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Seomra na Dála
Dáil Chamber

10 a.m.

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GNÓ POIBLÍ
Public Business

1. An Bille Leithreasa, 2020 [*Bille Airgid Deimhnithe*] [*Dáil*] – An Dara Céim.
 Appropriation Bill 2020 [*Certified Money Bill*] [*Dáil*] – Second Stage.
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Tairiscint:
Motion:

2. “Go gcomhthoilíonn Seanad Éireann, de bhun fho-alt 2^o d’alt 2 d’Airteagal 25 den Bhunreacht, leis an Rialtas in achainí chun an Uachtaráin go gcuirfidh sé a lámh leis an mBille Leithreasa, 2020 ar dháta is luaithe ná an cúigiú lá tar éis an dáta a thairgfear an Bille dó.
- That, pursuant to subsection 2^o of section 2 of Article 25 of the Constitution, Seanad Éireann concurs with the Government in a request to the President to sign the Appropriation Bill 2020 on a date which is earlier than the fifth day after the date on which the Bill shall have been presented to him.”
- *Senator Regina Doherty.*
[17th December, 2020]
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3. (l) An Bille um Chiapadh, Cumarsáid Dhochrach agus Cionta Gaolmhara, 2017 [*Dáil*] – An Dara Céim.
 (a) Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Bill 2017 [*Dáil*] – Second Stage.
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4. An Bille um Dhrugaí Rialaithe agus um Dhochar a Laghdú, 2017 – An Dara Céim.
 Controlled Drugs and Harm Reduction Bill 2017 – Second Stage.
 – *Senators Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, Frances Black, David Norris, Michael McDowell, Gerard P. Craughwell, Victor Boyhan, Ivana Bacik.*
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5. An Bille um Aerfoirt Stáit (Grúpa na Sionainne) (Leasú), 2020 – An Dara Céim.

State Airports (Shannon Group) (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Martin Conway, Garret Ahearn, Aisling Dolan.*

6. Bille na gColáistí Teicniúla Réigiúnacha (Leasú), 2017 – An Dara Céim.
Regional Technical Colleges (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Second Stage.
– *Senator Paddy Burke.*
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7. Bille na Leanaí (Leasú), 2020 – An Dara Céim.
Children (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Second Stage.
– *Senators Michael McDowell, Gerard P. Craughwell, Sharon Keogan, Victor Boyhan, David Norris, Rónán Mullen.*
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8. An Bille Toghcháin (Saoirse na Sochaí Sibhialta) (Leasú), 2019 – An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Electoral (Civil Society Freedom) (Amendment) Bill 2019 – Second Stage (*resumed*).
– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, Frances Black, Ivana Bacik, David Norris, Victor Boyhan, Fintan Warfield.*
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9. Bille Toghcháin an tSeanaid (Comhaltaí Ollscoile) (Leasú), 2020 – An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Seanad Electoral (University Members) (Amendment) Bill 2020 – Second Stage (*resumed*).
– *Senators Malcolm Byrne, Shane Cassells, Pat Casey.*
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10. An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Coireacht Fuatha), 2020 – An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Criminal Justice (Hate Crime) Bill 2020 – Second Stage (*resumed*).
– *Senators Fiona O'Loughlin, Lisa Chambers, Robbie Gallagher.*
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11. 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.
– *Senator Ivana Bacik.*
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12. An Bille fán nGníomhaireacht um Shábháilteacht Feirme, 2018 – An Coiste.
Farm Safety Agency Bill 2018 – Committee.
– *Senators Paul Daly, Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson.*
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13. An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Ord Poiblí) (Leasú), 2019 – An Coiste.
Criminal Justice (Public Order) (Amendment) Bill 2019 – Committee.
– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Diarmuid Wilson.*
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14. An Bille um Gharchabhair agus Meabhairshláinte i Scoileanna (Múinteoirí Reatha), 2018 – An Coiste.
First Aid and Mental Health in Schools (Existing Teachers) Bill 2018 – Committee.

– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson.*

- 15.** An Bille um Gharchabhair agus Meabhairshláinte i Scoileanna (Oiliúint Tosaigh ar Mhúinteoirí), 2018 – An Coiste.

First Aid and Mental Health in Schools (Initial Teacher Training) Bill 2018 – Committee.

– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson.*

- 16.** An Bille um Rannpháirtíocht Phobail (Míchumas) (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha), 2019 – An Coiste.

Community Participation (Disability) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2019 – Committee.

– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Ivana Bacik, Victor Boyhan, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

- 17.** An Bille um Údaráis Phoiblí agus Gnóthais Fóntais (Conarthaí a Ullmhú agus Critéir Dhámhachtana), 2019 – An Coiste.

Public Authorities and Utility Undertakings (Contract Preparation and Award Criteria) Bill 2019 – Committee.

