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GNÓ POIBLÍ
Public Business

Tairiscint:

Motion:

1. “D’ainneoin aon ní sna Buan-Orduithe i dtaobh Gnó Phoiblí, go dtiocfaidh an Seanad le chéile ar 1 p.m. Dé Máirt, an 12 Nollaig, 2017 agus go ndéanfar an tOrd Gnó a thairiscint ar 2 p.m.

That, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders relative to Public Business, the Seanad shall meet at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 12th December, 2017 and the Order of Business shall be proposed at 2 p.m.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*
[6th December, 2017]

2. (l) An Bille Iascaigh Mhara (Leasú), 2017 – An Coiste (*leasú 1, atógáil*).
 (a) Sea-Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Committee (*amendment 1, resumed*).

3. An Bille Uchtála (Faisnéis agus Lorgaireacht), 2016 – An Coiste.
 Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016 – Committee.

4. An Bille Meabhair-Shláinte (Leasú), 2017 [*Dáil*] – An Coiste.
 Mental Health (Amendment) Bill 2017 [*Dáil*] – Committee.

5. An Bille um Chomhairle na mBreithiúna, 2017 – An Coiste.
 Judicial Council Bill 2017 – Committee.

6. An Bille Sláinte Poiblí (Alcól), 2015 – An Tuarascáil.
 Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015 – Report Stage.

7. Ráitis maidir le Cumarsáid, le Gníomhú ar son na hAeráide agus leis an gComhshaol (*atógáil*).
 Statements on Communications, Climate Action and the Environment (*resumed*).

8. Ráiteas ón Aire Cumarsáide, Gníomhaithe ar son na hAeráide agus Comhshaoil maidir leis an Acht um Ghníomhú ar son na hAeráide agus um Fhorbairt Ísealcharbóin, 2015 (*atógáil*).
Statement by the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and the Environment on the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015 (*resumed*).
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Tugadh Isteach:

Introduced:

9. An Bille um Ligin Ghearrthearma 2017 – An Chéad Chéim.
Short-term Lettings Bill 2017 – First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhearbhu úsáid teaghaisí le haghaidh ligin ghearrthearma a bheidh le húsáid chun críocha tráchtála; do chur deireadh le díolmhú seirbhísí maoine a sholáthraítear i dtaca le ligin ghearrthearma ó fheidhm an Achta um Sheirbhísí Maoine (Rialáil), 2011; do chur oibleagáide ar dhaoine a sholáthraíonn seirbhísí i dtaca le ligin ghearrthearma teaghaisí faisnéis a thabhairt don údarás pleanála iomchuí ar sin a iarraidh; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe comhghaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to declare the use of dwellings for short-term lettings to be used for commercial purposes; to remove the exemption of property services provided in connection with short-term lettings from the application of the Property Services (Regulation) Act 2011; to oblige persons who provide services in connection with short-term lettings of dwellings to furnish information upon request to the relevant planning authority; and to provide for connected matters.

– *Senators Kevin Humphreys, Ivana Bacik, Gerald Nash.*

Tugadh Isteach:

Introduced:

10. An Bille um Sheirbhís Chúirteanna (Leasú), 2017 – An Chéad Chéim.
Courts Service (Amendment) Bill 2017 – First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta um Sheirbhís Chúirteanna, 1998 chun a thoirmeasc ar an tSeirbhís Chúirteanna infheistíochtaí a dhéanamh i gcuideachtaí a bhfuil baint acu le tobac agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Courts Service Act 1998 to prohibit investments by the Courts Service in tobacco related companies and to provide for related matters.

– *Senators Keith Swanick, Diarmuid Wilson, Gerry Horkan.*

Tíolactha:

Presented:

11. An Bille um an Dlí Sibhialta (Costais i Nithe a bhaineann le Probháid), 2017 – Ordú don Dara Céim.
Civil Law (Costs in Probate Matters) Bill 2017 – Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht d'athchóiriú an dlí i ndáil le dliteanas páirtithe nár éirigh leo chun íoc as costais caingne sibhialta áirithe arna dtionscnamh acu lena ndéantar agóid i gcoinne bailíocht uachtanna nó riarachán eastát díthiomnach nó lena ndéantar éilimh áirithe eile maidir le heastáit daoine éagtha agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to reform the law in relation to the liability of unsuccessful parties to pay the costs of certain civil actions commenced by them challenging the validity of wills or the administration of intestate estates or making certain other claims in respect of the estates of deceased persons and to provide for related matters.

– *Senators Victor Boyhan, Billy Lawless, Michael McDowell, Brian Ó Domhnaill.*

12. An Bille um Dhrugaí Rialaithe agus um Dhochar a Laghdú, 2017 – An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Controlled Drugs and Harm Reduction Bill 2017 – Second Stage (*resumed*).

– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Aodhán Ó Ríordáin, Colette Kelleher, Alice-Mary Higgins, Grace O'Sullivan, John Dolan, Frances Black, David Norris, Michael McDowell, Gerard P. Craughwell, Victor Boyhan, Billy Lawless, Joan Freeman, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Ivana Bacik, Ged Nash, Kevin Humphreys.*

*Leasú ar an Tairiscint don Dara Léamh:
Amendment to Motion for Second Reading:*

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

“Seanad Éireann declines to give the Bill a second reading in view of the fact that:

- the Steering Committee mandated to develop a new National Drugs Strategy is expected to submit its final report shortly;
- this report is expected to provide advice on an approach which would enable the case for a change in policy in relation to the current legislative regime that applies to simple possession offences to be examined.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*
[30th May, 2017]

13. An Bille um Chomharchumann Tithíochta Náisiúnta, 2017 – An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
National Housing Co-operative Bill 2017 – Second Stage (*resumed*).

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

14. An Bille um Chóipcheart agus Cearta Gaolmhara a Chosaint i ndáil leis an Rosc Náisiúnta (Leasú) (Uimh. 2), 2016 – An Dara Céim.

National Anthem Protection of Copyright and Related Rights (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2016 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Mark Daly, Gerry Horkan, Diarmuid Wilson.*

15. An Bille um Pá Íosta Náisiúnta (Séisíní Fostaithe a Chosaint), 2017 – An Dara Céim.
National Minimum Wage (Protection of Employee Tips) Bill 2017 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Paul Gavan, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh and Fintan Warfield.*

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- 16.** An Bille um Pá Íosta Náisiúnta (Deireadh a Chur le Rátaí Pá Fo-Íosta), 2017 – An Dara Céim.
National Minimum Wage (Removal of Sub-minimum Rates of Pay) Bill 2017 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Paul Gavan, Lynn Ruane, Fintan Warfield.*
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- 17.** An Bille um Threalamh Tarrthála Beatha, 2017 – An Dara Céim.
Life Saving Equipment Bill 2017– Second Stage.
– *Senators Paul Daly, Robbie Gallagher, Keith Swanick, Diarmuid Wilson.*
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- 18.** An Bille Oideachais (Leas) (Leasú), 2017 – An Dara Céim.
Education (Welfare) (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Kevin Humphreys, Gerald Nash, Aodhán Ó Ríordáin.*
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- 19.** An Bille fán nGníomhaireacht Náisiúnta um Bainistíocht Sócmhainní (Leasú), 2017 – An Dara Céim.
National Asset Management Agency (Amendment) Bill – Second Stage.
– *Senators Rose Conway-Walsh, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn.*
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- 20.** An Bille Sláinte agus Sábháilteachta (Aonocsaíd Charbóin), 2017 – An Dara Céim.
Health and Safety (Carbon Monoxide) Bill 2017 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Keith Swanick, Diarmuid Wilson, Robbie Gallagher, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor.*
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- 21.** An Bille Toghcháin (Leasú) (Cearta Vótála do Chónaitheoirí), 2017 – An Dara Céim.
Electoral (Amendment) (Voting Rights for Residents) Bill 2017 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Fintan Warfield, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Máire Devine.*
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- 22.** Bille na gColáistí Teicniúla Réigiúnacha (Leasú), 2017 – An Dara Céim.
Regional Technical Colleges (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Paddy Burke, Michelle Mulherin, John O'Mahony.*
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- 23.** An Bille Staidrimh (Daonáireamh 1926 a Chur ar Fáil), 2017– An Dara Céim.
Statistics (1926 Census Release) Bill 2017– Second Stage.
– *Senators Paul Gavan, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield.*
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- 24.** An Bille Sláinte (Leasú) (Cúram Baile Gairmiúil), 2016 – Ordú don Choiste.
Health (Amendment) (Professional Home Care) Bill 2016 – Order for Committee.
– *Senators Colm Burke, Neale Richmond, Maura Hopkins.*
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- 25.** An Bille um Ghairmithe Sláinte Criticiúla, 2017 – Ordú don Choiste.
Critical Health Professionals Bill 2017 – Order for Committee.
– *Senators Keith Swanick, Mark Daly and Robbie Gallagher.*
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- 26.** An Bille um an Seanad, 2016 – An Coiste.
Seanad Bill 2016 – Committee.
– *Senators Michael McDowell, Frances Black, Victor Boyhan, Gerard P. Craughwell, John Dolan, Alice-Mary Higgins, Rónán Mullen, Grace O'Sullivan, Lynn Ruane.*
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- 27.** An Bille um Dhúnorgain Chorpáraideach (Uimh. 2), 2016 – An Coiste.
Corporate Manslaughter (No. 2) Bill 2016 – Committee.
– *Senators Mark Daly, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Robbie Gallagher.*
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- 28.** An Bille um Chaomhnú Fostaíochta (Uaireanta Éiginnte), 2016 – An Coiste.
Protection of Employment (Uncertain Hours) Bill 2016 – Committee.
– *Senators Gerald Nash, Kevin Humphreys, Aodhán Ó Ríordáin.*
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- 29.** An Bille um Chlárú Uachtanna, 2016 – An Coiste.
Registration of Wills Bill 2016 – Committee.
– *Senators Terry Leyden, Catherine Ardagh, Lorraine Clifford-Lee.*
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- 30.** An Bille um Chionta Gnéasacha Áirithe (Leithscéal a Ghabháil agus Saoradh), 2016 – An Coiste.
Convictions for Certain Sexual Offences (Apology and Exoneration) Bill 2016 – Committee.
– *Senators Ged Nash, Ivana Bacik, Kevin Humphreys, Aodhán Ó Ríordáin.*
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- 31.** Bille na bPinsean (Déileáil Chomhionann i dtaca le Pinsin i Scéim Sochair Ceirde) (Leasú), 2016 – An Coiste.
Pensions (Equal Pension Treatment in Occupational Benefit Scheme) (Amendment) Bill 2016 – Committee.
– *Senators Ivana Bacik, Kevin Humphreys, Ged Nash, Aodhán Ó Ríordáin.*
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- 32.** An Bille um Aosaigh a Chosaint, 2017 – An Coiste.
Adult Safeguarding Bill 2017 – Committee.
– *Senators Colette Kelleher, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins, Jerry Buttimer, Victor Boyhan, John Dolan, Lynn Ruane, Ivana Bacik, Marie-Louise O'Donnell.*
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- 33.** An Bille um Inscne a Aithint (Leasú), 2017 – An Coiste.
Gender Recognition (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Committee.
– *Senators Fintan Warfield, David Norris, Grace O'Sullivan.*
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- 34.** An Bille um Thruaillíú ó Bhruscar (Leasú), 2017 – An Coiste.
Litter Pollution (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Committee.
– *Senators Catherine Ardagh, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Ned O'Sullivan, Aidan Davitt, Robbie Gallagher and Gerry Horkan.*
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- 35.** An Bille Meabhair-Shláinte (Leasú), 2016 – An Coiste.
Mental Health (Amendment) Bill 2016 – Committee.
– *Senators Joan Freeman, Gerard P. Craughwell, Marie-Louise O'Donnell.*
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- 36.** An Bille um Lá na Faisnéise Neamhspleáchais, 2017 – An Coiste.
Declaration of Independence Day Bill 2017 – Committee.
– *Senators Keith Swanick, Diarmuid Wilson, Mark Daly and Paul Daly.*
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- 37.** An Bille um Údarás na Gaeltachta (Leasú), 2017 – An Coiste.
Údarás na Gaeltachta (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Committee.
– *Senators Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Niall Ó Donnghaile and Paul Gavan.*
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- 38.** An Bille Cosanta (Suaitheantas Liopa Iarshaighdiúra), 2017 – An Coiste.
Defence (Veterans Lapel Badge) Bill 2017 – Committee.
– *Senators Gerard P. Craughwell, Victor Boyhan, Pádraig Ó Céidigh.*
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- 39.** An Bille um Thiarnaí Talún agus Tionóntaí (Bunchíosanna) (Leasú), 2017 – An Coiste.
Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Committee.
– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Catherine Ardagh, Keith Swanick.*
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- 40.** An Bille um an Dlí Sibhialta (Daoine atá ar Iarraidh), 2016 – An Tuarascáil.
Civil Law (Missing Persons) Bill 2016 – Report Stage.
– *Senators Colm Burke, Marie-Louise O'Donnell, Lynn Ruane.*
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- 41.** An Bille fá Choimisiún na hÉireann um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas (Faisnéis faoin Difríocht Pá idir na hInscní), 2017 – An Tuarascáil.
Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (Gender Pay Gap Information) Bill 2017 – Report Stage.
– *Senators Ivana Bacik, Kevin Humphreys, Ged Nash, Aodhán Ó Ríordáin.*
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- 42.** An Bille um Chosaint Idirnáisiúnta (Athaontú Teaghlaigh) (Leasú), 2017 – An Tuarascáil.
International Protection (Family Reunification) (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Report Stage.
– *Senators Colette Kelleher, Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins, Grace O'Sullivan, John Dolan.*
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Tairiscint:

