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Tairiscint:

Motion:

1. “Go ndéanann Seanad Éireann:

- (1) an Tuarascáil chomhaontaithe a thabhairt dá aire ón gComhchoiste um Iompar, Turasóireacht agus Spórt faoi Bhuan-Ordú 116 ar an Togra le haghaidh Rialachán ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le Bearta Cuíchóirithe chun Dul Chun Cinn a Dhéanamh maidir leis an nGréasán Tras-Eorpach Iompair a chur i gcrích – *COM (2018) 277*, a leagadh faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 5 Iúil 2018, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 116(3)(b);
- (2) ag féachaint don Tuarascáil réamhráite, agus le linn a fheidhmeanna faoi alt 7(3) d’Acht an Aontais Eorpaigh, 2009 a fheidhmiú, an tuairim a shealbhú nach ndéanann an Togra le haghaidh Rialachán ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le Bearta Cuíchóirithe chun Dul Chun Cinn a Dhéanamh maidir leis an nGréasán Tras-Eorpach Iompair a chur i gcrích – *COM (2018) 277*, prionsabal na coimhdeachta a chomhlíonadh ar na cúiseanna atá leagtha amach in Alt 4 den Tuarascáil; agus
- (3) a thabhairt dá aire, de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 116(4), go gcuirfear cóip den Rún seo mar aon leis an tuairim réasúnaithe agus an Tuarascáil réamhráite chuig Uachtarán

That Seanad Éireann:

- (1) notes the agreed Report of the Joint Committee on Transport, Tourism and Sport under Standing Order 116 on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Streamlining Measures for Advancing the Realisation of the Trans-European Transport Network - *COM (2018) 277*, which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 5 July, 2018, in accordance with Standing Order 116(3)(b);
- (2) having regard to the aforementioned Report, and in exercise of its functions under section 7(3) of the European Union Act 2009, is of the opinion that the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Streamlining Measures for Advancing the Realisation of the Trans-European Transport Network - *COM (2018) 277*, does not comply with the principle of subsidiarity for the reasons set out in section 4 of the Report; and
- (3) notes that, pursuant to Standing Order 116(4), a copy of this Resolution together with the reasoned opinion and the aforementioned Report shall be sent to the

Pharlaimint na hEorpa, Uachtarán na
Comhairle agus Uachtarán an
Choimisiúin.”

Presidents of the European Parliament, the
Council and the Commission.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*
[6th July, 2018]

2. An Bille um Thrácht ar Bhóithre (Leasú), 2017 [*Dáil*] – An Dara Céim.
Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill 2017 [*Dáil*] – Second Stage.

3. (l) An Bille fá Choimisiún um Cheapacháin Bhreithiúnacha, 2017 [*Dáil*] – An Coiste (*leasú*
29, *atógáil*).
(a) Judicial Appointments Commission Bill 2017 [*Dáil*] – Committee (*amendment* 29,
resumed).

Tairiscint:

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

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

Togra le haghaidh Rialachán ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle maidir le hOrduithe Eorpacha um Tháirgeadh agus um Chaomhnú le haghaidh fianaise leictreonach in imeachtaí coiriúla,

Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on European Production and Preservation Orders for electronic evidence in criminal matters,

ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 30 Aibreán 2018.

a copy of which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 30 April, 2018.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*
[5th July, 2018]

5. An Bille um Chultúr agus Stair an Lucht Siúil san Oideachas, 2018 – An Dara Céim.
Traveller Culture and History in Education Bill 2018 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Colette Kelleher, Lynn Ruane, Grace O’Sullivan.*

6. Ráitis maidir leis an bPalaistín.
Statements on Palestine.

7. An Bille um Ghníomhaíocht Eacnamaíoch a Rialú (Críocha faoi Fhorghabháil), 2018 – An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).

Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018 – Second Stage (*resumed*).

– *Senators Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins, Lynn Ruane, Colette Kelleher, John Dolan, Grace O’Sullivan, David Norris.*

8. An Bille Deochanna Meisciúla (Grúdlanna agus Drioglanna), 2016 [*Dáil*] – An Dara Céim. Intoxicating Liquor (Breweries and Distilleries) Bill 2016 – [*Dáil*] – Second Stage.
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9. An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú), 2016. Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016.
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Teachtaireacht ón Dáil:
Message from the Dáil:

Tá Dáil Éireann tar éis aontú, an 6ú lá d’Iúil 2018, le leasuithe 1 go 40 agus 43 go 82 a rinne Seanad Éireann ar *An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú), 2016*.

Dáil Éireann has agreed, on the 6th day of July 2018, to amendments 1 to 40, and 43 to 82 made by Seanad Éireann to the *Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2016*.

Níor aontaigh Dáil Éireann le leasuithe 41 agus 42 agus is mian léi nach seasfadh Seanad Éireann air.

