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Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ
Public Business

1. (l) An Bille um Páirtnéireacht Shibhialta agus um Chearta agus Oibleagáidí Áirithe de Chuid Comhchónaitheoirí 2009 *athraithe ó An Bille um Páirtnéireacht Shibhialta 2009 [Dáil] — An Coiste (atógáil) (leasú 14 atógáil)*.
(a) Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Bill 2009 *changed from Civil Partnership Bill 2009 [Dáil] — Committee (resumed) (amendment 14 resumed)*.
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Tairiscintí:
Motions:

2. “Go n-iarrann Seanad Éireann ar an gComhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí, na Tuarascálacha seo a leanas a bhreithniú:

That Seanad Éireann requests the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service, to consider the following Reports:

— ‘Géarchéim Baincéireachta na hÉireann: Beartas Rialála agus Cobhsaíochta Airgeadais 2003-2008’ le Gobharnóir an Bhainc Ceannais, agus

— ‘The Irish Banking Crisis: Regulatory and Financial Stability Policy 2003-2008’, by the Governor of the Central Bank, and

— ‘Réamhthuarascáil maidir le Foinsí Ghéarchéim Baincéireachta na hÉireann’, le Klaus Regling agus Max Watson,

— ‘A Preliminary Report on the Sources of Ireland’s Banking Crisis’, by Klaus Regling and Max Watson,

a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 9 Meitheamh, 2010; agus

which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 9th June, 2010; and

agus na tograí AE atá ag teacht chun cinn i ndáil le rialachas fíoscach agus eacnamaíoch á gcur i gcuntas, a phléití a thabhairt chun críche faoin 30 Deireadh Fómhair, 2010 agus a fhionnachtana agus a thátail a fhoilsiú agus a thuairisciú do Sheanad Éireann tráth nach déanaí ná an 4 Samhain, 2010 maidir leis na croícheachtanna beartais seo a leanas i ndáil le bainistiú maicreacnamaíoch a leagtar amach sa tuarascáil le Klaus Regling agus Max Watson:

taking account of the emerging EU proposals relating to fiscal and economic governance, to conclude its deliberations by 30th October, 2010 and to publish and report back to Seanad Éireann its findings and conclusions no later than 4th November, 2010 on the following key policy lessons in relation to macroeconomic management set out in the report by Klaus Regling and Max Watson:

- ról an bhainistithe agus an fhaireacháin mhaicreacnamaíoch chun inmharthanacht fhadtéarma fheidhmíocht eacnamaíochta na hÉireann a áirithiú agus freisin chun freagairt go tráthúil do phriacail agus do neamhchomharduithe a d'fhéadfadh teacht chun cinn in earnálacha príobháideacha agus poiblí an gheilleagair, lena n-áirítear neamhchomharduithe seachtracha vis--vis Ballstáit eile limistéar an Euro agus maoiniú aon neamhchomharduithe a d'fhéadfadh teacht chun cinn;
- ról an bheartais fhioscaigh chun a áirithiú go ndéantar an timthriall gnó náisiúnta a ailíniú go cuí le dálaí airgeadaíochta sa gheilleagar;
- an ceanglas go gcuirfear cineál timthriallach ioncam áirithe chomh maith lena chineál sealadach in imthosca áirithe i gcuntas le linn beartais bhuiséadacha agus chána-chais a dheardh agus a sheoladh d'fhonn bonn cánach cuí agus éifeachtach a chothabháil; agus
- an chúis ar son struchtúir institiúideacha nua a bhunú chun bailíochtú neamhspleách réamh-mheastachán eacnamaíoch agus fioscach a sholáthar agus chun rialacha fioscacha meántearma baile a thabhairt isteach.
- the role of macroeconomic management and surveillance in securing the long-term sustainability of Ireland's economic performance and also in responding on a timely basis to risks and imbalances that may build-up in both the private and the public sectors of the economy, including external imbalances vis--vis other Euro area members and the funding of any imbalances that might arise;
- the role of fiscal policy in securing an appropriate alignment of the national business cycle with monetary conditions in the economy;
- the requirement for the design and conduct of budgetary and taxation policies to take account of the cyclical nature of particular revenues as well as their temporary nature in certain circumstances in order to maintain an appropriate and effective tax base; and
- the case for the establishment of new institutional structures to provide an independent validation of economic and fiscal projections as well as for the introduction of domestic medium-term fiscal rules."

