

Déardaoin, 21 Eanáir, 2010
Thursday, 21st January, 2010

10.30 a.m.

RIAR NA hOIBRE

Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ

Public Business

1. Ráitis maidir le Fostaíocht agus Iomaíochas.
 Statements on Employment and Competitiveness.
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Tairiscint:

Motion:

2. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe nó na rogha faoi Phrótacal Uimh. 21 maidir le seasamh na Ríochta Aontaithe agus na hÉireann i dtaca leis an limistéar saoirse, slándála agus ceartais, atá i gceangal leis an gConradh ar an Aontas Eorpach agus leis an gConradh ar Fheidhmiú an Aontais Eorpaigh, a bheith páirteach i nglacadh an bhirt bheartaithe seo a leanas:

That Seanad Éireann approves the exercise by the State of the option or discretion under Protocol No. 21 on the position of the United Kingdom and Ireland in respect of the area of freedom, security and justice annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, to take part in the adoption of the following proposed measure:

togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir leis an mBuanchoiste ar chomhoibriú oibríochta maidir le slándáil inmheánach a bhunú,

a proposal for a Council Decision on setting up the Standing Committee on operational cooperation on internal security,

ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 14 Nollaig, 2009.

a copy of which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 14th December, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

3. (l) An Bille Meabhair-Shláinte (Bearta Ainneonacha) (Leasú) 2008 — An Coiste (*alt 1, atógáil*).
 (a) Mental Health (Involuntary Procedures) (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Committee (*section 1, resumed*).
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4. An Bille um Fhorbairtí Ilaonad 2009 — An Coiste.
 Multi-Unit Developments Bill 2009 — Committee.
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5. An Bille Cróinéirí 2007 — An Coiste.
Coroners Bill 2007 — Committee.
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6. An Bille um Sheirbhísí Maoine (Rialáil) 2009 — An Coiste.
Property Services (Regulation) Bill 2009 — Committee.
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7. 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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8. 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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9. 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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10. 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.*
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11. 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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12. 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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13. 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.*
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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.*
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Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

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

Presented:

- 16.** An Bille um Príobháideacht 2006 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Privacy Bill 2006 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le Tort arb éard é Príobháideacht a Shárú; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann leis an méid sin.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for a Tort of Violation of Privacy; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

- 17.** An Bille um Chúram Leanaí (Leasú) 2009 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2009 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú agus do leathnú an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991, do dhéanamh socrú breise i ndáil le cúram agus cosaint leanaí; do leasú Acht na Leanaí 2001 agus an Achta Sláinte 2007; do dhéanamh socrú chun Bord Comhairleach Achtanna na Leanaí a dhíscaoileadh agus chun a shócmhainní, a dhliteanais agus a fhostaithe a aistriú chuig an Aire Sláinte agus Leanaí; d'aisghairm Chuid 11 d'Acht na Leanaí 2001; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend and extend the Child Care Act 1991; to make further provision in relation to the care and protection of children; to amend the Children Act 2001 and the Health Act 2007; to provide for the dissolution of the Children Acts Advisory Board and the transfer of its assets, liabilities and employees to the Minister for Health and Children; to repeal Part 11 of the Children Act 2001; and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

- 18.** An Bille um Bunachais Pórúcháin Madraí 2009 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Dog Breeding Establishments Bill 2009 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do rialáil oibriú bunachais pórúcháin madraí; dá cheangal ar údarais áitiúla cláir de bhunachais pórúcháin madraí a bhunú agus a chothabháil; dá thoirmeasc bunachais pórúcháin madraí neamhchláraithe a oibriú; do leasú an Achta um Rialú Madraí 1986; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann leis an méid sin.

Bill entitled an Act to regulate the operation of dog breeding establishments; to require local authorities to establish and maintain registers of dog breeding establishments; to prohibit the operation of unregistered dog breeding establishments; to amend the Control of Dogs Act 1986; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

19. An Bille um Shábháilteacht Peitri Liam (Taiscéaladh agus Astarraingt) 2010 — Ordú don Dara Céim.

Petroleum (Exploration and Extraction) Safety Bill 2010 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta um Rialáil Leictreachais 1999; do thabhairt feidhmeanna don Choimisiún um Rialáil Leictreachais i leith gníomhaíochtaí áirithe peitri Liam de chuid gnóthas peitri Liam a rialáil maidir le sábháilteacht; do dhéanamh leasuithe iarmhartacha ar achtanna áirithe eile agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Electricity Regulation Act 1999; to confer functions on the Commission for Energy Regulation in respect of the regulation of certain petroleum activities of petroleum undertakings with regard to safety; to make consequential amendments to certain other acts and to provide for related matters.

—*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*).

23. 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*).

24. Ráitis maidir leis an mBuiséad 2010 (*atógáil*).

Statements on Budget 2010 (*resumed*).