Dáil Éireann has not agreed to amendments 41 and 42 and desires that Seanad Éireann should not insist thereon.

10. An Bille Oidhreacht, 2016 [*Bille Seanaid arna leasú ag an Dáil*] – An Tuarascáil. Heritage Bill 2016 [*Seanad Bill amended by the Dáil*] – Report Stage.
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11. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an tOrdú seo a leanas ina dhréacht:

That Seanad Éireann approves the following Order in draft:

An tOrdú fán Acht um Chomhionannas Fostaíochta, 1998 (Alt 12) (Ionaid a chur in áirithe i gcúrsa gairmoiliúna), 2018,

Employment Equality Act 1998 (Section 12) (Reservation of vocational training places) Order 2018,

ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 26 Meitheamh 2018.

a copy of which was laid before Seanad Éireann on 26th June, 2018.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*
[27th June, 2018]

*Tíolactha:**Presented:***12. An Bille um Aoisliúntas na Seirbhíse Poiblí (Aois Scoir), 2018 – Ordú don Dara Céim.**

Public Service Superannuation (Age of Retirement) Bill 2018 – Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do mhéadú na haoise ag a bhfuil sé de cheangal ar sheirbhísigh phoiblí áirithe dul ar scor; do thabhairt cumhacht don Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe chun an aois sin a mhéadú le hordú; chun na gearróch sin, do leasú an Achta um Aoisliúntas na Seirbhíse Poiblí (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2004 agus achtacháin áirithe eile; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to raise the age at which certain public servants are required to retire; to confer power on the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform to raise that age by order; for those purposes to amend the Public Service Superannuation (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2004 and certain other enactments; and to provide for related matters.

-*Senator Jerry Buttimer.*

13. An Bille um Shaoire do Thuismitheoirí (Leasú), 2017 [Dáil] – An Dara Céim.

Parental Leave (Amendment) Bill 2017 [Dáil] – Second Stage.

14. An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Sciúradh Airgid agus Maoiniú Sceimhlitheoireachta) (Leasú), 2018 [Dáil] – An Dara Céim.

Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) (Amendment) Bill 2018 [Dáil] – Second Stage.

15. An Bille um Chóipcheart agus Forálacha Eile de chuid an Dlí Maoine Intleachtúla, 2018 [Dáil] – An Dara Céim.

Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Law Provisions Bill 2018 [Dáil] – Second Stage.

16. An Bille Uchtála (Faisnéis agus Lorgaireacht), 2016 – An Coiste.

Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2016 – Committee.

17. An Bille um Chomhairle na mBreithiúna, 2017 – An Coiste.

Judicial Council Bill 2017 – Committee.

18. (l) An Bille Iascaigh Mhara (Leasú), 2017 – An Coiste (leasú 1, atógáil).(a) Sea-Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Committee (*amendment 1, resumed*).**19. An Bille um Chomhroinnt agus Rialachas Sonraí, 2018 – An Tuarascáil.**

Data Sharing and Governance Bill 2018 – Report Stage.

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

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- 21.** 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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- 22.** An Bille um an Rosc Náisiúnta (Cóipcheart agus Cearta Gaolmhara a Chosaint) (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.*
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- 23.** An Bille fán nGníomhaireacht Náisiúnta um Bainistíocht Sócmhainní (Leasú), 2017 – An Dara Céim.
National Asset Management Agency (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Rose Conway-Walsh, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn.*
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- 24.** 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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- 25.** 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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- 26.** 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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- 27.** 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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- 28.** An Bille um Sheirbhís Chúirteanna (Leasú), 2017 – An Dara Céim.
Courts Service (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Keith Swanick, Diarmuid Wilson, Gerry Horkan.*
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- 29.** An Bille Ealaíon (Dínit ag an Obair) (Leasú) (Uimh. 2), 2018 – An Dara Céim.
Arts (Dignity at Work) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2018 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Fintan Warfield, Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Niall Ó Donnghaile.*