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

3. "Go ndéanann Seanad Éireann:

That Seanad Éireann:

- ag féachaint don údar suntasach inmí poiblí arb é raon agus costas na mbeart ab éigean a ghlacadh chun earnáil bhaincéireachta na hÉireann a chobhsú;
- á thabhairt dá haire moltaí na dTuarascálacha 'Géarchéim Baincéireachta na hÉireann — Beartas Rialála agus Cobhsaíochta Airgeadais 2003-2008', le Gobharnóir an Bhainc Ceannais, agus 'Réamhthuarascáil maidir le Foinsí
- having regard to the significant public concern about the scope and cost of measures that have been necessary to stabilise the Irish banking sector;
- noting the recommendations of the Reports, 'The Irish Banking Crisis: Regulatory and Financial Stability Policy 2003-2008', by the Governor of the Central Bank, and 'A Preliminary Report on The Sources of Ireland's Banking Crisis', by Klaus

Ghéarchéim Baincéireachta na hÉireann', le Klaus Regling agus Max Watson, a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 9 Meitheamh, 2010;

Regling and Max Watson, which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 9th June, 2010;

- á thabhairt dá haire Cinneadh an Rialtais an 9 Meitheamh, 2010 lenar tarchuireadh na Tuarascálacha sin chuig an gComhchoiste Oireachtais um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí chun go ndéanfaidh sé breithniú orthu agus ionchur a thabhairt in ullmhú Téarmaí Tagartha do Choimisiún Imscrúdúcháin;
- á thabhairt dá haire go nglacann an Rialtas leis na seacht groícheacht beartais a leagtar amach i gCuid IV den Tuarascáil le Klaus Regling agus Max Watson agus leis an moladh chun na ceachtanna beartais mhaicreacnamaíochta ag éirí as na Tuarascálacha a tharchur chuig an gComhchoiste Oireachtais um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí chun tuilleadh breithnithe a dhéanamh ina dtaobh;
- á thabhairt dá haire gurb é tuairim an Aire Airgeadais gur trí Choimisiún Imscrúdúcháin is fearr a dhéanfar imscrúdú breise ar fhaillíocha tromchúiseacha sonracha i leith foras creidmheasa sonraithe;
- á thabhairt dá haire thairis sin go ndearnadh dréacht-Ordú a bheartaíonn an Rialtas a dhéanamh faoin Acht um Choimisiún Imscrúdúcháin 2004 (Uimh. 23 de 2004) a leagan go cuí faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann i leith na nithe sin roimhe seo dá dtagraítear, mar aon le ráiteas ar na cúiseanna le Coimisiún a bhunú faoin Acht;
- noting the Government Decision of 9th June, 2010 referring these Reports to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance and the Public Service for its consideration and input into the preparation of the Terms of Reference for a Commission of Investigation;
- noting the acceptance by the Government of the seven key policy lessons outlined in Part IV of the Report by Klaus Regling and Max Watson and the proposal to refer for further consideration by the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Finance and the Public Service the macro-economic policy lessons arising from the Reports;
- noting that it is the opinion of the Minister for Finance that a Commission of Investigation represents the best method of further investigation of specific serious lapses in respect of specified credit institutions;
- further noting that a draft Order proposed to be made by the Government under the Commissions of Investigation Act 2004 (No. 23 of 2004) has been duly laid before Seanad Éireann in respect of the foregoing matters referred to, together with a statement of reasons for establishing the Commission under the Act;

an dréacht-Ordú um Choimisiún Imscrúdúcháin (an Earnáil Bhaincéireachta) 2010 a cheadú.

approves the draft Commission of Investigation (Banking Sector) Order 2010.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