Motion:

43. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann na Rialacháin seo a leanas ina ndr éacht.

Na Rialacháin fán Acht um Ghairmithe Sláinte agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh, 2005 (Alt 4(2)) (Gairmeacha a ainmniú: comhairleoirí agus sícíteiripeoirí agus bord clárúcháin a bhunú), 2017,

ar leagadh cóipeanna díobh ina ndr éacht faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 9 Samhain, 2017.

That Seanad Éireann approves the following Regulations in draft:

Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (Section 4(2)) (Designation of professions: counsellors and psychotherapists and establishment of registration board) Regulations 2017,

copies of which were laid in draft form before Seanad Éireann on 9th November, 2017.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*
[14th November, 2017]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

44. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann na Rialacháin seo a leanas ina ndr éacht.

Na Rialacháin fán Acht um Ghairmithe Sláinte agus Cúraim Shóisialaigh, 2005 (Alt 4(7)) (Comhaltas den Chomhairle), 2017,

ar leagadh cóipeanna díobh ina ndr éacht faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 9 Samhain, 2017.

That Seanad Éireann approves the following Regulations in draft:

Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005 (Section 4(7)) (Membership of Council) Regulations 2017,

copies of which were laid in draft form before Seanad Éireann on 9th November, 2017.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*
[14th November, 2017]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

45. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ó Choiste Comhairliúcháin Poiblí an tSeanaid dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil maidir le Seirbhísí Meabhair-Shláinte Leanai’, a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 17 Deireadh Fómhair 2017.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Seanad Public Consultation Committee entitled ‘Report on Children’s Mental Health Services’, which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 17th October, 2017.”

