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GNÓ POIBLÍ
Public Business

1. “That Senator Máire Devine be elected Leas-Chathaoirleach.”
 – *Senators Pádraig MacLochlainn, Fintan Warfield.*

2. “That Senator Denis Landy be elected Leas-Chathaoirleach.”
 – *Senators Ivana Bacik, Kevin Humphreys, Denis Landy, Ged Nash, Aodhán Ó Ríordáin.*

3. “That Senator Paul Coghlan be elected Leas-Chathaoirleach.”
 – *Senators Jerry Buttimer, Paddy Burke.*

4. “That Senator Gerard Craughwell be elected Leas-Chathaoirleach.”
 – *Senators Victor Boyhan, Michael McDowell.*

Tairiscint:

Motion:

5. “Go ndéanfar, de bhun Bhuan-Ordú Uimh. 158 de na Buan-Orduithe i dtaobh Gnó Poiblí, an Bille um Athchóiriú an Dlí Reachtúil, 2016 a raibh an tOrdú don Dara Céim sroichte aige roimh an Olltoghchán don Seanad, Aibreán 2016, a chur ar ais ar Riar na hOibre.

That, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 158 of the Standing Orders relative to Public Business, the Statute Law Revision Bill 2016, which had reached Order for Second Stage prior to the Seanad General Election, April 2016, be restored to the Order Paper.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*

Tairiscint:

Motion:

6. “Go ndéanfar, de bhun Bhuan-Ordú Uimh. 158 de na Buan-Orduithe i dtaobh Gnó Poiblí, an Bille Sláinte Poiblí (Alcól), 2015 a raibh Céim an Choiste sroichte aige roimh an Olltoghchán don Seanad, Aibreán 2016, a chur

That, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 158 of the Standing Orders relative to Public Business, the Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015, which had reached Committee Stage prior to the Seanad General Election,

ar ais ar Riar na hOibre.

April 2016, be restored to the Order Paper.”
– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*

Tairiscint:

Motion:

7. “Go ndéanfar, de bhun Bhuan-Ordú Uimh. 158 de na Buan-Orduithe i dtaobh Gnó Poiblí, an Bille Oidhreacht, 2016 a raibh Céim an Choiste sroichte aige roimh an Olltoghchán don Seanad, Aibreán 2016, a chur ar ais ar Riar na hOibre.

That, in pursuance of Standing Order No. 158 of the Standing Orders relative to Public Business, the Heritage Bill 2016, which had reached Committee Stage prior to the Seanad General Election, April 2016, be restored to the Order Paper.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*

Tairiscint:

Motion:

8. “Go mbeartaíonn Seanad Éireann go leanfaidh ailt 2 go 4, 6 go 12, 14 agus 17 den Acht um Chiontaí in aghaidh an Stáit (Leasú), 1998 (Uimh. 39 de 1998) i ngníomh ar feadh na tréimhse dar tosach an 30 Meitheamh, 2016 agus dar críoch an 29 Meitheamh, 2017.

That Seanad Éireann resolves that sections 2 to 4, 6 to 12, 14 and 17 of the Offences against the State (Amendment) Act 1998 (No. 39 of 1998) shall continue in operation for the period beginning on 30 June 2016 and ending on 29 June 2017.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*

Tairiscint:

Motion:

9. “Go mbeartaíonn Seanad Éireann go leanfaidh alt 8 den Acht um Cheartas Coiriúil (Leasú), 2009 (Uimh. 32 de 2009) i ngníomh ar feadh na tréimhse dar tosach an 30 Meitheamh, 2016 agus dar críoch an 29 Meitheamh, 2017.