4. An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú) 2009 [*Bille Seanaid arna leasú ag an Dáil*] — An Tuarascáil.
Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2009 [*Seanad Bill amended by the Dáil*]
— Report Stage.
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5. An Bille Ombudsman (Leasú) 2008 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.
Ombudsman (Amendment) Bill 2008 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.
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6. An Bille Cróinéirí 2007 — An Coiste.
Coroners Bill 2007 — Committee.
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7. An Bille Cumarsáide (Sonraí a Choimeád) 2009 [*Dáil*] — An Coiste.
Communications (Retention of Data) Bill 2009 [*Dáil*] — Committee.
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8. An Bille chun Airm Úráiniam Laghdaithe a Thoirmeasc 2009 — An Coiste.
Prohibition of Depleted Uranium Weapons Bill 2009 — Committee.
—*Senators Dan Boyle, Fiona O'Malley.*
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9. Bille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2005 — An Dara Céim.
Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2005 — Second Stage.
—*Senators Joe O'Toole, Paul Coghlan, David Norris.*
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10. An Bille um Chosaint Coigiltis Comhair Creidmheasa 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Credit Union Savings Protection Bill 2008 — Second Stage.
—*Senators Joe O'Toole, David Norris, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross, Ivana Bacik, Rónán Mullen.*
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11. An Bille um Chumas Meabhreach 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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12. An Bille um Chosaint Tomhaltóirí (Leasú) 2008 — An Dara Céim.
Consumer Protection (Amendment) Bill 2008 — Second Stage.
—*Senators Brendan Ryan, Alex White, Dominic Hannigan, Michael McCarthy, Phil Prendergast.*
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13. An Bille um Dhlíteanas 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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14. An Bille um Fhorais Chreidmheasa (Tacaíocht Airgeadais) (Leasú) 2009 — An Dara Céim.
Credit Institutions (Financial Support) (Amendment) Bill 2009 — Second Stage.
—*Senators Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Frances Fitzgerald.*
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Bille (atógáil) (0.03 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (0.03 m. remaining):

- 15.** 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):

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

- 17.** (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*).

—*Senator Dan Boyle.*

- 18.** An Bille um Chiorrú Ball Giniúna Baineann 2010 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Female Genital Mutilation Bill 2010 — Second Stage (*resumed*).
—*Senator Ivana Bacik.*

- 19.** An Bille um Chonarthaí Foirgníochta 2010 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Construction Contracts Bill 2010 — 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.** 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.*

- 22.** 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.*

- 23.** An Bille um Réamhchinntí Cúraim Sláinte 2010 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Advance Healthcare Decisions Bill 2010 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le daoine inniúla do dhéanamh cinntí roimh ré maidir le cóireáil liachta d'fhonn go ndéanfaí socrú dá éis sin, de bharr na gcinntí sin, maidir le cúram a sholáthar nó a choinneáil siar tráth nach mbeidh an duine inniúil chun cinntí maidir le cóireáil a dhéanamh; do leasú an Achta um Chumhachtaí Aturnae 1996 chun a cheadú d'aturnaetha, faoin Acht sin, cinntí maidir le cóireáil cúraim sláinte a dhéanamh; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe comhghaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the making of medical treatment decisions in advance by competent persons with the intention of those decisions subsequently providing for the provision or withholding of care at a time when the person loses competence to make treatment decisions; to amend the Powers of Attorney Act 1996 to allow for attorneys under that Act to take healthcare treatment decisions; and to provide for connected matters.

—*Senator Liam Twomey.*

- 24.** An Bille um Rialáil Leapacha Gréine 2010 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Sunbeds Regulation Bill 2010 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do rialáil úsáid feistí donnúcháin ina n-úsáidtear radaíocht ultraivialait shaorga; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe comhghaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to regulate the use of tanning devices that use artificial ultraviolet radiation; and to provide for connected matters.

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

- 25.** An Bille Staidrimh (Leasú i leith Oidhreachta) 2010 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Statistics (Heritage Amendment) Bill 2010 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta Staidrimh 1993, i ndáil leis an gcéad daonáireamh ar Éirinn a rinneadh ó bunaíodh an Stát; do thabhairt stádas oidhreachta don daonáireamh sin agus do chur faoi deara é a chur ar fáil don phobal le haghaidh taighde ginealais, staire agus taighde eile.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Statistics Act 1993, in relation to the first census of population of Ireland taken since the establishment of the State; to afford that census a special heritage status and to have such released to the public for genealogical, historical and other research.