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- 30.** An Bille Caidrimh Thionscail (Comhghníomhaíocht), 2018 – An Dara Céim.
Industrial Relations (Collective Action) Bill 2018 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Paul Gavan, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield.*
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- 31.** An Bille um Gharchabhair agus Meabhairshláinte i Scoileanna (Oiliúint Tosaigh ar Mhúinteoirí), 2018 – An Dara Céim.
First Aid and Mental Health in Schools (Initial Teacher Training) Bill 2018 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson, Keith Swanick.*
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- 32.** An Bille um Gharchabhair agus Meabhairshláinte i Scoileanna (Múinteoirí Reatha), 2018 – An Dara Céim.
First Aid and Mental Health in Schools (Existing Teachers) Bill 2018 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson, Keith Swanick.*
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- 33.** An Bille um Shaoroideachas (Toirmeasc ar Tháillí agus ar Mhuirir), 2018 – An Dara Céim.
Free Education (Prohibition of Fees and Charges) Bill 2018 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Aodhán Ó Ríordáin, Ivana Bacik, Kevin Humphreys, Gerald Nash.*
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- 34.** An Bille Craolacháin (Leasú), 2018 – An Dara Céim.
Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2018 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Fintan Warfield, Paul Gavan, Niall Ó Donnghaile.*
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- 35.** An Bille Meabhair-Shláinte (Cumas Toiliú le Cóireáil), 2018 – An Dara Céim.
Mental Health (Capacity to Consent to Treatment) Bill 2018 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Máire Devine, Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Grace O'Sullivan, Joan Freeman, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Fintan Warfield, Paul Gavan, Rose Conway-Walsh, Niall Ó Donnghaile.*
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- 36.** 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]

37. 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.*

38. 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.*

39. An Bille um Ghairmithe Sláinte Criticiúla, 2017 – Ordú don Choiste.
Critical Health Professionals Bill 2017 – Order for Committee.

– *Senators Keith Swanick, Mark Daly, Robbie Gallagher.*

40. An Bille Inimirce (Athchóiriú) (Stádas Cónaithe a Thabhairt chun Rialtachta), 2016 – Ordú don Choiste.

Immigration (Reform) (Regularisation of Residency Status) Bill 2016 – Order for Committee.

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

41. 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.*

42. An Bille um Dhúnorgain Chorparáideach (Uimh. 2), 2016 – An Coiste.

Corporate Manslaughter (No. 2) Bill 2016 – Committee.

– *Senators Mark Daly, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Robbie Gallagher.*

43. 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.*

44. An Bille um Chlárú Uachtanna, 2016 – An Coiste.

Registration of Wills Bill 2016 – Committee.

– *Senators Terry Leyden, Catherine Ardagh, Lorraine Clifford-Lee.*

45. An Bille um Chiontuithe mar gheall ar 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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46. 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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47. 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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48. 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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49. 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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50. An Bille um Údarás na Gaeltachta (Leasú), 2017 – An Coiste.
Údarás na Gaeltachta (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Committee.
– *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Paul Gavan.*
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51. 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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52. An Bille um Threalamh Tarrthála Beatha, 2017 – An Coiste.
Life Saving Equipment Bill 2017 – Committee.
– *Senators Paul Daly, Robbie Gallagher, Keith Swanick, Diarmuid Wilson.*
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53. An Bille um Pá Íosta Náisiúnta (Séisíní Fostaithe a Chosaint), 2017 – An Coiste.
National Minimum Wage (Protection of Employee Tips) Bill 2017 – Committee.
– *Senators Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield.*
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54. An Bille um Chaomhnú Fostaíochta (Bearta chun Cur i gCoinne Bréag-Fhéinfhostaíochta), 2018 – An Coiste.

Protection of Employment (Measures to Counter False Self-Employment) Bill 2018 – Committee.

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

55. An Bille um Thoirmeasc ar Theiripí Tiontúcháin, 2018 – An Coiste.

Prohibition of Conversion Therapies Bill 2018 – Committee.

– *Senators Fintan Warfield, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Rose Conway-Walsh, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Ivana Bacik, Kevin Humphreys, David Norris, Aodhán Ó Ríordáin, Victor Boyhan, Gerard P. Craughwell, Joan Freeman, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins, Colette Kelleher, Grace O'Sullivan, Lynn Ruane, Jerry Buttimer, Catherine Ardagh, Máire Devine.*

56. An Bille um an Dlí Sibhialta (Costais i Nithe a bhaineann le Probháid), 2017 – An Coiste.

Civil Law (Costs in Probate Matters) Bill 2017 – Committee.

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

57. An Bille um Chuntasacht Rialtais Áitiúil, 2018 – An Coiste.

Local Government Accountability Bill 2018 – Committee.

– *Senators Brian Ó Domhnaill, Diarmuid Wilson, Victor Boyhan, Gerard P. Craughwell.*

58. An Bille um Pá Íosta Náisiúnta (Deireadh a Chur le Rátaí Pá Fo-Íosta), 2017 – An Coiste.

National Minimum Wage (Removal of Sub-minimum Rates of Pay) Bill 2017 – Committee.

– *Senators Paul Gavan, Lynn Ruane, Fintan Warfield.*

59. An Bille um Ligin Ghearrthéarma, 2018 – An Coiste.

Short-term Lettings Bill 2018 – Committee.

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

60. An Bille Oideachais (Feistí Digiteacha i Scoileanna), 2018 – An Coiste.

Education (Digital Devices in Schools) Bill 2018 – Committee.

