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Order Paper

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Tairiscinti: Motions:

1. "Go ndéanfar an togra go molann Seanad Éireann an tUasal Seán Ó Cuirreáin lena athcheapadh ag an Uachtarán mar an Coimisinéir Teanga, a tharchur chuig an Comhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta. Pobail. Tuaithe Gaeltachta de réir mhír (1) (Seanad) d'Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin, agus déanfaidh an Coiste sin, tráth nach déanaí ná an 18 Feabhra, 2010, teachtaireacht a chur chuig an Seanad ar an modh a fhorordaítear i mBuan-Ordú 72, agus go mbeidh feidhm ag Buan-Ordú 74(2) dá réir sin.

That the proposal that Seanad Éireann recommends Mr. Seán Ó Cuirreáin for re-appointment by the President to be an Coimisinéir Teanga, be referred to the Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in accordance with paragraph (1) (Seanad) of the Orders of Reference of that Committee, which, not later than 18th February, 2010, shall send a message to the Seanad in the manner prescribed in Standing Order 72, and Standing Order 74(2) shall accordingly apply.".

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

2. "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.

Tíolactha: Presented:

3. 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

Bill entitled an Act to amend and extend leathnú an Achta um Chúram Leanaí 1991, the Child Care Act 1991; to make further 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.

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.

- **4.** An Bille um Bunachais Pórúcháin Madraí 2009 An Dara Céim (atógáil). Dog Breeding Establishments Bill 2009 — Second Stage (resumed). 5. Raitis maidir le rialáil a dhéanamh ar dhíol substaintí contúirteacha trí Head Shops. Statements regarding the regulation of the sale of dangerous substances through Head Shops. 6. (1) An Bille um Shábháilteacht Peitriliam (Taiscéaladh agus Astarraingt) 2010 — An Coiste. (a) Petroleum (Exploration and Extraction) Safety Bill 2010 — Committee. 7. (1) 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). 8. An Bille um Fhorbairtí Ilaonad 2009 — An Coiste. Multi-Unit Developments Bill 2009 — Committee. 9. An Bille Cróinéirí 2007 — An Coiste. Coroners Bill 2007 — Committee. 10. An Bille um Sheirbhísí Maoine (Rialáil) 2009 — An Coiste. Property Services (Regulation) Bill 2009 — Committee.
- 11. 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.

3. 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.					
4. 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.					
5. 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):					
19. 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.					
Tíolactha: Presented:					
20. 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.					

21. An Bille um an Dlí Coiriúil (Gealtacht) 2010 — Ordú don Dara Céim. Criminal Law (Insanity) Bill 2010 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta um an Dlí Coiriúil (Gealtacht) 2006; do leasú an Achta Cosanta 1954; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara. Bill entitled an Act to amend the Criminal Law (Insanity) Act 2006; to amend the Defence Act 1954; and to provide for related matters.

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

22. An Bille Fuinnimh (Oibleagáid Bhithbhreosla agus Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2010 — Ordú don Dara Céim.

Energy (Biofuel Obligation and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2010 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh úsáid bhithbhreosla a chur chun cinn tuilleadh sa Stát agus chun na críche sin do dhéanamh socrú maidir le soláthar méadaithe bithbhreosla sa Stát oibleagáid bhithbhreosla lena gceanglaítear gur bithbhreosla méid sonraithe breosla le haghaidh iompair ar bhóithre; d'fhorchur tobhaigh ar dhiúscairtí iomchuí bithbhreosla: do thabhairt feidhmeanna breise don Ghníomhaireacht Chúltaca Ola Náisiúnta chun an oibleagáid bhithbhreosla riaradh; thabhairt do éifeacht d'fhorálacha áirithe de Threoir 2009/28/CE an 23 Aibreán 2009 ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le húsáid fuinnimh ó fhoinsí in-athnuaite a chur chun cinn agus lena leasaítear agus lena n-aisghairtear, dá éis sin, Treoracha 2001/77/CE agus 2003/30/CE; do leasú agus leathnú Achta do an um nGníomhaireacht Chúltaca Ola Náisiúnta 2007; do leasú an Achta um Breoslaí (Soláthairtí a Rialú) 1971, an Achta um Rialáil Leictreachais 1999 agus an Achta Fuinnimh (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2006 agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to further promote the use of biofuel in the State and for that purpose to provide for the increased supply of biofuel in the State by means of a biofuel obligation requiring that a specified amount of road transport fuel is biofuel; to impose a levy on relevant disposals of biofuel; to confer additional functions on the National Oil Reserves Agency to administer the biofuel obligation; to give effect to certain provisions of Directive 2009/28/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 April 2009 on the promotion of the use of energy from renewable sources and amending and subsequently repealing Directives 2001/77/EC and 2003/30/EC; to amend and extend the National Oil Reserves Agency Act 2007; to amend the Fuels (Control of Supplies) Act 1971, the Electricity Regulation Act 1999 and the Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2006 and to provide for related matters.