—*Senator Labhrás Ó Murchú.*

Tugadh Isteach:

Introduced:

- 26.** An Bille um Chosaint Sceithirí (Uimh. 2) 2010 — An Chéad Chéim.
Whistleblowers Protection (No. 2) Bill 2010 — First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do thabhairt cosanta ar dhliteanas sibhialta nó ar phionósú d'fhostaithe a dhéanann nochtadh cosanta áirithe i ndáil le gnóthaí a bhfostóirí agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide protection from civil liability or penalisation to employees who make certain protected disclosures in relation to the affairs of their employers and to provide for related matters.

—*Senators Dominic Hannigan, Brendan Ryan, Alex White, Michael McCarthy, Phil Prendergast, Ivana Bacik.*

Ráitis (atógáil):

Statements (resumed):

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

- 28.** 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*).

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

- 30.** Ráitis maidir le Poist a Chruthú (*atógáil*).
Statements on Job Creation (*resumed*).

- 31.** Ráitis maidir le soláthar Seirbhísí Sláinte ag Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte (*atógáil*).

Statements on the provision of Health Services by the HSE (*resumed*).

Tairiscintí:

Motions:

32. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha dar teideal, ‘Tuarascáil ar Thairiscint maidir le Comhaontú Comhlachais AE/Iosrael’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 28 Eanáir, 2009.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Affairs, entitled ‘Report on a Motion regarding the EU/Israel Association Agreement’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 28 January, 2009.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

[20 April, 2010]

33. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach dar teideal ‘An Seachtú Tuarascáil Bhliantúil ar oibriú Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh (Grinnscrúdú) 2002’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 13 Bealtaine, 2010.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny entitled ‘Seventh Annual Report on the operation of the European Union (Scrutiny) Act 2002’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 13th May, 2010.”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[19 May, 2010]

34. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Oideachais agus Eolaíochta dar teideal ‘*Fanacht san Oideachas: Bealach Nua Chun Tosaigh*’ a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 25 Bealtaine, 2010.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Education and Science entitled ‘*Staying in Education: A New Way Forward*’ which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 25 May, 2010.”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[26 May, 2010]

35. “Go nglacann Seanad Éireann an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha agus ón gComhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach maidir leis an Athbhreithniú ar Ról an Oireachtais i nGnóthaí Eorpacha (Tuarascáil ón gComh-Fhochoiste), ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 7 Iúil, 2010.

That Seanad Éireann adopts the Report of the Joint Committee on European Affairs and the Joint Committee on European Scrutiny on the Review of the Role of the Oireachtas in European Affairs (Report of the Joint sub-Committee), copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 7th July, 2010.”

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*
[7 July, 2010]

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

1. “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]

2. “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]

3. “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]

4. “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]

5. “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]

6. “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]

7. “That Seanad Éireann:

recognising:

- tourism revenue dropped by €1.1bn in 2009 to €5.2bn, its lowest level since 2004;
- overseas visitor numbers fell by close to one million in 2009 compared to 2008;
- Ireland’s largest tourism market, the United Kingdom, declined by 16%;
- access to Ireland has become worryingly restricted with the ongoing removal of routes and restrictions in airline capacity at both Shannon and Dublin airports;

considering

- the introduction of a departure tax was short-sighted, counterproductive and a deterrent to the survival of the tourism industry;
- the yield from the departure tax in 2009 at €84.4m was a counterproductive measure considering the overall drop in tourism revenue;
- other European countries such as Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Spain and Greece have moved to reduce airport charges and withdraw tourist taxes in an effort to boost tourism; and

calls on Government to immediately abolish the departure tax.”.

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

[18 February, 2010]

8. “That the Broadcasting Act 2009 (Section 33) Levy Order 2010 (S.I. No. 7 of 2010) be and is hereby annulled.”.

—*Senators Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross, Frances Fitzgerald, Joe O’Reilly, Rónán Mullen, Feargal Quinn, David Norris, Alex White, Paudie Coffey.*

[10 March, 2010]

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9. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, or a sub-Committee thereof, to consider, including in public session, the Special Report of the Ombudsman relating to the Lost at Sea Scheme made to the Dáil and Seanad in accordance with Section 6(5) and 6(7) of the Ombudsman Act 1980, and to report back to Seanad Éireann within three months concerning the legislative and administrative implications of the Report, its findings and conclusions.”.