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

61. (l) An Bille Toghcháin (Leasú) (Vótáil ag Aois 16), 2016 – An Coiste (*atógáil, alt 3*).

(a) Electoral (Amendment) (Voting at 16) Bill 2016 – Committee (*resumed, section 3*).

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

62. 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.*

63. An Bille Oideachais (Leas) (Leasú), 2017 – An Tuarascáil.

Education (Welfare) (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Report Stage.

– *Senators Kevin Humphreys, Gerald Nash, Aodhán Ó Ríordáin.**Tairiscint:**Motion:***64.** “Go ndéanann Seanad Éireann:

That Seanad Éireann:

- a thabhairt dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Airgeadas, Caiteachas Poiblí agus Athchóiriú, agus an Taoiseach, dar teideal ‘Idirghabháil le Cistí Infheistíochta’ ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 15 Márta 2018;
 - a thabhairt dá aire iarrachtaí leanúnacha gan rath an Chomhchoiste dul i mbun idirghabháil le cistí infheistíochta príobháideacha neamhrialáilte agus le gnólachtaí seirbhíse creidmheasa rialáilte agus gurb oth leis seasamh na n-eintiteas seo agus cuirí ón gComhchoiste láithriú ag éisteachtaí de chuid an Chomhchoiste agus a bheith cuntasach don Pharlaimint á ndiúltú acu;
 - aitheantas a thabhairt thairis sin do thacaíocht Ghobharnóir Bhanc Ceannais na hÉireann ag éileamh go bhfreastalóidh na cistí infheistíochta príobháideacha neamhrialáilte agus na gnólachtaí seirbhíse creidmheasa rialáilte ag an gComhchoiste ar an mbonn go bhfuil ‘freagracht shóisialta ar ghnólachtaí a bhfuil ról suntasach acu i ngeilleagar na hÉireann cuntas a thabhairt orthu féin os comhair an Choiste’;
 - a thabhairt dá aire an fhaisnéis a sholáthair an Roinn Airgeadais ina dtugtar mionsonraí i dtaobh an leibhéil idirghabhála le tionscal na gcistí ó 2013 go 2016 agus ina dtugtar mionsonraí i dtaobh thart ar 125 chruinniú iomchuí a seoladh, rud a léiríonn an leibhéal idirghníomhaíochta a bhí ann idir
- notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach entitled ‘Engagement with Investment Funds’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 15th March, 2018;
 - notes the continuing, unsuccessful efforts of the Joint Committee to engage with unregulated private investment funds and regulated credit service firms and regrets the position of these entities in declining invitations from the Joint Committee to attend hearings of the Joint Committee and to be accountable to Parliament;
 - acknowledges the support of the Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland in calling for the unregulated private investment funds and regulated credit service firms to attend at the Joint Committee on the basis that ‘firms with a serious role in the Irish economy have a social responsibility to account for themselves before the Committee’;
 - notes the information provided by the Department of Finance detailing the level of engagement with the funds industry from 2013 to 2016 detailing approximately 125 relevant meetings held, thus demonstrating the level of interaction between the funds industry and the Department over those years;

tionscal na gcistí agus an Roinn thar na blianta sin;

- a iarraidh ar an Rialtas na moltaí atá i míreanna 17 agus 18 den Tuarascáil a chur i ngníomh, eadhon:
 - scór de gach idirghabháil le cistí infheistíochta príobháideacha neamhrialáilte agus le gnólachtaí seirbhíse creidmheasa rialáilte go dtí go mbeidh na heintitis sin cuntasach don Pharlaimint; agus
 - reachtaíocht a thabhairt isteach chun gach eintiteas neamhrialáilte atá ag oibriú i margadh morgáistí na hÉireann a rialáil d'fhonn tomhaltóirí Éireannacha a chosaint.
- calls on the Government to implement the recommendations contained in paragraphs 17 and 18 of the Report, namely:
 - to cease all engagement with unregulated private investment funds and regulated credit service firms until these entities are accountable to Parliament; and
 - to introduce legislation for the regulation of all unregulated entities operating in the Irish mortgage market in order to protect Irish consumers.”

– *Senator Gerry Horkan,*

Vice-Chairman of the Joint Committee on Finance, Public Expenditure and Reform, and Taoiseach.

[30th May, 2018]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

65. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Leanaí agus Gnóthaí Óige dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil ar an gCibearshláid do Leanaí agus d’Aosaigh Óga’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 28 Márta 2018.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Children and Youth Affairs entitled ‘Report on Cyber Security for Children and Young Adults’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 28th March, 2018.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*

[18th April, 2018]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

66. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Chúram Meabhairshláinte sa Todhchaí dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil Eatramhach ón gComhchoiste um Chúram Meabhairshláinte sa Todhchaí’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 12 Nollaig 2017.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on the Future of Mental Health Care entitled ‘Interim Report of the Joint Committee on the Future of Mental Health Care’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 12th December, 2017.”