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

23. 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.

24.	. An Bille um Fhorais Chultúir Náisiúnta (Leas	sú) 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):

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

26. 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*).

27. Ráitis maidir leis an mBuiséad 2010 (*atógáil*). Statements on Budget 2010 (*resumed*).

Tairiscintí:

Motions:

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:

That Seanad Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

Na Rialacháin um an gCiste Rásaíochta Capall agus Con 2010, Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund Regulations 2010,

Ordú ar leagadh cóip de ina dhréacht faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 15 Nollaig, 2009. a copy of which Order in draft was laid before Seanad Éireann on 15th December, 2009."

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

33. "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 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]

34. "Go molann Seanad Éireann An tUasal Seán Ó Cuirreáin lena athcheapadh ag an Uachtarán le bheith mar an Coimisinéir Teanga.

who have also supported this move.".

That Seanad Éireann recommends Mr Seán Ó Cuirreáin for re-appointment by the President to be an Coimisinéir Teanga.

—Senator Donie Cassidy.

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

1. "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

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

[10 February, 2009]

2. "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]

3. "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]

4. "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]

5. "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]

6. "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]

7. "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.
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8. "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]

- 9. "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]

- 10. "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]

- 11. "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]

- 12. "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]

- 13. "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]
- 14. "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]

- 15. "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]

- 16. "That Seanad Éireann deplores 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]

17. "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]

- 18. "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]

- 19. "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]

20. "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]

21. "That Seanad Éireann:

- notes the swift response and work of local authority workers during the cold weather emergency;
- condemns Government for its slow national response to the recent weather crisis;
- is concerned that no national co-ordination plan for severe weather emergencies is in place to co-ordinate local plans at a national level;
- recognises the social and economic hardship caused by water restrictions and by local transport network disruptions;
- recognises that an inefficient, outdated and fragmented water network has contributed to water problems across the State;
- notes with concern that on average 43% of Ireland's treated water supply was lost through unidentified leaks before the recent severe cold weather;
- notes the refusal of the Government to put additional financial measures in place to address severely damaged local and regional roads;
- recognises that the 32% cut in the regional and local road upkeep budget implemented by the Department of Transport last year compounded damage caused by cold weather;

and calls on Government to:

- establish a single water semi state utility company to take over responsibility for water investment and management on a national basis;
- reallocate future water funding from the exchequer to prioritise water conservation;
- examine all engineering resources of the State to ensure a rapid remedy to widespread burst water mains;
- develop and test as a matter of priority a national severe weather emergency plan that outlines the actions to be taken by Government and its agencies; and
- provide additional funding for the restoration of severely damaged local and regional roads for reasons of road safety and to minimise costly reconstruction costs caused by further deterioration.".
- —Senators Paudie Coffey, Frances Fitzgerald, Paul Bradford, Paddy Burke, Jerry Buttimer, Ciaran Cannon, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Paschal Donohoe, Fidelma Healy-Eames, Nicky McFadden, Joe O'Reilly, John Paul Phelan, Eugene Regan, Liam Twomey.

36. 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.

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

Dé Máirt, 2 February, 2010. Tuesday, 2 Feabhra, 2010.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste ar an mBunreacht i Halla na Scrúduithe, Coláiste na Tríonóide, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitution in the Examination Hall, Trinity College, Dublin, at 9.30 a.m.

P.T.O.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste ar an mBunreacht i Seomra Coiste 2, TL 2000, ar 9.30 a.m. Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitution in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascaigh agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 11.30 a.m. (Príobháideach).

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 11.30 a.m. (Private).

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 2 p.m. Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 2 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontair, Trádáil agus Fostaíocht i Seomra Coiste 1, TL 2000, ar 2. p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise, Trade and Employment in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, at 2 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Rialála Geilleagair i Seomra Coiste 2, TL 2000, ar 3 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Economic Regulatory Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 3 p.m.

> Dé Céadaoin, 3 February, 2010. Wednesday, 3 Feabhra, 2010.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Sóisialacha agus Teaghlaigh i Seomra Coiste 2, TL 2000, ar 11 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Social and Family Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 11 a.m.