—*Senators Michael McCarthy, Alex White, Dominic Hannigan, Phil Prendergast, Brendan Ryan.*

[11 March, 2010]

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10. “That Seanad Eireann takes note of the Frontline report on the situation regarding Shell to Sea and the Corrib Gas Field and in particular the assaults perpetrated against Mr. William Corduff.”.

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

[29 April, 2010]

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11. “That Seanad Éireann calls for the establishment of a Special Committee of the Seanad to examine the origin, background and policies of the International Rating Agencies in particular with reference to their impact upon this State.”.

—*Senators David Norris, Joe O’Toole, Frances Fitzgerald, Paddy Burke, Paul Bradford, Jerry Buttimer, Ciaran Cannon, Paudie Coffey, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Paschal Donohoe, Fidelma Healy Eames, Nicky McFadden, Joe O’Reilly, John Paul Phelan, Eugene Regan, Liam Twomey, Pearse Doherty, Eoghan Harris, Shane Ross.*

[5 May, 2010]

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12. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Government to implement the recommendation of various committees including the Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution Report of 1998 on the Presidency which the parties have agreed in principle that in order fully to democratise our highest institutions of State a petition containing 10,000 authorised signatures should be sufficient to enable an Irish citizen in good standing to stand for election as President of Ireland.”.

—*Senators David Norris, Joe O’Toole, Feargal Quinn, Niall Ó Brolcháin.*

[12 May, 2010]

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13. “That, in the light of the recent statements of the Director of Public Prosecutions concerning white collar crime and a series of high profile whistleblower incidents in the financial sector, Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to investigate as a matter of urgency all necessary and related legislative and constitutional reforms that may be necessary in this area and in particular to introduce measures to protect whistleblowers as already mooted in the Oireachtas.”.

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

[18 May, 2010]

14. “That Seanad Éireann, noting the attempts to introduce new or enforce existing anti gay legislation in certain African States, particularly in recent months Uganda and Malawi, condemns all policies and legislation which discriminate against citizens in respect of their sexual orientation, and urges the Government to communicate this attitude to those States involved.”.

—*Senators Donie Cassidy, Frances Fitzgerald, Alex White, Ivana Bacik, Dominic Hannigan, Michael McCarthy, Phil Prendergast, Brendan Ryan, David Norris, Joe O’Toole, Dan Boyle, Mark Dearey, Niall Ó Brolcháin, Pearse Doherty.*

[1 July, 2010]

15. “That Seanad Eireann:

notes with concern that:

- Ireland has suffered the longest and deepest recession of any euro-zone country because of reckless domestic management of the economy;
- investment, consumption, employment and living standards continued to decline in the first quarter of this year;
- the seasonally-adjusted numbers of the Live Register rose by a further 5,800 in June and the actual number claiming now exceeds 450,000 for the first time ever;
- the Government plans to cut a further €14 billion from investment spending in between 2011-14 compared with the original commitments in the National Development Plan;
- the estimated taxpayer losses from the Government’s banking strategy has reached €25 billion and is rising, even as it has failed to restore credit availability to industry; and
- market confidence in the Government’s economic plan is declining, as evidenced by the rising gap between Irish and German borrowing costs.

calls on the Government to:

- recognise that its economic plan is failing to undo the loss of international financial market confidence in Ireland;
- put jobs and industry growth at the centre of its economic strategy;
- review its banking strategy to limit the taxpayers’ exposure and to focus resources on supporting new lending to viable businesses;
- delay further cuts to investment spending until employment starts to recover; and
- restructure and re-capitalise the semi-state utilities in order to raise the necessary commercial funding to accelerate investments in water, high speed broadband and clean energy.”.

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

[2 July, 2010]

P.T.O.