– *Senator Joan Freeman,*

Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Future of Mental Health Care.

[24th April, 2018]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

67. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Thithíocht, Pleanáil agus Rialtas Áitiúil dar teideal ‘Slán Sábháilte? Tuarascáil ar Chaighdeáin Foirgníochta, Rialuithe Foirgníochta agus Cosaint Tomhaltóirí (Nollaig 2017)’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 24 Eanáir 2018.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Housing, Planning and Local Government entitled ‘Safe as Houses? A Report on Building Standards, Building Controls & Consumer Protection (December 2017)’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 24 January 2018.”

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*

[30th April, 2018]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

68. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Chúram Meabhairshláinte sa Todhchaí dar teideal ‘An Dara Tuarascáil Eatramhach: Gníomhartha a mholtar de dhroim an dul chun cinn atá déanta go dtí seo’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 25 Aibreán 2018.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on the Future of Mental Health Care entitled ‘Second Interim Report: Recommended actions arising from progress made to date’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 25th April, 2018.”

– *Senator Joan Freeman,*

Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Future of Mental Health Care.

[30th April, 2018]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

69. “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 May, 2018]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

70. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht, Bia agus Muir dar teideal ‘Todhchaí na hEanála Curaíochta in Éirinn’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi

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,

bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 22 Samhain 2017.”
2017.

– *Senator Jerry Buttimer.*
[23rd May, 2018]

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

1. “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]

2. “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, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield, Frances Black, Colette Kelleher, Grace O’Sullivan, Lynn Ruane, David Norris.*

[9th October, 2017]

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3. “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]

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4. “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, Catherine Noone, David Norris, Neale Richmond, Diarmuid Wilson.*

[29th November, 2017]

5. “That Seanad Éireann:

- recognises the distress and anxiety caused to patients by the recent decision to restrict access the pain relief patch Versatis;
- notes that many patients cannot readily obtain suitable alternative medication for their pain management requirements;
- calls on the Government to conduct a review into the decision to limit the availability of Versatis; and
- calls on the Government to ensure that a suitable medication or treatment is made available to patients where Versatis has been discontinued.”
- *Senators Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield.*

[13th February, 2018]

6. “That Seanad Éireann:

notes:

- that Ireland's network of regional and local roads is almost 91,000 kilometres in length, accounts for 94 per cent of Ireland's road network and carries about 54 per cent of all road traffic;
- that the local and regional road network serves as the main connection between homes and businesses in much of Ireland, including Dublin and other urban areas, and plays a vital role in balanced regional economic development;
- that according to the latest National Oversight and Audit Commission, almost 70 per cent of regional roads have structural or surface defects and that ten per cent or more of local primary roads were structurally distressed in 12 local authorities;
- that well maintained and good quality local and regional roads facilitate strong links between and among communities;
- that the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has, on average over the past five years, provided local councils with less than half the amount of funding that is deemed necessary to maintain roads in a steady state of condition;
- that repeated incidences of flooding and other extreme weather events have caused considerable damage to many local and regional roads;

- that many local authorities have too few outdoor council staff and have not been granted sufficient resources to hire additional staff;
- the importance of the speedy delivery of the planned upgrading of our national road network, for both the economy and a more balanced spatial distribution; and
- the considerable safety concerns arising from roads with structural or surface defects and that the presence of such defects increases the frequency of road collisions;

recognises that:

- the Programme for a Partnership Government commits to increasing the capital budget for regional and local roads by approximately 50 per cent, which has yet to be delivered; and
- the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport has estimated, in its Strategic Framework for Investment in Land Transport, that an annual investment of €580 million is required to maintain the current regional and local road network, €163 million more than has been allocated this year;

and calls on the Government to:

- significantly increase the regional and local roads budget in the context of the Capital Investment Plan 2016-2021;
- publish a full response to the findings of the National Oversight and Audit Commission, with a detailed plan to address the issues and defects identified in this report, within three months;
- review the management of funds at local authority levels to ensure that funds are being used in the most efficient and effective manner possible and provide additional administrative supports where they are needed; and
- provide biannual reports to the Houses of the Oireachtas on the implementation progress of this plan, with the first update provided no later than six months following the passing of this motion.”