– *Senator Paul Coghlan,*
Chairman of the Seanad Public Consultation Committee.
[18th October, 2017]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

46. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Airgeadas, Caiteachas Poiblí agus Athchóiriú, agus an Taoiseach dar teideal: ‘Tuarascáil maidir leis an Athbhreithniú ar Earnáil na gComhar Creidmheasa le tagairt shonrach d’Athbhreithniú an Choiste Chomhairligh um Chomhar Creidmheasa ar Chur i nGníomh na Moltaí i dTuarascáil an Choimisiúin um Chomhair Chreidmheasa (Meitheamh 2016)’ ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 6 Samhain 2017.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach entitled ‘Report on the Review of the Credit Union Sector with specific reference to the Credit Union Advisory Committee Review of Implementation of the Recommendations in the Commission on Credit Unions Report (June 2016)’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 6 November, 2017.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*
[13th November, 2017]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

47. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil maidir le seirbhísí cúraim altrama a sholáthar in Éirinn’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 9 Samhain 2017.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Children and Youth Affairs entitled ‘Report on the Provision of Foster Care Services in Ireland’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 9th November, 2017.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*
[13th November, 2017]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

48. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir dar teideal ‘Todhchaí na hEarnála Curaíochta in Éirinn’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 22 Samhain 2017.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine entitled ‘Future of the Tillage Sector in Ireland’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 22nd November, 2017.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*
[23rd November, 2017]

49. *Tairiscintí nach ón Rialtas:*

Non-Government Motions:

1. “That Seanad Éireann:

- reaffirms Article 6.1 of the Constitution of Ireland which states: ‘All powers of government, legislative, executive and judicial, derive, under God, from the people,

whose right it is to designate the rulers of the State and, in final appeal, to decide all questions of national policy, according to the requirements of the common good.’;

- notes that the 31st Dáil established a Constitutional Convention by resolution on 10th July, 2012;
- further notes that on 9th June, 2013, the Constitutional Convention voted overwhelmingly that direct democracy (citizens’ initiatives) with adequate safeguards be introduced;
- upholds the principle of direct democracy and the holding of Constitutional referendums to affect legislative change;
- acknowledges that a newly constituted Citizens’ Assembly would help implement the principles of direct democracy by adding citizen-initiated referendums to the Constitution of Ireland;
- supports empowering a Citizens’ Assembly for the period of one year so that it can devise a new mechanism that will enable citizens to robustly scrutinise proposed legislation, assess and advocate for citizens’ initiatives, and table amendments and counter proposals to Government-sponsored legislation;
- agrees that:
 - membership of the new One Year Citizens’ Assembly will consist of:
 - a Chairperson, to be appointed by the Taoiseach;
 - a minimum of 66 citizens randomly selected so as to be broadly representative of Irish society and who are entitled to vote;
 - on a referendum; and
 - in local authority elections;
 - a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly from each of the political parties; and
 - one member of the Oireachtas appointed by their political party/grouping; and
 - substitutes may be appointed to sit on the Assembly by their political parties/groupings who will be entitled to full participation rights on the Assembly including the right to vote; and
- further agrees that:
 - the Assembly will agree its own rules of procedure to ensure effective conduct of its business which will be done in as economical a manner as possible;
 - the Assembly will give appropriate regard to the conventions and clauses contained within the Good Friday and St. Andrew’s Agreements;

- the Assembly will present an interim report to the Houses of the Oireachtas, including its recommendations, within two months of completing its deliberations;
 - the Assembly may invite and accept submissions from interested bodies and members of the public and will seek advice and guidance whenever necessary to aid its members in their deliberations;
 - all matters before the Assembly will be determined by a majority of the votes cast by members present;
 - the Chairperson will have the casting vote in the event of a hung vote; and
 - the Taoiseach will provide to the Houses of the Oireachtas a response to the recommendation(s) of the Assembly within one month of receiving the interim and final reports, and he/she will indicate the timeframe for when the Dáil envisages holding any related referendum.”
- *Senators Paul Gavan, Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield.*
[16th December, 2016]
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2. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Social Protection to acknowledge the concerns being raised in communities across the country concerning the Jobpath scheme and to immediately carry out a full review of the scheme operated by Turas Nua and Seetec.”
- *Senators Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield.*
[16th December, 2016]
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3. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to impose a total ban on trade and imports that are proven to either originate or be tied to Israel's illegal settlements in occupied Jerusalem, the West Bank and Golan Heights and to ensure that the Republic of Ireland distinguishes, in all relevant dealings, between the territory of the State of Israel and the territories occupied since 1967 by acting in compliance with our obligations under international law and treaties which require the Government, along with all third parties, with specific regard to Israel's illegal settlements to (i) ensure respect for international law, (ii) to not recognise an illegal situation arising from such breaches and (iii) to refrain from any activity that would render aid or assistance to serious breaches of peremptory norms of international law.”
- *Senators David Norris, Frances Black, Lynn Ruane.*
[12th January, 2017]
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4. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister of State with responsibility for the Diaspora to update the house on the implementation of the Global Irish - Irish Diaspora Policy with particular focus on the progress that has been made by the Interdepartmental Committee on the Irish Abroad.”
- *Senators Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Paul Gavan, Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield.*
[16th February, 2017]
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5. “That Seanad Éireann:

notes that:

- in November 2012, Ireland voted in favour of the United Nations General Assembly motion granting ‘non-member observer state’ status to Palestine;
- Seanad Éireann, on 22nd October, 2014, unanimously agreed a motion calling on the Government ‘to formally recognise the State of Palestine and do everything it can at an international level to help secure a viable two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.’;
- Dáil Éireann, on 10th December, 2014, agreed a motion to ‘officially recognise the State of Palestine on the basis of the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as the capital, as established in UN resolutions, as a further positive contribution to securing a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict’;
- the European Parliament on 17th December, 2014, passed a resolution supporting ‘in principle recognition of Palestinian statehood and the two state solution, and believes these should go hand in hand with the development of peace talks’;
- as of 22nd June, 2016, 136 countries have formally recognised the State of Palestine, including eight EU Member States - the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Malta, Cyprus and Sweden; and
- the Partnership Programme for Government states that ‘We will continue to play a role in advancing a stronger role for the EU in the Middle East Peace Process, having regard to the stalled nature of the process at present, and honour our commitment to recognise the State of Palestine as part of a lasting settlement of the conflict’;

recognises:

- the failure to advance peace talks and a two-state solution;
- continued Israeli settlement construction and extension activities in the West Bank, including in East Jerusalem, which is illegal under international law and severely threatens the establishment of a viable Palestinian state based on the 1967 borders;
- the continued illegal blockade of Gaza and that a report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, that was released in September 2015, states that Gaza could become uninhabitable by 2020;
- the denial of basic human rights to the Palestinian people; and
- the need to stimulate new efforts to break the current-deadlock;

calls on the Government to act on motions passed in both Houses in 2014 and to expedite the process to formally recognise the State of Palestine, on the basis of the 1967 borders with East Jerusalem as the capital, as established in United Nations resolutions, independent of and co-existing with Israel; and

concludes that:

- the international law criteria for recognition of a Palestinian state have been fulfilled;
- such official recognition underscores the commitment of this House to realise the right of Palestinian people to self-determination;
- official recognition will give parity of status to Israel and Palestine;
- official recognition of the State of Palestine by Ireland can strengthen, advance and further legitimise the two-state solution; and
- the Government will continue to actively engage with both the Israelis and Palestinians and work to encourage direct talks between both sides to secure a sustainable and secure settlement of the conflict.”

– *Senators Catherine Ardagh, Mark Daly, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Paul Daly, Aidan Davitt, Robbie Gallagher, Gerry Horkan, Terry Leyden, Jennifer Murnane O’Connor, Ned O’Sullivan, Keith Swanick, Diarmuid Wilson, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield, Ivana Bacik, Kevin Humphreys, Ged Nash, Aodhán Ó Ríordáin, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins, Grace O’Sullivan, Lynn Ruane, Colette Kelleher, Gerard P. Craughwell, Victor Boyhan, David Norris.*

[22nd February, 2017]

6. “That Seanad Éireann calls for:

- the retention of mountain sheep grazing (mountain type land) as a separate category after the review of the Areas of Natural Constraints (ANC) Scheme;
- the payments going forward to properly reflect both the multiple bio-physical and specific constraints experienced by farmers who farm mountain type land, and for those payments to be set at similar rates to the current offshore islands rate;
- the new mapped ANC areas to be published in time to have a proper consultation before they are sent in draft to the EU.”

– *Senators Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Rose-Conway Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield.*

[3rd April, 2017]

7. “That Seanad Éireann supports the implementation of a comprehensive, rights-based Irish Language Act in the North, as agreed in the St. Andrews Agreement 2007 and supports the recommendations outlined by Conradh na Gaeilge in their discussion document ‘Irish Language Act: A Discussion Document’.”

– *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Rose-Conway Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Fintan Warfield.*

[15th May, 2017]

8. “That Seanad Éireann:

- is confident that capital investment can provide both social benefits as well as

economic growth, rather than presenting a false choice in relation to such investment;

- together with the International Monetary Fund, the Irish Congress Trade Unions and the Irish Business and Employers Confederation believes that, in order to tackle infrastructural bottlenecks, make up for historical underinvestment, deal with the rapid growth within the domestic economy, deal with a growing and ageing population, as well as tackle the particular challenges posed by Brexit, much greater capital investment is required than the €2.65 billion envisaged in the Capital Plan;
- notes that the Irish national debt-to-Gross Domestic Product (GDP) ratio continues to fall at a rapid pace, due to economic growth and continued achievement of budgetary targets, the costs of servicing the national debt have consistently been declining and the banking system poses no systemic threat to the economy;
- is concerned that the Government's debt-to-GDP target of 45 per cent, significantly below the Stability and Growth Pact target of 60 per cent, and its commitment to establishing a €1 billion per year rainy-day fund from 2019 are unnecessary obstacles to tackling our significant public investment deficit;
- further notes that the State's long established rainy-day fund, the Irish Strategic Investment Fund, has a discretionary portfolio of €8.1 billion and a directed portfolio valued at €2.6 billion, consisting of State shareholdings in Allied Irish Banks (AIB) and Bank of Ireland that were paid for out of the National Pension Reserve Fund;
- believes that the directed portfolio, as it grows, should be made available for commercial investment in projects of national significance and commercial potential in the public sector and asserts, in particular, that the proceeds of a sale of bank shares should be used for additional capital investment;
- further asserts that the European Union (EU) Stability and Growth Pact and fiscal rules currently prevent appropriate levels of investment and should be amended in order to facilitate a much needed increase in capital spending;
- notes, with approval, efforts currently underway to achieve these reforms and calls on Irish political parties to advance this agenda through their EU political groups and also on the Government to vigorously pursue the issue at the European Council;
- in the circumstances believes that, in advance of such changes to the fiscal rules, the sale of shareholdings in AIB and Bank of Ireland should not proceed; and
- calls on the Government to postpone the sale of AIB shares until the fiscal rules are changed to permit enhanced capital spending, rather than remit the moneys to the Exchequer simply to pay down debt."