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

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

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta i Seomra Coiste 1, TL 2000, ar 12.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, at 12.30 p.m

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chomhshaol, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 2 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh leis an gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha i Seomra Coiste 1 ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security with the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in Committee Room 1 at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste Riaracháin i Seomra Coiste 1, TL 2000, ar 5 p.m. Meeting of the Joint Administration Committee in Committee Room 1, LH 2000, at 5 p.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um an Leasú Bunreachta maidir le Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL 2000, ar 5 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment on Children in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 5 p.m.

> Deardaoin, 4 Feabhra, 2010. Thursday, 4th February, 2010.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Iascach agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 11 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 11 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ag 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 11.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhorfheidhmiú Chomhaontú Aoine an Chéasta i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 11.30 a.m.

PÁIPÉIR A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID AN tSEANAID

Papers laid before the Seanad

Reachtúil:

Statutory:

- 1) An tOrdú um an Acht Luachála 2001 1) Valuation Act 2001 (Fingal County (Comhairle Chontae Fhine Gall) (Teorannú Rátaí) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 587 de 2009).
 - Council) (Rate Limitation) Order 2009 (S.I. No. 587 of 2009).
- 2) An Ciste Árachais Shóisialaigh. Cuntais, 2008 mar aon leis an Tuarascáil ón Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste orthu.
- 2) Social Insurance Fund. Accounts, 2008 together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
- Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle maidir le síniú comhaontaithe comhpháirtíochta shaorálaigh idir an
- 3) Proposal for a Council Decision on the signing of a voluntary partnership agreement between the European Union

- tAontas Eorpach agus Poblacht an Chongó i ndáil le forfheidhmiú dlí foraoiseachta, rialachas agus trádáil in adhmad agus táirgí a bhaintear as chuig an Aontas Eorpach (FLEGT) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 679.
- 4) Coiste an Asgard. Tuarascáil na Stiúrthóirí agus Ráitis Airgeadais, 2008 mar aon leis an Tuarascáil ón Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste orthu.
- 5) An Bord Altranais. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2008.
- 6) Togra le haghaidh cinnidh ón gComhairle i dtaca le críochnú Prótacail Bhreise a ghabhann leis an gComhaontú Eora-Mheánmhara lena mbunaítear Comhlachas idir na Comhphobail Eorpacha agus a gcuid Ballstát, agus Stát Iosrael maidir le Comhaontú idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus Stát Iosrael maidir le Measúnacht Chomhréireachta agus Táirgí Tionscail a Ghlacadh (ACAA) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 559.
- Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh gComhairle maidir leis an gComhaontú idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus Rialtas Oileáin Fharó le haghaidh Comhair Eolaíochta agus Teicneolaíochta a shíniú thar ceann an Chomhphobail Eorpaigh agus a chur chun feidhme go sealadach, ar comhaontú é lena gcomhlachaítear Oileáin Fharó le Seachtú Creatchlár Chomhphobail Eorpaigh le haghaidh Taighde, Forbartha Teicneolaíochta agus Gníomhaíochtaí Taispeántais (2007-2013) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 565.
- Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh gComhairle maidir leis an gComhaontú idir an Comhphobal Eorpach agus Rialtas Fharó le haghaidh comhair Oileáin eolaíochta teicneolaíochta, agus gcomhlachaítear Oileáin Fharó le Seachtú Creatchlár an Chomhphobail Eorpaigh le haghaidh Taighde, Forbartha Teicneolaíochta agus Gníomhaíochtaí Taispeántais (2007-2013) a chríochnú thar ceann an Chomhphobail Eorpaigh mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 566.
- 9) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ón gComhairle lena gcuirtear i ngníomh an Creat-Chomhaontú maidir le cosc ar dhíobhálacha géara san earnáil ospidéal

- and the Republic of the Congo on forest law enforcement, governance and trade in timber and derived products to the European Union (FLEGT) together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 679.
- 4) Coiste an Asgard. Directors' Report and Financial Statements, 2008 together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.
- 5) An Bord Altranais. Annual Report, 2008.
- 6) Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion of an additional Protocol to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, and the State of Israel on an Agreement between the European Community and the state of Israel on Conformity Assessment and Acceptance of Industrial Products (ACAA) together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 559.
- 7) Proposal for a Council Decision on the signature, on behalf of the European Community, and provisional application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Faroes on Scientific and Technological Cooperation, associating the Faroe Islands to the European Community's Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013) together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 565.
- 8) Proposal for a Council Decision on the conclusion on behalf of the European Community of the Agreement between the European Community and the Government of the Faroes on scientific and technological cooperation, associating the Faroe Islands to the European Community's Seventh Framework Programme for Research, Technological Development and Demonstration Activities (2007-2013) together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 566.
- 9) Proposal for a Council Directive implementing the Framework Agreement on prevention from sharp injuries in the hospital and healthcare sector concluded by