– *Senators Alice-Mary Higgins, Frances Black, Lynn Ruane.*

- 18.** An Bille um Inscne a Aithint (Leasú), 2017 – An Coiste.

Gender Recognition (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Committee.

– *Senators Fintan Warfield, David Norris.*

- 19.** An Bille um Thoirmeasc ar Theiripí Tiontúcháin, 2018 – An Coiste.

Prohibition of Conversion Therapies Bill 2018 – Committee.

– *Senators Fintan Warfield, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Paul Gavan, Ivana Bacik, David Norris, Victor Boyhan, Gerard P. Craughwell, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins, Lynn Ruane, Jerry Buttimer, Catherine Ardagh.*

- 20.** (l) Bille Náisiúntachta agus Saoránachta Éireann (Eadóirsiú Mionaoiseach a Rugadh in Éirinn), 2018 – An Coiste (*alt 1, atógáil*).

(a) Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Naturalisation of Minors Born in Ireland) Bill 2018 – Committee (*section 1, resumed*).

– *Senator Ivana Bacik.*

- 21.** An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Tréimhsí Athshlánúcháin), 2018 – An Tuarascáil.

Criminal Justice (Rehabilitative Periods) Bill 2018 – Report Stage.

– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

- 22.** Tuarascáil ón gCoiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí maidir le Buan-Ordú 45 a leasú.

Report of the Committee on Procedure and Privileges on the amendment of Standing Order 45.

Tairiscint:

Motion:

23. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá haire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Iompar agus Líonraí Cumarsáide dar teideal ‘Saincheisteanna a théann i gcion ar thionscal na heitlíochta’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 9 Nollaig 2020.

Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Transport and Communications Networks entitled ‘Issues affecting the aviation industry’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 9th December, 2020.”

– *Senator Regina Doherty.*
[11th December, 2020]

*Tairiscint:**Motion:*

24. “Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí an Aontais Eorpaigh dar teideal ‘Tograí maidir leis an gComhdháil ar Thodhchaí na hEorpa’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 16 Nollaig 2020.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on European Union Affairs entitled ‘Proposals for the Conference on the Future of Europe’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 16th December, 2020.”

– *Senator Regina Doherty.*
[16th December, 2020]

25. *Tairiscintí nach ón Rialtas: Fóraim na Rolla-Chomhaltaí agus na gComhaltaí Ollscoile. Non-Government Motions: Panel and University members’ forums.*

Ollscoil Bhaile Átha Cliath
University of Dublin

1. “That Seanad Eireann:

- calls for a debate on the bullying and sexual harassment that exists for faculty, students and staff in Ireland’s third-level institutions;
- notes there are concerning accounts of the use of non-disclosure agreements in such institutions which limits accountability of perpetrators; and
- calls on the Minister for Further and Higher Education to report on the number of such agreements being used within the education sector with a view to addressing the issue.”

– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Ivana Bacik, David Norris.*
[17th December, 2020]

An Rolla Oibreachais
Labour Panel

2. “That Seanad Éireann seeks action on the elimination of the gender pay gap.”
– *Senators Robbie Gallagher, Shane Cassells, Pat Casey, Ned O’Sullivan.*

[6th November, 2020]

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

1. “That Seanad Éireann:

- calls on the Government to set a date for the long-promised referendum on extending the right to vote in presidential elections to citizens resident outside the State, as set out in the Programme for Government; and
- calls on all parties and groups in Seanad Éireann and Dáil Éireann to work to ensure the swift passage of the necessary Referendum Bill through the Oireachtas.”
– *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield.*

[6th July, 2020]

2. “That Seanad Éireann:

- condemns the ruling by An Bord Pleanála to allow for the demolition of another historic Dublin landmark, The O’Rahilly’s house at 40 Herbert Park, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, to make way for the development of luxury accommodation;
- calls on the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to make a statement on the matter and on the need to protect our historical built heritage;
- agrees that it is now more important than ever to take the initiative in order to ensure that further aspects of our history are not erased in the name of private profit, especially historic buildings and areas related to our revolutionary heritage;

given the preceding, as well as the fact that we are in the midst of commemorating the Decade of Centenaries:

- calls on the Government to purchase the remainder of the full terrace of houses on Moore Street, Dublin 1, not currently in State ownership, so that this important street can be fully developed into a revolutionary and cultural quarter worthy of the history of the area, that respectfully and proudly tells the story of the Easter Rising and the struggle for Irish freedom, as well as becoming a must-see tourist destination and place for study, research, education and understanding of our past, present and future.”
– *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield, Victor Boyhan.*

[14th September, 2020]

3. “That Seanad Éireann:

notes:

- with deep concern and disappointment, the recent announcement by Bus Éireann that it proposes to suspend several ‘Expressway’ routes between Dublin and other cities across the island;
- the significant economic, social and environmental impact the removal of these services will have on the communities and areas most impacted and the wider implications throughout the rest of Ireland;

understands:

- the difficult circumstances faced by service providers in the context of Covid-19 and shares the concerns of the many workers and commuters who will be detrimentally impacted by Bus Éireann’s proposed move;

agrees:

- that it is unacceptable that a sustainable funding plan has not been put in place for our public transport network during the ongoing pandemic;

and calls:

- on the Minister for Climate Action, Communications Networks and Transport, and the Government to urgently intervene in order to ensure that Bus Éireann has adequate funding to maintain these crucial routes.”
- *Senators Niall Ó Donnghaile, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield.*

[29th September, 2020]

4. “That Seanad Éireann:

acknowledges:

- families, carers and service providers have been stretched to incredible lengths, many to breaking point throughout the course of this pandemic;
- the personal toll and long-term impact of the withdrawal of care and supports for people with disabilities, their families and their carers is deeply worrying;
- due to Covid-19, disability services that rely on voluntary fundraising to meet operating costs have been unable to do so;
- services are suffering from chronic underfunding which has resulted in unmet need exacerbated by Covid-19;
- reopened disability day services are operating at approximately 40 per cent capacity;
- service providers submitted their funding requirements to the Health Service Executive in mid-June; and
- the Government’s allocation of €10 million in additional funding to day services and

home support services for disability service users is insufficient and will not meet the urgent Covid-19 related costs for service providers, community and home support;

recognises:

- that Ireland's ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities requires progressive implementation; and
- the innovative and committed response of disability and dementia service providers in the delivery of care and support for people with disabilities and their families throughout this pandemic; and

calls on the Government to:

- provide the funding required to fully reopen day and other essential disability services to implement all Covid-19 related protocols; and
 - provide the additional funding, resources and capital investment required to guarantee sustainable capacity within disability and dementia services.”
- *Senators Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield, Frances Black, Eileen Flynn, Alice-Mary Higgins, Lynn Ruane, Michael McDowell, Victor Boyhan, Gerard Craughwell, Sharon Keogan, Rónán Mullen.*

[6th October, 2020]

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5. “That Seanad Éireann, in recognising the gallantry of the soldiers of ‘A’ company during the siege of Jadotville in 1961, calls on the Minister for Defence to award Distinguished Service Medals and Military Medals for Gallantry to the men of ‘A’ company, 35th Infantry Battalion.”

– *Senators Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield, Gerard Craughwell, Victor Boyhan, Alice-Mary Higgins, Frances Black, Rónán Mullen, Eileen Flynn.*

[28th October, 2020]

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6. “That Seanad Éireann:

acknowledges that:

- Ireland recognises the contribution young people make to our society, including volunteering in their communities and through their advocacy on national and global issues;
- the Thirty-first Amendment of the Constitution enshrined the rights of the child in Irish law;
- the establishment of the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth was the express provision by Government to ensure the vindication of those rights;
- year on year since the establishment of the Department it has received increased

funding; we welcome the increase of €5m in funding for youth services in Budget 2021, bringing the annual investment to €70m in funding for youth services nationwide, to benefit youth organisations and their work supporting young people throughout the country;

- the youth of our country have been stoic in the face of considerable challenges to their quality of life and opportunity throughout this pandemic;
- youth can be often portrayed negatively; we strongly reject this unfair characterisation of young people, and instead commend young people as they navigate the unique challenges they experience, for instance they cannot meet in each other's homes, they cannot meet in their youth and sports activities, they have no social outlet, and have been denied some of the events that are their rite of passage;
- young people have been disproportionately impacted in their ability to work and earn their own money, and consequently disadvantaged in their own agency during this pandemic;

calls on the Government to:

- recognise the unique challenges affecting our country's youth;
- create channels of engagement, traditional or otherwise, to ensure that the voice of young people and their needs are respected and heard;
- take action in accordance with their needs, as expressed by them.”
– *Senators Mary Seery Kearney, Regina Doherty, Sean Kyne, Garret Ahearn, Micheál Carrigy, Martin Conway, Emer Currie, Aisling Dolan, Tim Lombard, John McGahon, Joe O'Reilly, Barry Ward.*

[6th November, 2020]

Leasuithe:

Amendments:

1. To insert the following after “their needs are respected and heard;”:

- “- facilitate the direct political participation and empowerment of young people by lowering the voting age to 16;”
– *Senators Lynn Ruane, Alice-Mary Higgins, Eileen Flynn, Frances Black, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield, Victor Boyhan.*