Leasú:

Amendment:

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

“commends the Government for:

- its management of the economy which means that Ireland has emerged from recession with the strongest GDP growth rate of the euro area in the first quarter of this year;
- the policies it is pursuing to maintain credibility and sustainability in the public finances, which have been recognised internationally;
- the initiatives taken by the Government to preserve the stability of the banking system and to address the issue of asset quality in the banking system through strengthening the banks balance sheets in order to facilitate the flow of credit to viable borrowers and thereby underpin economic recovery;
- the measures taken to protect employment including the Stabilisation Fund, the Temporary Employment Subsidy and the PRSI Exemption scheme with the result that employment levels remain at nearly 1.9 million people, which is about half a million more than in 1997;
- the measures taken to provide additional opportunities in education, training and work placement for the unemployed to assist them in returning to the labour market;

and notes that:

- confidence has improved and spending on discretionary items such as cars has increased;
- the Government has kept spending for investment at high levels relative to national income by international standards;
- the public finances are stabilising and are generally in line with expectations for this point in the year;
- whilst the labour market has deteriorated significantly recently, nearly 1.9 million people are still in employment, which is about half a million more than in 1997;
- virtually all OECD countries have experienced major economic and financial difficulties over the past two years or so;
- notwithstanding volatility on foreign sovereign debt markets, the NTMA has at the mid year point, raised over 80 per cent of the funding requirements for 2010 and we are in a comfortable position with regard to funding this year and even if we did no further borrowing this year, existing cash reserves would cover our borrowing requirements for the remainder of the year;
- the Government through its ongoing management will continue to address the economic, fiscal and banking sector issues facing the country over the coming years in a responsible and sustainable manner.”.

—*Senator Donie Cassidy.*

16. “That Seanad Éireann affirms that each Senator should vote according to his or her conscience on the Civil Partnership and Certain Rights and Obligations of Cohabitants Bill 2009 and, accordingly, calls on all political parties to allow a free vote to their members when any vote is called on the Bill itself, or on its individual sections, or on any amendment tabled.”.

—*Senators Rónán Mullen, Feargal Quinn, Shane Ross.*

[7 July, 2010]

17. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Islamic Republic of Iran to spare the life of Sakineh Mohammadi Ashtiani and requests the Minister for Foreign Affairs to convey to the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran the opposition of the Irish people to all forms of capital punishment.”.

—*Senators Paschal Mooney, Donie Cassidy, Frances Fitzgerald, Joe O’Toole, Alex White, David Norris.*

[8 July, 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, 13 Iúil, 2010.
Tuesday, 13th July, 2010.

An Bille Leasa Shóisialaigh (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2010 [*Dáil*] — An Coiste.
Social Welfare (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2010 [*Dáil*] — Committee.

MEMORANDA

Déardaoin, 8 Iúil, 2010.
Thursday, 8th July, 2010.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 2,
TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee
Room 2, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000,
ar 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 4, LH2000,
at 11.30 a.m.

Tionólfar comhchruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Athrú Aeráide agus Áirithiú Fuinnimh
leis an gComhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha
i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 3 p.m.

Joint meeting of the Joint Committee on Climate Change and Energy Security with
the Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources will
be held in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 3 p.m.

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

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

An Bille um an Dlí Coiriúil (Gealtacht) 2010.
Criminal Law (Insanity) Bill 2010.

An Bille um Chúram Leanaí (Leasú) 2009.
Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2009.

An Bille um Fhorbairtí Ilaonad 2009.
Multi-Unit Developments Bill 2009.

An Bille um Sheirbhísí Maoine (Rialáil) 2009.
Property Services (Regulation) Bill 2009.

An Bille um Bunachais Pórúcháin Madraí 2009.
Dog Breeding Establishments Bill 2009.

An Bille Sláinte (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 2010.
Health (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2010.

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

Reachtúil:

Statutory:

1) Na Rialacháin um an Scéim Chlibeála Bradán Fiáin agus Breac Geal Fiáin 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 323 de 2010).

1) Wild Salmon and Sea Trout Tagging Scheme Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 323 of 2010).

2) Na Rialacháin Iascaigh Intíre (Fógra maidir le Muirir Sheasta) 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 324 de 2010).

2) Inland Fisheries (Fixed Charge Notice) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 324 of 2010).

3) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 2488/2000 lena gcoimeádtar calcadh cistí i ndáil leis an Uasal Milosevic agus na daoine sin atá bainteach leis mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2010) 217.

3) Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 2488/2000 maintaining a freeze of funds in relation to Mr Milosevic and those persons associated with him together with explanatory information note. COM (2010) 217.

4) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin (AE) Uimh. ../2010 ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. 1763/2003 lena bhforchuirtear bearta sriantacha áirithe chun tacú le cur i ngníomh éifeachtach shainordú an Bhinse Choiriúil Idirnáisiúnta don iar-Iúgslaiv (ICTY) mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2010) 218.