– *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.*

[15th February, 2018]

7. “That Seanad Éireann:

- recognises the crucial role of primary and community care in the delivery of our public health system in Ireland;
- notes the need for major reform of our public health system including a requirement to rebalance the health budget towards primary care through the proper resourcing of primary and community care, thereby alleviating pressure on the acute hospital network;
- notes the ongoing staffing crisis within general practice and the level of emigration

taking

- place from Ireland by young GPs;
 - notes the need for further investment in primary care and general practice as part of an overall health strategy that would help to reduce the stress of hospital admission for significant numbers of patients;
 - calls on the Government to urgently examine the impacts of the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (FEMPI) on general practice and assess the need for an accelerated reversal to restore the viability of general practice and as an important step towards addressing the acute shortage of GPs;
 - calls on the Minister for Health to expedite the negotiations surrounding a new GP contract;
 - calls on the Government to re-balance the proportion of Ireland's health budget going to primary care to the international benchmark.”
- *Senators Catherine Ardagh, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Paul Daly, Mark Daly, Aidan Davitt, Robbie Gallagher, Gerry Horkan, Terry Leyden, Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Ned O'Sullivan, Keith Swanick, Diarmuid Wilson, Brian Ó Domhnaill.*

[15th March, 2018]

8. “That Seanad Éireann:

- referring to its previous motion of October 2016 recognising the conflict in Syria as one of the world's gravest humanitarian crises since the Second World War, involving 8 million displaced people inside Syria, 4.5 million people under siege or inaccessible, 4.5 million refugees beyond Syrian borders, 1.5 million people injured and more than 250,000 people killed;
- noting that since then, there have been large numbers of further civilian casualties with particularly horrific attacks on civilians in Eastern Ghouta in recent weeks;
- condemns the indiscriminate bombing of civilians and civilian infrastructure by the Syrian regime and its backers, that have left hundreds dead in the last two weeks alone;
- condemns further the deliberate targeting of medical and rescue infrastructure and personnel, and the use of starvation sieges against the population of Eastern Ghouta since 2013;
- calls for all bombing of civilians and civilian infrastructure in Syria to cease immediately and for the immediate implementation and indefinite extension of the UN Ceasefire (Security Council 2401) and a negotiated, comprehensive and sustainable end to the conflict, based on the 2012 Geneva Communique and UN Security Council resolution 2254;
- calls for repeated, continuous and unhindered access to Eastern Ghouta and other besieged areas for UN-led humanitarian relief operations;

- calls on the Government, with the support of civil society, to implement its agreed commitments to support refugees from Syria, including under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme, the Family Reunification Humanitarian Admission Programme and our national resettlement programme;
- calls on the Government to continue to use all appropriate diplomatic means and forums to raise this issue, to continue to work with likeminded states in the EU and the UN and to continue to work towards an end to bombardment of civilians, a genuine cessation of violence, and unimpeded humanitarian aid access throughout Syria and in particular in Eastern Ghouta.”

– *Senators Ivana Bacik, Jerry Buttimer, Catherine Ardagh, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

[28th March, 2018]

9. “That Seanad Éireann:

acknowledges:

- suicide is a tragic event with strong and devastating emotional repercussions for the families, friends and communities left behind,
- suicide is a leading cause of death worldwide,
- approximately 500 people die by suicide every year in Ireland,
- for every suicide at least 6 people are directly affected,
- rebuilding lives is such an enormous task and suicide survivors need more acknowledgement and assistance to heal from grief that seems insurmountable;

recognises:

- the positive advancements in destigmatising mental illness in recent years,
- further need of cultural change is required to ensure society is more open to and accepting of those with mental illness,
- further structural change is vital to ensure that when those at risk seek help it is available and accessible,
- the need to acknowledge and support those in deep distress who are left behind;

agrees:

- to name a ‘National Suicide Survivors Day’ dedicated to those grieving the terrible loss of loved ones through suicide,
- a ‘National Suicide Survivors Day’ will acknowledge and demonstrate compassion allowing people to talk about their loss and burden,
- a ‘National Suicide Survivors Day’ will reach out and encourage expression of grief and assist healing,
- a ‘National Suicide Survivors Day’ will give a voice to conversation about mental

illnesses and suicide,

- a 'National Suicide Survivors Day' will lessen isolation and silence."

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

[2nd May, 2018]

10. “That Seanad Éireann:

notes that:

- there were 643,131 people, 13.5 per cent of the population, who indicated that they had a disability in Census 2016, which represented an increase of 47,796 people between 2011 and 2016;
- up to one in ten persons below 45 years of age has a disability, rising to 20 per cent by age 60, and rates increase sharply above age 70;
- educational attainment amongst disabled persons is much lower than that of the general population at all levels;
- the unemployment rate amongst persons with a disability was 26.3 per cent, more than double the 12.9 per cent rate for the population as a whole;
- the potential loss of the medical card is a significant barrier preventing people with disabilities and chronic illness entering employment;
- the Central Statistics Office's Survey on Income and Living Conditions published in February, 2017, showed that while overall general poverty rates in Ireland are showing some improvements, they are getting worse for people who live with a disability, and it found that 53 per cent of people who are not in work due to a disability or illness are experiencing enforced deprivation;
- living with a disability in Ireland today can bring extra costs of between €207 and €76 per week;
- almost 50 per cent of people living with a physical disability experience difficulty going outside the home alone due to inadequate transport provision;
- despite provision under the Disability Act 2005 for an assessment of need, thousands of children are being denied their developmental potential for years while stuck on waiting lists for therapy supports;
- today, one in 20 people in Ireland is a family carer, collectively providing some €10 billion in unpaid care each year;
- respite care involves giving families and carers much needed assistance in caring for their loved one for a short period – that current provision is far short of what is needed, and without adequate respite, family carers are themselves left more vulnerable to ill-health;