– *Senators Ivana Bacik, Kevin Humphreys, Ged Nash, Aodhán Ó Ríordáin.*

[31st May, 2017]

Leasú:

Amendment:

1. To delete all words after "That Seanad Éireann:" and substitute:

“ - notes the intention of the Minister for Finance to sell 25 percent of AIB shares;

- is confident that capital investment can provide both social benefits as well as economic growth, rather than presenting a false choice in relation to such investment;
- together with the International Monetary Fund, the Irish Congress of Trade Unions and the Irish Business and Employers Confederation believes that, in order to tackle infrastructural bottlenecks, make up for historical underinvestment, deal with the rapid growth within the domestic economy, deal with a growing and ageing population, as well as tackle the particular challenges posed by Brexit, much greater capital investment is required than the €2.65 billion envisaged in the Capital Plan;
- notes that the Irish national debt-to-Gross Domestic Product (GDP) ratio continues to fall at a rapid pace, due to economic growth and adjustments unrelated to actual economic factors;
- welcomes the emerging consensus that the fiscal rules are flawed and that, as pointed out by some during the referendum on the issue, they now represent a very real impediment to the investment in our economy and society that is required;
- notes that the bailout of AIB had consequences far beyond the upfront cost and that these consequences can be seen in the number of young people who have emigrated and the crises in our health and housing sectors and no scrutiny or cost benefit analysis of the decision by Government to sell AIB or part of AIB has taken place in the Oireachtas to date;
- believes that no credible economic case has been made for the privatisation of AIB;
- notes the evidence given at the Oireachtas Banking Inquiry of former AIB director and former Chief Executive of the National Treasury Management Agency Michael Somers that any part sale of AIB would have to be at a discount.

calls on the Government to:

- abandon the sale of AIB as no case has been presented that the sale is in the best interests of the Irish people;
- ensure that any future decision to sell any shares in AIB is subject to Oireachtas approval;
- work with progressive Governments in the EU to radically amend the fiscal rules so that a greater degree of economic sovereignty is returned to Member States and the rules reflect the value of investment in the economy;
- secure, in the context of Brexit, greater flexibility for Ireland to spend on infrastructure through national and EU/EIB funding;
- prioritise, within the fiscal space, capital investment and investment in public services rather than implement a tax cutting agenda that benefits the wealthier;

and

calls on the Finance Committee to consider the long-term options for the future of AIB and the State's shareholdings in other banks."

– Senator Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield.

[31st May, 2017]

9. “That Seanad Éireann:

- acknowledges the honour brought upon the Irish people and the United Nations by the heroism of the men of the ‘A’ Company, 35th Battalion (UN service) of the Irish Army ONUC contingent at the Siege of Jadotville in September 1961, during the United Nations intervention in the Katanga conflict in Congo-Léopoldville, in Central Africa;
- profoundly regrets the betrayal of these men for many years by some in positions of power and the attempt to portray the soldier’s actions as cowardice to deflect from that betrayal;
- acknowledges the immense hurt and pain caused to the soldiers and their families that they have carried with them over the decades since; and
- calls for the gallantry and heroism of these men to be appropriately acknowledged, along with the hurt and pain that they and their families have endured, through the honouring by the State of the surviving men and the families of the deceased men at a medal ceremony.”
 – *Senators Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Gerard P. Craughwell, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Billy Lawless, Ivana Bacik, Máire Devine, Rose Conway-Walsh, Catherine Ardagh, Fintan Warfield, Paul Gavan, Niall Ó Donnghaile, David Norris, Frances Black, John Dolan, Grace O’Sullivan, Lynn Ruane, Paul Daly, Terry Leyden, Keith Swanick, Diarmuid Wilson, Aodhán Ó Ríordáin, Kevin Humphreys, Ged Nash, Jennifer Murnane O’Connor.*

[6th June, 2017]

10. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Justice and Equality to bring to an immediate end the investment in the tobacco industry by two entities under the remit of the Department of Justice and Equality, namely the Charities Regulator and the Courts Service.”