Tairiscintí:
Motions:

25. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘*Tuarascáil Speisialta ar Reachtaíocht nua AE — 1 Eanáir go 30 Meitheamh, 2009*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 16 Deireadh Fómhair 2009.

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, 2009*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 16 October 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[21 October, 2009]

26. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh dar teideal ‘*Calaois Leasa Shóisialaigh*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 21 Deireadh Fómhair, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs entitled ‘*Social Welfare Fraud*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 21 October, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[21 October, 2009]

27. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan dar teideal “An Dara Tuarascáil — Rannpháirtíocht na mBan i gCúrsaí Polaitíochta”, a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 28 Deireadh Fómhair 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women’s Rights entitled “*Second Report — Women’s Participation in Politics*”, which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 28 October 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[29 October, 2009]

28. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Dara Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh dar teideal ‘*An Chúis ar son Dlí Athraithe Aeráide, mar aon le Príomhranna an Bhille*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 28 Deireadh Fómhair, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Second Report of the Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security entitled ‘*the Case for Climate Change Law, together with Heads of Bill*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 28 October, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[3 November, 2009]

29. “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.*
[11 November, 2009]

30. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascach agus Bia dar teideal ‘*Todhchaí na Feirmeoireachta agus an Iascaigh san Iarthar*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 10 Iúil, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food entitled ‘*The Future of Farming and Fishing in the West*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 10 July, 2009”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[11 November, 2009]

31. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tríú Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh dar teideal ‘Ag Freastal do Riachtanais Fuinnimh na hÉireann tar éis 2020’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 2ú Nollaig, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Third Report of the Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security entitled ‘Meeting Ireland’s Electricity Needs Post 2020’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 2nd December, 2009”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[4 December, 2009]

32. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an tOrdú seo a leanas ina dhréacht:

Na Rialacháin um an gCiste Rásaíochta Capall agus Con 2010,

Ordú ar leagadh cóip de ina dhréacht faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 15 Nollaig, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2010,

a copy of which Order in draft was laid before Seanad Éireann on 15th December, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[20 January, 2010]

33. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an tOrdú seo a leanas ina dhréacht:

An tOrdú Iascaigh (Ceadúnais Iascaigh Tráchtála) (Dleachtanna agus Táillí a Athrú) 2010,

ar leagadh cóipeanna de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 13 Eanáir 2010.

That Seanad Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

Fisheries (Commercial Fishing Licences) (Alteration of Duties and Fees) Order 2010,

copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 13 January 2010”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[20 January, 2010]

34. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil Iniúchta AE Uimh. 29: COM (2009) 499, 500, 501, 502 agus 503 — Dréachtphacáiste reachtach maidir le hathchóiriú ar chreat maoirseachta agus rialála airgeadais an AE’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 13 Eanáir, 2010.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘EU Scrutiny Report No. 29: COM (2009) 499, 500, 501, 502 and 503 — Draft legislative package on reforming the EU’s financial supervisory and regulatory framework’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 13th January 2010”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[20 January, 2010]

35. “Go ndéanann Seanad Éireann, de réir Airteagal 15.1.3^o den Bhunreacht, a chinneadh leis seo go bhféadfaidh an Comhchoiste ar an mBunreacht teacht le chéile i gColáiste na Tríonóide, Baile Átha Cliath an 2 Feabhra 2010 i dtaca lena phléití poiblí ar an gCóras Toghcháin.

That Seanad Éireann, in accordance with Article 15.1.3^o of the Constitution, hereby determines that the Joint Committee on the Constitution may meet in Trinity College Dublin on 2 February 2010 in connection with its public deliberations on the Electoral System.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

[21 January, 2010]

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

1. “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]

2. “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]

3. “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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4. “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.”

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

[23 February, 2009]

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5. “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]

6. “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]

7. “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]

8. “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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9. “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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10. “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, David Norris.*

[28 May, 2009]

11. “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]

12. “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]

13. “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).”.

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

[30 June, 2009]

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14. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to review as a matter of urgency the changes to state funding for Protestant, voluntary and Jewish schools in Budget 2009 as well as certain recommendations of the McCarthy Report in so far as they affect the Protestant voluntary and Jewish schools in order to avoid unintentional but serious discriminatory effects.”.

—*Senators David Norris, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen, Shane Ross, Feargal Quinn.*

[23 September, 2009]

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15. “That Seanad Éireann takes note of the Report of the UN Inquiry into War Crimes committed during the Israeli Invasion of Gaza in September 2008.”.

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

[23 September, 2009]

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16. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to give serious and detailed consideration to the proposal to move the Abbey Theatre to the GPO.”.

—*Senators David Norris, Donie Cassidy, Frances Fitzgerald, Paul Coghlan, Alex White, Pearse Doherty, Joe O’Toole, Eoghan Harris.*

[13 October, 2009]

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17. “That Seanad Éireann deplors the delay in implementing the recommendations of the Report on Seanad Reform and demands of Government that it do so immediately.”.