- the in loco parentis clause in homecare nursing contracts for sick children is causing unnecessary stress, worry and constraint on the parents of sick children;
- the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) is helping to ensure that best standards apply in all special care homes, although they are still under-resourced; and
- Ireland has at last ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), having signed it over a decade ago in 2007;

and calls on the Government to:

- ensure that there is a corresponding entitlement to a service along with an assessment of need enshrined in legislation;
- prioritise the scheduling and passage into law of the Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016;
- establish, without any unnecessary delay, the Decision Support Service promised in the Assisted-Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015;
- recognise the importance of the two implementation mechanisms provided in the UNCRPD through the adoption of the Optional Protocol to the CRPD;
- provide significant additional investment to combat the long waiting lists for therapy supports such as occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and psychology;
- recognise the additional expense of having a disability and increase income supports accordingly;
- increase personal assistance hours by 500,000 to address the unmet need and enable people to be active participants within their family household, their communities, employment and society;
- increase funding for housing adaptation grants by 50 per cent from current level;
- increase respite care services by 20 per cent;
- fund appropriate employment services to enable and empower people with a disability to gain or retain employment;
- ensure that everybody with serious medical needs has a secure medical card;
- abolish immediately the in loco parentis clause in homecare nursing contracts for sick children;
- significantly increase investment in transport accessibility and work towards making all public transport wheelchair-accessible;
- introduce a scheme to replace the mobility allowance and motorised transport grant;
- allocate the necessary funding to progress de-congregation;

- increase resourcing for HIQA to facilitate the carrying out of the most effective inspection regime possible, thereby ensuring best standards will apply in all settings; and
 - designate a lead co-ordinating Department to ensure joined-up thinking and joined-up action across all Government departments in the interest of people with disabilities.”
- *Senators Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield, Victor Boyhan, John Dolan.*

[10th May, 2018]

11. “That Seanad Éireann:

- recognises that for nearly four decades, the Iranian regime has been condemned for its continued gross violations of human rights;
- acknowledges that more than 120,000 activists of democracy and human rights in Iran have been arbitrarily arrested, tortured and executed;
- notes that in the summer of 1988, more than 30,000 political prisoners were massacred in only two months for opposing the religious dictatorship and supporting the democratic movement the People’s Mujahedin Organisation of Iran (PMOI) and that Amnesty International called this massacre a ‘Crime Against Humanity’ and that its perpetrators must be brought to justice; according to the United Nations, the Iranian regime is the world’s number one executioner per capita;
- takes into account that despite such repression, in January 2018, the world witnessed a wave of uprisings and protests by the Iranian people, which soon expanded to more than 140 cities; where people chanted ‘reformists, hard-liners, the game is now over’, ‘Down with Khamenei and Rouhani’, ‘No to Gaza no to Syria our life is for Iran’ and ‘Leave Syria alone, think about us!’;
- fully recognises that these actions demonstrate the true will of the Iranian people for changing the religious dictatorship and popular rejection of the regime’s expansion of terrorism and warmongering in the region;
- declares solidarity with the Iranian people and supports their democratic objectives;
- acknowledges that the regime’s president, its supreme leader and many other regime officials, have also admitted to the key role of the main Iranian opposition party and their supporters in organising these protests and their continuity;
- notes that the era has changed in Iran and that people have risen up for democratic change and the establishment of freedom in Iran, which will translate into peace and security in the wider region;
- calls on the Irish and European Governments, as well as the international community, to alter their policies of soft line approach into decisiveness;
- calls for the Iranian regime’s terrorist Quds Force, Hezbollah and the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) to be expelled from the region;