That Seanad Éireann resolves that section 8 of the Criminal Justice (Amendment) Act 2009 (No. 32 of 2009) shall continue in operation for the period beginning on 30 June 2016 and ending on 29 June 2017.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*

10. Ráitis maidir le Lánfhostaíocht Inchothaithe a Sheachadadh.
Statements on Delivering Sustainable Full Employment.

Tugadh Isteach:

Introduced:

11. An Bille um an Seanad, 2016 – An Chéad Chéim.
Seanad Bill 2016 – First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht chun athchóirithe a mholtar sa Tuarascáil ón nGasra Oibre um Athchóiriú an tSeanad a chur i ngníomh agus chun na críche sin do dhéanamh réimse athchóirithe ar an Seanad, do

Bill entitled an Act to implement reforms proposed in the Report of the Working Group on Seanad Reform and for that purpose to effect a range of reforms to the Seanad, to provide for the establishment of a

dhéanamh socrú maidir le Coimisiún um Seanad Electoral Commission and to provide
Thoghcháin an tSeanaid a bhunú agus do for related matters.
dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

– *Senators Michael McDowell, Frances Black, Victor Boyhan, Gerard P. Craughwell, John Dolan, Alice-Mary Higgins, Rónán Mullen, Grace O'Sullivan, Lynn Ruane.*

Tairiscintí:

Motions:

12. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann na Rialacháin seo a leanas ina ndrúacht: That Seanad Éireann approves the following Regulations in draft:

Na Rialacháin fán Acht um Cheartas
Coiriúil, 1994 (Alt 44) 2016,

Criminal Justice Act 1994 (Section 44)
Regulations 2016,

ar leagadh cóip díobh ina ndrúacht faoi bhráid
an tSeanaid an 7ú lá de Mheitheamh 2016.

a copy of which was laid in draft before the
Seanad on the 7th day of June 2016.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*

[9th June, 2016]

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

1. “That, notwithstanding anything in Standing Orders–

(a) there shall be established a Committee on Seanad Political Reform which will sit two weeks from the date of the first sitting of the Seanad;

(b) the Committee on Seanad Political Reform shall be chaired by the Cathaoirleach and include not more than 20 other members of the Seanad, of which membership will be determined on a proportionate basis as per groups and independent senators; and that provision be made for the substitution of members as allowed for under Standing Orders;

(c) the Cathaoirleach shall announce the names of the members appointed for the information of the Seanad on the first sitting day following their appointment;

(d) any member or group may make a submission on Seanad political reform to the Committee which shall review these submissions, including that of the Seanad Reform Working Group established in 2015, and report back to the Seanad within four weeks with a series of recommendations for the approval of the House, including the role of a reformed Seanad within the political process, powers and functions of a reformed Seanad and any legislative change, and how the institution conducts its business, including a review of Standing Orders.

(e) the Committee shall present an interim report on its working arrangements at a full sitting of the Seanad within one week of its establishment and first meeting of the Committee, and that it will include initial consideration on appropriate rules regarding the arrangements for the management of the ordering of Seanad business in the interim period while the Committee is sitting.”

– *Senators Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Pádraig MacLochlainn,*

Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield.

[2nd June, 2016]

2. “That Seanad Éireann:

- recognises the commitment and dedication of city and county councillors to their communities;
- acknowledges the impact that the Local Government Reform Act 2014 has had on serving councillors with respect to —
 - the greatly increased size of the electoral area,
 - the increased workload associated with such large geographical areas, and
 - the increased annual travel across the constituencies;
- calls on the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government to sanction the capacity of local authorities to increase the fixed allowance for city and county councillors;
- believes that the representational payment of €16,950 is no longer commensurate with the workload of city and county councillors and calls on the Minister immediately to increase payment to reflect the time and effort associated with the work involved;
- asks the Minister to ensure that councillors are employed under proper Fixed Term Contracts of Employment and are protected fully under the Terms of Employment (Information) Act 1994 and the Protection of Employees (Fixed Term Work) Act 2003 to include provision for —
 - sick leave arrangements,
 - maternity leave, and
 - pension entitlements.”