– *Senators Diarmuid Wilson, Catherine Ardagh, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Mark Daly, Paul Daly, Aidan Davitt, Robbie Gallagher, Gerry Horkan, Terry Leyden, Jennifer Murnane O’Connor, Ned O’Sullivan, Keith Swanick.*

[19th June, 2017]

11. “That Seanad Éireann:

notes:

- the devastating flooding that affected homes, businesses and farmsteads across County Donegal in August 2017;
- that the damage inflicted by the floods on local roads is estimated at €15.3 million;
- the challenges of climate change and increasingly volatile weather patterns; and
- the planned €430 million, six year programme of capital investment in flood defence measures as part of the Government’s overall Capital Investment Plan

2016–2021;

acknowledges the hard work of local authority staff, volunteers, Defence Forces personnel and emergency services in assisting those affected by the floods;

criticises:

- the delays in the roll out of humanitarian assistance to affected households;
- the one week delay in announcing funding for a Red Cross administered humanitarian fund to help small local businesses, sports clubs and voluntary community groups with application forms not available until ten days after the flooding;
- the failure to confirm a fund to assist the repair of damage to farms until two weeks after the flooding, with application forms not made available until three weeks after the event;
- the exclusion of farmers who have lost grain crops, potato crops and unharvested silage, and damage to agricultural roads from funding;
- the failure to commit to separate funding for sports organisations who experienced significant damage in excess of the €20,000 cap covered by the Red Cross fund;
- the failure to commit to funding for repair and restoration of public amenities such as Swan Park in Buncrana;
- the on-going underspend in flood defence schemes as part of capital expenditure plans;
- the Government decision not to include any provision in Ireland's Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2014–2020 to compensate farmers for losses caused by adverse weather; and
- the continued delays and denials of insurance for homeowners and businesses across the country due to flooding concerns;

and calls on the Government to:

- ensure households and businesses are given adequate flood insurance, in particular for those in areas where the Office of Public Works has invested in standard 1 in 100 year flood defence structures, and facilitate the passage of Fianna Fáil legislation on this specific matter;
- address capital underspend in the roll out of investment in flood defences and increase spending in the road infrastructure;
- amend the RDP to encompass specific provisions on supporting farmers affected by adverse weather conditions;
- expand the terms of the funding support scheme for the farming community in County Donegal to include farmers who have lost grain crops, potato crops and

unharvested silage, and damage to agricultural roads;

- provide ring-fenced funding to restore sporting facilities and public amenities destroyed in the County Donegal flooding and not covered by the Red Cross fund;
- ensure that steps are taken so that delays experienced in the establishment of funding support schemes in County Donegal are not repeated in future flooding episodes; and
- fully and expeditiously implement Government commitments to alleviate financial burdens on households, sporting facilities, farmsteads, businesses and infrastructure in County Donegal through the humanitarian assistance fund and specific agricultural supports.”

– *Senators Catherine Ardagh, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Mark Daly, Paul Daly, Aidan Davitt, Robbie Gallagher, Gerry Horkan, Terry Leyden, Jennifer Murnane O’Connor, Ned O’Sullivan, Keith Swanick, Diarmuid Wilson, Brian Ó Domhnaill.*

[6th October, 2017]

12. “That Seanad Éireann:

notes that:

- the constitutional status of Catalonia is the subject of sharply diverging views;
- a disputed referendum on independence was held in Catalonia on 1 October 2017;

notes with concern:

- the deteriorating political situation in Catalonia;
- the unacceptable, disproportionate and counterproductive police violence against unarmed civilians on 1 October 2017;

and calls for:

- political progress to be pursued through dialogue and negotiations between the Spanish Government and Parliament and the Catalan Government and Parliament; and
- international mediation to facilitate these negotiations.”

– *Senators Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Trevor Ó Clochartaigh, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield, Frances Black, Colette Kelleher, Grace O’Sullivan, Lynn Ruane, David Norris.*

[9th October, 2017]

13. “That Seanad Éireann resolves that Statutory Instrument No. 494 of 2017 – Local Government (Expenses of Local Authority Members) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 – be annulled.”

– *Senators Catherine Ardagh, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Mark Daly, Paul Daly, Aidan Davitt, Robbie Gallagher, Gerry Horkan, Terry Leyden, Jennifer Murnane O’Connor, Ned O’Sullivan, Keith Swanick, Diarmuid Wilson, Brian Ó Domhnaill.*

[24th November, 2017]

14. "That Seanad Éireann:

- takes into account the decision by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) on 13th of October 2017 to designate Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGTs) pursuant to the global terrorism Executive Order (E.O.) 13224 and consistent with the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act;
- recognises that the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) is responsible for suppression of Iranian people including crushing the 2009 uprising and a renewed vicious crackdown on human rights defenders, women's rights activists, anti-death penalty campaigners and dual citizens;
- notes that the IRGC has played a leading role in the assassination of Iranian dissidents both in Iran and abroad, including members of the opposition movement, the PMOI (MEK) and the broader democratic coalition, the National Council of Resistance of Iran;
- recognises that the IRGC is subject to EU sanctions in its entirety and a large number of individuals and entities are designated because of their support for, or links to, the IRGC, under the EU's proliferation and human rights sanctions regimes relating to Iran;
- notes that the IRGC partakes in slaughtering the Syrian people to keep Bashar al-Assad in power, abetting and concealing the crimes of the Syrian regime, including its use of chemical weapons against its own people;
- notes the IRGC's support for terrorist groups in Iraq that destabilises the country and foments sectarian conflicts in the country;
- notes Iran's financial and military support for and the cooperation of the IRGC with Hezbollah in Lebanon, which includes the supply of tens of thousands of rockets and missiles in clear violation of UN Weapons embargo and Security Council Resolutions;
- notes Iran's financial and military support for the Houti militias in Yemen, including supply of rockets and weapons in clear violation of UN Weapons embargo and Security Council Resolutions;
- notes the reports of recently declassified CIA documents that expose the Iranian offers of secret funding, arms and training to the terrorist group al-Qaeda, an extensive support dating back even prior to the 9/11 terror attacks;
- recognises that the IRGC recruits child soldiers and refugees from Afghanistan and trains them to become terrorist fighters and to be dispatched to the region;
- notes that senior IRGC commanders are on Interpol's Red Notice list for acts of international terrorism including the 1994 bombing of a Jewish community centre in