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

[21 October, 2009]

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18. “That Seanad Éireann,

- having regard to the urgency of the current economic situation and the need for positive leadership and for unity across all sectors of the community;
- recognising the crucial leadership role of the trade union movement;
- stressing the importance of protecting the most vulnerable members of our society in the budgetary decisions to be made over the coming weeks;
- mindful of the potentially damaging impact of protests and strikes in favour of sectoral interests on the consideration to be given to society’s more vulnerable members;

calls for the cancellation of the proposed public sector strike scheduled for 24th November so as to facilitate the best national effort in dealing with the current economic crisis.”.

—*Senators Rónán Mullen, Shane Ross, Feargal Quinn.*
[9 November, 2009]

19. “That Seanad Éireann concurs with the view of all 12 Republic of Ireland MEP’s in seeking that the EU suspend the negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement with Colombia until their Government respect Human and Trade Union Rights.”.

—*Senators Donie Cassidy, Joe O’Toole, Frances Fitzgerald, Alex White, Pearse Doherty, David Norris, Dan Boyle.*

[16 December, 2009]

20. “That Seanad Éireann sets up a special committee to investigate the origins and causes of the banking crisis.”.

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

[20 January, 2010]

21. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Government to introduce legislation aimed at regulating the sale of dangerous, non quality controlled and indeterminately compounded substances through so called ‘Head Shops’.”.

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

[20 January, 2010]

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

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

Dé Máirt, 26 Eanáir, 2010.
Tuesday, 26th January, 2010.

An Bille um Rialáil Cumarsáide (Seirbhísí Ardráta agus Bonneagar Cumarsáide Leictreonaí) 2009 [*Dáil*] — An Coiste.

Communications Regulation (Premium Rate Services and Electronic Communications Infrastructure) Bill 2009 [*Dáil*] — Committee.

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.

An Bille Uchtála 2009.
 Adoption Bill 2009.

An Bille Caidrimh Thionscail (Leasú) 2009.
Industrial Relations (Amendment) Bill 2009.

An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2009.
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2009.

An Bille um Nós Imeachta Coiriúil 2009.
Criminal Procedure Bill 2009.

MEMORANDA

Déardaoin, 21 Eanáir, 2010.
Thursday, 21st January, 2010.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 11.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 11.30 a.m.

Dé hAoine, 22 Eanáir, 2010.
Friday, 22nd January, 2010.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 11 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 11 a.m.

PÁIPÉIR A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID AN tSEANAID

Papers laid before the Seanad

Reachtúil:

Statutory:

1) Ráiteas Síntiús/Dearbhú Reachtúil ó iarrthóir nár éirigh leis, an Uas. John Francis Higgins, sa toghchán do Pharlaimint na hEorpa an 5 Meitheamh 2009, de bhun ailt 24(2)(a) agus 24(3) den Acht Toghcháin 1997, (arna leasú) agus Ráiteas faoi Chaiteachais Toghcháin/Dearbhú Reachtúil a fuarthas ó iarrthóir nár éirigh leis, an Uas. John Francis Higgins, sa toghchán do Pharlaimint na hEorpa an 5 Meitheamh 2009, de bhun ailt 36(1) agus 36(2) den Acht Toghcháin 1997, (arna leasú).

1) Donation Statement/Statutory Declaration of unsuccessful candidate, Mr. John Francis Higgins at the European Parliament election of 5 June 2009, pursuant to sections 24(2)(a) and 24(3) of the Electoral Act 1997, (as amended) and Election Expenses Statements/Statutory Declaration received from unsuccessful candidate, Mr. John Francis Higgins at the European Parliament election of 5 June 2009, pursuant to sections 36(1) and 36(2) of the Electoral Act 1997, (as amended).

2) An tOrdú Tobhaigh um an Acht Craolacháin 2009 (Alt 33) 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 7 de 2010).

2) Broadcasting Act 2009 (Section 33) Levy Order 2010 (S.I. No. 7 of 2010).

3) An Scéim um Orduithe Iarscaoilte (Srianta ar Ghníomhaíochtaí Áirithe) 2010 [Dréacht].

3) Post-Release (Restrictions on Certain Activities) Orders Scheme 2010 [Draft].

4) An tÚdarás Comhionannais. Ráitis Airgeadais don bhliain dar chríoch 31 Nollaig, 2008.

4) Equality Authority. Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December, 2008.

- 5) Bord Leigheasra na hÉireann. Ráitis Airgeadais don bhliain dar chríoch 31 Nollaig, 2008 mar aon le Tuarascáil an Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste.
- 5) Irish Medicines Board. Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December, 2008 together with Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General.
- 6) Na hAchtanna Aturnaetha 1954 go 2008. Na Rialacháin Aturnaetha (Deimhniú Cleachta 2010) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 510 de 2010).
- 6) The Solicitors Acts 1954 to 2008 Solicitors (Practising Certificate 2010) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 510 of 2009).
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