– *Senators Gerard P. Craughwell, Victor Boyhan.*

[9th June, 2016]

3. “That Seanad Éireann:

notes:

- the most recent Central Statistics Office (CSO) Survey on Income and Living Conditions that shows the number of households suffering deprivation has risen from 24.5 per cent in 2011 to 30.5 per cent in 2013 and the number living in consistent poverty has risen from 6.9 per cent to 8.2 per cent; and
- that the CSO also shows that the levels of deprivation and persistent poverty among one-parent families are even worse as the number of one-parent families suffering

deprivation has risen by 13.7 per cent in just one year to 63.2 per cent in 2013 and the number living in consistent poverty has risen from 17.4 per cent to 23 per cent in the same period;

condemns:

- the consistent rise in poverty, deprivation and hardship amongst families in Ireland that has resulted in up to 5,000 families and children being homeless and housed in temporary accommodation across our cities and towns; and
- the policies that have created a situation whereby the latest statistics from 2013 show that 12 per cent of children aged 0-17 years are living in consistent poverty, up more than 137,000 from 9.9 per cent in 2012 and double the 6 per cent figure of 2008;

and calls for:

- urgent action to be taken to reduce the number of children being housed in emergency hotel accommodation;
- all local authorities to prioritise renovations to houses that need refurbishment so that children can be taken out of emergency hotel accommodation;
- funding to be made available to implement the recommendations from the Committee on Housing and Homelessness particularly to enable short term and co-ordinated actions to be taken to deliver more housing for families;
- an emergency building programme to directly build, as a matter of urgency, more social and affordable housing; and
- to increase rent support to a level that ensures no-one is made homeless or forced into poverty by unaffordable accommodation costs.
 – *Senators Catherine Ardagh, Mark Daly, Diarmuid Wilson, Gerry Horkan, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Paul Daly, Aidan Davitt, Robbie Gallagher, Terry Leyden, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Denis O'Donovan, Ned O'Sullivan, Keith Swanick.*

[10th June, 2016]

Leasú:

Amendment:

1. After “calls for:” to insert:

- “ - the Government to declare a state of emergency to recognise the scale of the housing crisis and to:
 - double investment in social housing;
 - fast track the approval, procurement and tendering process for local authorities;
 - introduce rent certainty, linking rent to the Consumer Price Index;
 - legislate for a moratorium on home reposessions until adequate measures to deal with mortgage distress are enacted; and

- introduce emergency legislation to give tenants in private rental properties greater protections when properties are bought by vulture funds."
- *Senators Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Padraig MacLochlainn, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield.*

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

SCRÍBHINNÍ A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID NA dTITHE
DOCUMENTS LAID BEFORE THE HOUSES¹

Reachtúil:	Statutory:
Tairiscint Ceadaithe ag Teastáil	Requiring Motion of Approval
Na Rialacháin fán Acht um Cheartas Coiriúil, 1994 (Alt 44), 2016. (Dréacht).	Criminal Justice Act 1994 (Section 44) Regulations 2016. (Draft).
In-neamhnithe le Tairiscint	Open to motion to annul
Na Rialacháin um an Acht Sláinte, 2007 (Cúram agus Leas Cónaitheoirí i Lárionaid Ainmnithe do Dhaoine Scothaosta) (Leasú), 2016 (I.R. Uimh. 293 de 2016).	Health Act 2007 (Care and Welfare of Residents in Designated Centres for Older People) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (S.I. No. 293 of 2016).
Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Gnóthais Fónais do Dhámhachtain Conarthaí), 2016 (I.R. Uimh. 286 de 2016).	European Union (Award of Contracts by Utility Undertakings) Regulations 2016 (S.I. No. 286 of 2016).
Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Ainmhithe agus Táirgí Ainmhithe a Allmhairiú ó Thríú Tíortha) (Leasú), 2016 (I.R. Uimh. 305 de 2016).	European Communities (Importation of Animals and Animal Products from Third Countries) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (S.I. No. 305 of 2016).
Rialacháin na gComhphobal Eorpach (Coinsíneachtaí Pearsanta de Tháirgí de Bhunadh Ainmhíoch a Allmhairiú) (Leasú), 2016 (I.R. Uimh. 304 de 2016).	European Communities (Import of Personal Consignments of Products of Animal Origin) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 (S.I. No. 304 of 2016).

¹ I gcás nach leagtar scríbhinn ach faoi bhráid aon Teach amháin, cuirfear (D) – Dáil nó (S) – Seanad ina diaidh dá réir sin.
Where a document is laid before one House only it will be appended with (D) – Dáil or (S) – Seanad accordingly.