5) Dréacht-Ordú um Choimisiún Imscrúdúcháin (an Earnáil Baincéireachta) 2010 mar aon le Ráiteas ar na cúiseanna leis an gCoimisiún a bhunú.

6) Fiontraíocht Éireann. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Cuntais, 2009 mar aon le hÍocaíochtaí Tacaíochta Airgeadais le Cliant-Chuideachtaí, an bhliain dár chríoch 31 Nollaig, 2009.

7) Ráiteas i leith Comhairleora Speisialta don Aire Stáit ag an Roinn Talmhaíochta, Iascaigh agus Bia, agus freagracht speisialta air maidir le Bia agus Gairneoireacht, Trevor Sargent, T.D., don tréimhse 22 Aibreán, 2009 go 31 Nollaig, 2009, de réir na nAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 [10 Meitheamh, 2010].

Neamhrechtúil:

1) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Sláinteachas Bia agus Beatha) (Leasú) 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 312 de 2010).

2) Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Caighdeáin Mhargaíochta le haghaidh Feola Éanlaithe Clóis) (Leasú) 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 328 de 2010).

3) An Conradh ar an Aontas Eorpach: Doiciméid a fuarthas de bhun an Phrótacail maidir le ról Parlaimintí Náisiúnta san Aontas Eorpach. 28 Meitheamh go 2 Iúil, 2010.

4) Na Rialacha Cúirte Dúiche (Forghníomhú Orduithe Cothabhála) 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 325 de 2010).

5) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Fuinneamh agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha. An Tríú Tuarascáil — Seirbhís Gearrtheachtaireachtaí (SMS) mar Chainéal Rabhaidh Éigeandála don Phobal. Iúil, 2010.

4) Proposal for a Council Regulation (EU) No. ../2010 amending Regulation (EC) No. 1763/2004 imposing certain restrictive measures in support of effective implementation of the mandate of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) together with explanatory information note. COM (2010) 218.

5) Draft Commission of Investigation (Banking Sector) Order 2010 accompanied by Statement of reasons for establishing Commission.

6) Enterprise Ireland. Annual Report and Accounts, 2009 accompanied by Financial Support Payments to Client Companies, year ended 31 December, 2009.

7) Statement in respect of Special Adviser to the Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, with responsibility for Food and Horticulture, Trevor Sargent, T.D., for the period 22 April, 2009 to 31 December, 2009, in accordance with the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001. [10 June, 2010].

Non-Statutory:

1) European Communities (Food and Feed Hygiene) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 312 of 2010).

2) European Communities (Marketing Standards for Poultrymeat) (Amendment) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 328 of 2010).

3) Treaty on European Union: Documents received pursuant to Protocol on the role of National Parliaments in the European Union. 28 June to 2 July, 2010.

4) District Court (Enforcement of Maintenance Orders) Rules 2010 (S.I. No. 325 of 2010).

5) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on Communications, Energy and Natural Resources. Third Report — SMS as an Emergency Warning Channel to the Public. July, 2010.

6) Scéim na nOrduithe Iarscaoilte Saor (Srianta le Gníomhaíochtaí Áirithe) 2010 (I.R. Uimh. 330 de 2010).

7) Athbhreithniú ar Luach ar Airgead agus Beartas maidir le Clár Forbartha Inniúlachta FÁS 2006.

8) Doiciméid Chomhairliúcháin i leith Dhréacht-Fhodhlíthe Uiscebhealaí Éireann (Éire).

9) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha. An Comhchoiste um Ghrinnscrúdú Eorpach. Tuarascáil: Athbhreithniú ar Ról an Oireachtais i nGnóthaí Eorpacha. 7 Iúil, 2010.

6) Post-Release (Restrictions on Certain Activities) Orders Scheme 2010 (S.I. No. 330 of 2010).

7) Value for Money and Policy Review of the FAS Competency Development Programme 2006.

8) Consultation Documents in respect of Draft Waterways Ireland Bye-Laws (Ireland).

9) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on European Affairs. Joint Committee on European Scrutiny. Report: Review of the Role of the Oireachtas in European Affairs. 7 July, 2010.