Buenos Aires;

- notes that the IRGC is the main instrument of the Iranian regime that only answers to the Supreme Leader and plays a central role in the human rights violations in the country, exporting of terrorism abroad, the regime's ballistic missile programme and its cyberattacks against targets in the West;
- recognises the information revealed by the NCRI regarding crimes committed by the IRGC against the Iranian people and its role in fomenting terrorism in the region and the call by NCRI President-elect Mrs Maryam Rajavi for recognising IRGC as a terrorist entity and for immediate expulsion of the IRGC and its proxies from Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Lebanon;
- recognises the joint statement from British Prime Minister Theresa May, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron on 13th of October 2017, which states, 'At the same time as we work to preserve the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, we share concerns about Iran's ballistic missile programme and regional activities that also affect our European security interests. We stand ready to take further appropriate measures to address these issues in close cooperation with the US and all relevant partners';
- calls on the Government to acknowledge and condemn the IRGC's destabilising activities in the region and participation in domestic repression;
- urges the Government to act in the EU for a EU designation of the entire IRGC as a Foreign Terrorist Group and additional punitive measures against Senior IRGC commanders responsible for ongoing human rights violations in Iran and support for terrorism abroad;
- urges the Government to take all necessary political and diplomatic measures in conjunction with our international and European allies for immediate expulsion of the IRGC and its proxies from Iraq, Syria, Yemen and Lebanon;
- instructs the Cathaoirleach to forward this resolution to the President of Ireland, the Taoiseach, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, EU Foreign Policy Chief, European Parliament and the EU Commission."

- *Senators Brian Ó Domhnaill, Caherine Noone, David Norris, Neale Richmond, Diarmuid Wilson.*

[29th November, 2017]

50. 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, 12 Nollaig, 2017
Tuesday, 12th December, 2017

An Bille Airgeadais, 2017 [*Bille Airgid Deimhnithe*] [*Dáil*] – An Tuarascáil.
Finance Bill 2017 [*Certified Money Bill*] [*Dáil*] – Report Stage.

Dé hAoine, 29 Nollaig, 2017
Friday, 29th December, 2017

An Bille Inimirce (Athchóiriú) (Stádas Cónaithe a Thabhairt chun Rialtachta), 2016 – Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 29 Nollaig 2017.

Immigration (Reform) (Regularisation of Residency Status) Bill 2016 – Ordered to be read a second time on 29th December, 2017.

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

Dé Domhnaigh, 31 Nollaig, 2017
Sunday, 31st December, 2017

An Bille Toghcháin (Leasú) (Vótáil ag Aois 16), 2016 – Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 31 Nollaig 2017.

Electoral (Amendment) (Voting at 16) Bill 2016 – Ordered to be read a second time on 31st December, 2017.

– *Senators Fintan Warfield, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Lynn Ruane.*

BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL
Seanad Bills with the Dáil

An Bille um Maoin Chultúrtha a Choimirciú i gCás Coinbhleacht Armtha (Coinbhinsiún na Háige), 2016.

Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (Hague Convention) Bill 2016.

An Bille Oidhreachta, 2016.
Heritage Bill 2016.

An Bille um Neamhord Speictream an Uathachais, 2017.
Autism Spectrum Disorder Bill 2017.

An Bille Deochanna Meisciúla (Leasú), 2017.
Intoxicating Liquor (Amendment) Bill 2017.

An Bille um Theanga Chomharthaíochta na hÉireann do na Bodhair a Aithint, 2016.
Recognition of Irish Sign Language for the Deaf Community Bill 2016.

An Bille Árachais Sláinte (Leasú), 2017.
Health Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2017.

An Bille um Fhoréigean Baile, 2017.
Domestic Violence Bill 2017.

MEMORANDA

Déardaoin, 7 Nollaig, 2017
Thursday, 7th December, 2017

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Airgeadas, Caiteachas Poiblí agus Athchóiriú, agus an Taoiseach i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Fostaíochta agus Coimirce Shóisialach i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 10.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Employment Affairs and Social Protection in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 10.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart agus Comhionannas i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 10.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Justice and Equality in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 10.30 a.m.

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

Reachtúil:	Statutory:
Tairiscint Ceadaithe ag Teastáil	Requiring Motion of Approval
Níl aon scríbhinn á leagan faoin gCatagóir seo	None
In-neamhnithe le Tairiscint	Open to Motion to Annul
Na Rialacháin um Sheirbhísí Sláinte (Muirir Oidís), 2017 (I.R. Uimh. 553 de 2017).	Health Services (Prescription Charges) Regulations 2017 (S.I. No. 553 of 2017).

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.