- agus an cúraim sláinte a chríochnaigh HOSPEEM agus EPSU mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 577.
- 10) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1085/2006 an 17 Iúil, 2006, ón gComhairle, lena mbunaítear Ionstraim i gcomhair Cúnaimh Réamh-Aontachais (ICR), mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 588.
- 11) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le heagrú Chiste Coigeartaithe Forchríochaithe na hEorpa, mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 602.
- 12) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le rannpháirtíocht an Chomhphobail i gComhchlár Taighde agus Forbartha de chuid Mhuir Bhailt arna ghabháíl de láimh ag Ballsáit éagsúla mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 610.
- 13) Páipéar Uaine: Idircheangal clár gnó mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.
- 14) Togra le haghaidh Cinnidh ón gComhairle lena n-aisghairtear Cinneadh 2009/472/CE an 6 Aibreán 2009 maidir lena ar lean an nós imeachta comhchomhairliúcháin le Poblacht Ioslamach na Máratáine faoi Airteagal 96 de Chomhaontú Comhpháirtíochta ACC-CE, mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2009) 670.
- 15) Dréacht-Chinneadh ón gComhairle ar chríochnú an Chomhaontaithe idir an tAontas Eorpach agus an Íoslainn agus an Iorua maidir le feidhmiú forálacha áirithe Chinneadh 2008/615/JHA gComhairle ar chomhar trasteorann a ghéarú, gο háirithe ndáil le sceimhlitheoireacht agus coireacht trasteorann a chomhrac, agus de Chinneadh 2008/616/JHA on gComhairle maidir le cur chun feidhme Chinneadh 2088/615/ JHA ar chomhar trasteorann a ghéarú, go háirithe i ndáil lesceimhlitheoireacht agus coireacht trasteorann a chomhrac, agus Iarscríbhinn a ghabhann leis sin, mar aon le míniúcháin. Cinneadh faisnéise 5820/10 ón gComhairle.

- HOSPEEM and EPSU together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 577.
- 10) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EC) No. 1085/2006 of 17 July 2006 establishing an Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 588.
- 11) Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the mobilisation of the European Globalisation Adjustment Fund together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 602.
- 12) Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on the participation by the Community in a Joint Baltic Sea Research and Development Programme (BONUS-169) undertaken by several Member States together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 610.
- 13) Green Paper: The interconnection of business registers together with explanatory information note.
- 14) Proposal for a Council Decision repealing Decision 2009/472/EC of 6 April 2009 and concerning the follow-up to the consultation procedure with the Islamic Republic of Mauritania under Article 96 of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement together with explanatory information note. COM (2009) 670.
- 15) Draft Council Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Union and Iceland and Norway on the application of certain provisions of Council Decision 2008/615/JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime and Council Decision 2008/616/JHA on the implementation of Decision 2008/615/JHA on the stepping up of cross-border cooperation, particularly in combating terrorism and cross-border crime, and the Annex thereto together with explanatory information note. Council Document 5280/10.

16) Comhaontú Údarúcháin ALS (AAU) (An Ciste Carbóin Glas) idir Éire agus an Banc Eorpach le haghaidh Athchóiriú agus Forbairt maidir le rannpháirtíocht ag Éirinn sa Chiste Iltaobhach um Chreidmheas Carbóin (An Ciste Carbóin Glas).

Neamhreachtúil:

- 1) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach. Tuarascáil maidir le Doiciméid a breithníodh ag an 53ú Cruinniú an 12 Eanáir, 2009.
- 2) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Fógra a thabhairt i dtaobh Ciaróg Coirceoige Bige agus Fíneog Tropilaelaps) 2009 (I.R. Uimh. 589 de 2009).
- 3) An Comhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach. Clár Oibre, 2010.

16) AAU Authorization Agreement (Green Carbon Fund) among Ireland and European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in respect of Ireland's participation in the Multilateral Carbon Credit Fund (Green Carbon Fund).

Non-Statutory:

- 1) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on European Scrutiny. Report on Documents considered at 53rd Meeting on 12 January, 2010.
- 2) European Communities (Notification of Small Hive Beetle and Tropilaelaps Mite) Regulations 2009 (S.I. No. 589 of 2009).
- 3) Joint Committee on European Scrutiny. Work Programme, 2010.