2. To insert the following after “as expressed by them.”:

- “- actively pursue the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Ombudsman for Children's Annual Report 2019, as well as those of the Children's Rights Alliance Report Card 2020, and to lay a report before Seanad Éireann on such implementation no later than 1st March, 2021.”
– *Senators Victor Boyhan, Michael McDowell, Sharon Keogan, David Norris.*

[9th November, 2020]

7. “That Seanad Éireann:

recognises that:

- post offices serve a vital social and economic role in their communities;
- there is a very specific commitment in the Programme for Government to protect the postal network;
- rural and small urban post offices, which are mostly run by independent postmasters, have had their income and footfall greatly reduced;
- many small post offices are now operating on the equivalent of the national minimum wage;
- Grant Thornton has predicted that 885 post offices will cease to exist by July 2021; and
- if footfall and incomes are not improved then the post office network will be decimated; and

calls on the Government to:

- act on its commitment as outlined in the Programme for Government;
- implement an action plan for the post office network within three months;
- implement a new community banking service operated by An Post to be made available in all post offices throughout the country; this post community bank could be based on either the New Zealand Kiwibank model or the German Sparkassen model, both of which have been found to be valid models;
- consider a once-off capital investment fund for the further modernisation of the post office network to enable the widespread provision of banking services in rural and disadvantaged urban areas, most of which have been completely abandoned by the current banking model;
- ensure that the provision of all over-the-counter services relating to Government Departments must be tendered for on the basis of both social and economic grounds, to include rural Ireland in any future growth;
- ensure that all business previously identified by Grant Thornton, the former Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport and Communications and the Post Office Network Business Development Group must be implemented;
- establish a working group to identify the potential for local post offices to act as hubs to facilitate other services such as health, transport, agriculture, etc., and to act as a one-stop-shop for Government services as committed to in the Programme for Government;
- strongly consider committing funds, while the above measures are being implemented, to ensure no more downward pay reviews to post offices which will make them uneconomical and have the effect of closure by a thousand cuts;
- ensure that a five-year holding plan will be put in place while these changes are being implemented or there will be no network left to salvage; and

- recommends that An Post be invited before the Joint Committee on Transport and Communications Networks to outline their plan for the future of the post office network.”
- *Senators David Norris, Victor Boyhan, Gerard Craughwell, Sharon Keogan, Michael McDowell, Rónán Mullen, Frances Black.*

[25th November, 2020]

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

BILLÍ AR SIÚL AGUS GNÓ ATÁ ORDAITHE
Bills in Progress and Business Ordered

Déardaoin, 30 Meán Fómhair, 2021
Thursday, 30th September, 2021

An Bille fá Choiste Comhairleach Náisiúnta um Braitheoireacht, 2020 – Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 30 Meán Fómhair 2021.

National Screening Advisory Committee Bill 2020 – Ordered to be read a second time on 30th September, 2021.

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

Dé hAoine, 31 Nollaig, 2021
Friday, 31st December, 2021

An Bille um an Seanad, 2020 – Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 31 Nollaig 2021.

Seanad Bill 2020 – Ordered to be read a second time on 31st December, 2021.

– *Senators Michael McDowell, Gerard Craughwell, Alice-Mary Higgins.*

BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL
Seanad Bills with the Dáil

An Bille um Chultúr agus Stair an Lucht Siúil san Oideachas, 2018.
Traveller Culture and History in Education Bill 2018.

An Bille fá Choimisiún na hÉireann um Chearta an Duine agus Comhionannas (Faisnéis faoin Difríocht Pá idir na hInscní), 2017.

Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (Gender Pay Gap Information) Bill 2017.

An Bille um Pá Íosta Náisiúnta (Séisíní Fostaithe a Chosaint), 2017.

National Minimum Wage (Protection of Employee Tips) Bill 2017.

An Bille Oideachais (Cairt Mac Léinn agus Tuismitheoirí), 2019.
Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill 2019.

An Bille um Mionnú Éithigh agus Cionta Gaolmhara, 2018.
Perjury and Related Offences Bill 2018.

An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cionta Gadaíochta agus Calaoise) (Leasú), 2020.
Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) (Amendment) Bill 2020.

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 Acht na gCuideachtaí, 1990 (Urrúis Neamhdheimhnithe) (Leasú), 2020 (I.R. Uimh. 609 de 2020).	Companies Act 1990 (Uncertificated Securities) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 609 of 2020).
An tOrdú fán Acht um Pá agus Pínsin Seirbhíse Poiblí, 2017 (Alt 27(3)), 2020 (I.R. Uimh. 632 de 2020).	Public Service Pay and Pensions Act 2017 (Section 27(3)) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 632 of 2020).
Rialacháin an Aontais Eorpaigh (Cearta agus Oibleagáidí Paisinéirí Iarnróid) (Leasú), 2020 (I.R. Uimh. 636 de 2020).	European Union (Rail Passengers' Rights and Obligations) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 636 of 2020).

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.