- calls on the Irish Government and the international community to side with the Iranian people and recognise the National Council of Resistance of Iran (NCRI) as a viable alternative to this faltering theocratic regime;
 - supports the 10-point platform of the NCRI President-elect Mrs. Maryam Rajavi, for establishing a Democratic Republic based on the separation of religion and state, sexual, ethnic and religious equality, devoid of a nuclear programme, the abolition of the death penalty, peaceful co-existence and commitment to international conventions and laws to guarantee popular rule, development and progress in Iran and the wider world;
 - recognises that it is time for the international community to stand on the right side of history on this issue;
 - calls for relations with the regime to be made contingent upon an end to torture, executions, ballistic missiles and the spread of terrorism and war in the region;
 - expresses solidarity with the grand convention of the Iranian people in Paris on 30th June in support of the uprisings in Iran for the establishment of freedom and democracy;
 - instructs the Cathaoirleach to forward this resolution to the President of Ireland, the Taoiseach, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, the EU Foreign Policy Chief, the European Parliament and the EU Commission.”
- *Senators Brian Ó Domhnaill, Gerry Horkan, Marie-Louise O’Donnell, David Norris, Neale Richmond, Paul Daly, Diarmuid Wilson.*

[21st June, 2018]

12. “That Seanad Éireann:

- shares the dismay and condemnation articulated internationally and in the US following the recent US policy of removing children from their immigrant parents to take them into custody;
 - views this as inhumane, undignified and unwarranted; and
 - calls for the policy to be reversed immediately.”
- *Senators Mark Daly, Catherine Ardagh, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Paul Daly, Aidan Davitt, Robbie Gallagher, Gerry Horkan, Terry Leyden, Jennifer Murnane O’Connor, Ned O’Sullivan, Keith Swanick, Diarmuid Wilson, Colm Burke, Paddy Burke, Ray Butler, Jerry Buttimer, Maria Byrne, Paudie Coffey, Paul Coghlan, Martin Conway, Frank Feighan, Maura Hopkins, Anthony Lawlor, Tim Lombard, Gabrielle McFadden, Michelle Mulherin, Catherine Noone, Kieran O’Donnell, John O’Mahony, Joe O’Reilly, James Reilly, Neale Richmond, Rose Conway-Walsh, Máire Devine, Paul Gavan, Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield, Ivana Bacik, Kevin Humphreys, Ged Nash, David Norris, Aodhán Ó Ríordáin, Frances Black, Victor Boyhan, Gerard P. Craughwell, John Dolan, Colette Kelleher, Brian Ó Domhnaill, Grace O’Sullivan, Lynn Ruane.*

[22nd June, 2018]

13. “That, pursuant to Standing Order 190, the Order of the Seanad of 5th July, 2018, in relation to the sitting of the Seanad on Monday, 9th July, 2018, be suspended for the particular purpose of permitting a debate with the Minister for Justice and Equality on the process leading to the publication of the Report of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) on Ireland.”

- *Senators Gerard P. Craughwell, Ivana Bacik, Kevin Humphreys, Ged Nash, Aodhán Ó Ríordáin.*

[6th July, 2018]

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

BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL
Seanad Bills with the Dáil

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

An Bille um Thiarnaí Talún agus Tionóntaí (Bunchíosanna) (Leasú), 2017.
Landlord and Tenant (Ground Rents) (Amendment) Bill 2017.

An Bille Sláinte Poiblí (Alcól), 2015.
Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015.

An Bille um Chosaint Idirnáisiúnta (Athaontú Teaghlaigh) (Leasú), 2017.
International Protection (Family Reunification) (Amendment) Bill 2017.

An Bille Meabhair-Shláinte (Leasú), 2016.
Mental Health (Amendment) Bill 2016.

An Bille um an Dlí Sibhialta (Toimhde Báis), 2016 (*athraithe ó*) An Bille um an Dlí Sibhialta (Daoine atá ar Iarraidh), 2016.
Civil Law (Presumption of Death) Bill 2016 (*changed from*) Civil Law (Missing Persons) Bill 2016.

An Bille Sláinte (Seirbhís Lia-Chleachtóirí Ginearálta), 2018
Health (General Practitioner Service) Bill 2018

An Bille um Lá na Faisnéise Neamhspleáchais, 2017
Declaration of Independence Day Bill 2017

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

Reachtúil:	Statutory:
Tairiscint Ceadaithe ag Teastáil	Requiring Motion of Approval
Comhaontú Comhpháirtíochta agus Comhair Feabhsaithe idir an tAontas Eorpach agus a Bhallstáit, de pháirt, agus Poblacht na Casacstáine, den pháirt eile.	Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Kazakhstan of the other part.
In-neamhnithe le Tairiscint	Open to Motion to Annul
Na Rialacháin um Thruailliú na Farraige (Ola-Thruailliú a Chosc) (Leasú), 2018 (I.R. Uimh. 236 de 2018).	Sea Pollution (Prevention of Oil Pollution) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 236 of 2018).
Na Rialacháin um Rialú Foirgníochta (Cáilíochtaí Forordaithe), 2018 (I.R. Uimh. 233 de 2018).	Building Control (Prescribed Qualifications) Regulations 2018 (S.I. No. 233 of 2018).

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.