Bille Rialtais Áitiúil (Muirir) 2009. Local Government (Charges) Bill 2009.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhorfheidhmiú Chomhaontú Aoine an Chéasta i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 11 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 11 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha, an Fochoiste um Chearta an Duine i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Sub-Committee on Human Rights in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 11.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 11.45 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 11.45 a.m.

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