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Dé Luain, 10 Bealtaine, 2021
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ORDER PAPER

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Dáil Chamber

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GNÓ POIBLÍ
Public Business

1. Ráitis maidir le todhchaí na baincéireachta in Éirinn.
Statements on the future of banking in Ireland.
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2. (l) An Bille Oideachais (Ardteistiméireacht 2021) (Gráid Chreidiúnaithe), 2021 – An Coiste.
(a) Education (Leaving Certificate 2021) (Accredited Grades) Bill 2021 – Committee.
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Tíolactha:
Presented:

3. Bille an Gharda Síochána (Cúiteamh), 2021 – Ordú don Dara Céim.
Garda Síochána (Compensation) Bill 2021 – Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do bhunú córas a bheidh le cur in ionad an chórais dá bhforáiltear faoi Achtanna an Gharda Síochána (Cúiteamh), 1941 go 2003 d'fhonn socrú a dhéanamh chun cúiteamh a dheonú as airgead poiblí i leith díobhálacha pearsanta (lena n-áirítear díobhálacha is cúis le bás) a rinneadh do chomhalta reatha nó d'iarchomhalta den Gharda Síochána mar thoradh ar theagmhas mailíseach; chun na críche sin agus chun críoch gaolmhar, do dhéanamh an tAcht um Bord Measúnaithe Díobhálacha Pearsanta, 2003 a chur chun feidhme, fara modhnuithe, agus a leasú, agus do leasú achtacháin eile; d'aisghairm an Achta Gárda Síochána (Cúiteamh), 1941 agus an Achta Gárda Síochána (Cúiteamh) (Leasú), 1945; agus do

Bill entitled an Act to establish a system to replace the system provided for under the Garda Síochána (Compensation) Acts 1941 to 2003 in order to provide for the granting out of public moneys of compensation for personal injuries (including injuries causing death) that were inflicted on a current or former member of the Garda Síochána as a result of a malicious incident; for that and related purposes to apply with modifications and to amend the Personal Injuries Assessment Board Act 2003, and to amend other enactments; to repeal the Garda Síochána (Compensation) Act 1941 and the Garda Síochána (Compensation) (Amendment) Act 1945; and to provide for related matters.

dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

– *Senator Regina Doherty.*

Tíolactha:

Presented:

4. An Bille um Dhlínse Mhuirí, 2021 – Ordú don Dara Céim.
Maritime Jurisdiction Bill 2021 – Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú i leith dhlínse mhuirí an Stáit agus, chun na críche sin, do thabhairt éifeacht d'fhorálacha áirithe de Choinbhinsiún na Náisiún Aontaithe maidir le Dlí na Farraige, a rinneadh i mBá Montego an 10 Nollaig 1982; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le hailt 2 agus 3 den Acht um an Scairbh Ilchríochach, 1968 agus le Cuid 3 den Acht Iascaigh Mhara agus Dlíne Mhuirí, 2006 a aisghairm; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to make provision in respect of the maritime jurisdiction of the State and for that purpose to give effect to certain provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, done at Montego Bay on 10 December 1982; to provide for the repeal of sections 2 and 3 of the Continental Shelf Act 1968 and Part 3 of the Sea-Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006; and to provide for related matters.

– *Senator Regina Doherty.*

5. (l) An Bille um Nós Imeachta Coiriúil, 2021 [*Dáil*] – An Coiste (*alt 6, atógáil*).
(a) Criminal Procedure Bill 2021 [*Dáil*] – Committee (*section 6, resumed*).

6. Ráitis maidir le coinneáil an Uas. Richard O'Halloran sa tSín.
Statements on the detention of Mr. Richard O'Halloran in China.

7. Ráitis maidir le freagairt na Roinne Coimirce Sóisialaí do Covid-19 (*atógáil*).
Statements on the Department of Social Protection's response to Covid-19 (*resumed*).

8. Ráitis maidir le Ag Climatise - An Plean Oibre Náisiúnta Aeir agus Aeráide don Earnáil Talmhaíochta (*atógáil*).
Statements on Ag Climatise - The National Climate and Air Roadmap for the Agriculture Sector (*resumed*).

9. Ráitis maidir le Gnó agus Covid-19 (*atógáil*).
Statements on Business and Covid-19 (*resumed*).

10. Ráitis maidir le Deimhniú Glas Digiteach na hEorpa (*atógáil*).
Statements on the European Digital Green Certificate (*resumed*).

*Tugadh Isteach:**Introduced:*

- 11.** An Bille um Pá Íosta Náisiúnta (Intéirnígh a Íoc), 2021 – An Chéad Céim.

National Minimum Wage (Payment of Interns) Bill 2021 – First Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir leis an bpá íosta náisiúnta a íoc le daoine áirithe a bheidh ag obair mar intéirnígh nó ag gabháil do thaithí oibre; chun na críche sin, do leasú an Achta um Pá Íosta Náisiúnta, 2000; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the payment of the national minimum wage to certain persons doing work as interns or on work experience; for that purpose to amend the National Minimum Wage Act 2000; and to provide for related matters.

– *Senators Marie Sherlock, Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Mark Wall.*

- 12.** 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.*

- 13.** 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.*

- 14.** Bille na gColáistí Teicniúla Réigiúnacha (Leasú), 2017 – An Dara Céim.

Regional Technical Colleges (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Second Stage.

– *Senator Paddy Burke.*

- 15.** An Bille um Tháirgí Míosta (Soláthar Saor in Aisce), 2021 – An Dara Céim.

Period Products (Free Provision) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Rebecca Moynihan, Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall.*

- 16.** An Bille um Nós Imeachta Coiriúil agus Nithe Gaolmhara, 2021 – An Dara Céim.

Criminal Procedure and Related Matters Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Barry Ward, Mary Seery Kearney, Martin Conway.*

- 17.** An Bille Cosanta (Srian le Teidil Áirithe a Úsáid), 2021 – An Dara Céim.

Defence (Restriction on Use of Certain Titles) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Malcolm Byrne, Fiona O'Loughlin, Pat Casey.*

- 18.** An Bille um Pleanáil agus Forbairt (Leasú), 2021 – An Dara Céim.

Planning and Development (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Rebecca Moynihan, Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall.*

- 19.** An Bille Uchtála (Faisnéis agus Rianú), 2021 – An Dara Céim.

Adoption (Information and Tracing) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall.*

20. An Bille um Rialáil Tacsaithe (Leasú), 2021 – An Dara Céim.

Taxi Regulation (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Joe O'Reilly, Jerry Buttimer, Barry Ward.*

21. An Bille Árachais Sláinte (Mic Léinn Idirnáisiúnta) (Leasú), 2021 – An Dara Céim.

Health Insurance (International Students) (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Malcolm Byrne, Lisa Chambers, Shane Cassells.*

22. An Bille um Eagrú Ama Oibre (Saoire a Bhaineann le Sláinte Atáirgthe), 2021 – An Dara Céim.

Organisation of Working Time (Reproductive Health Related Leave) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall.*

23. An Bille Toghcháin (Leasú) (Vótáil ag Aois 16), 2021 – An Dara Céim.

Electoral (Amendment) (Voting at 16) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Malcolm Byrne, Mary Fitzpatrick, Erin McGreehan.*

24. An Bille um Chearrbhachas (Fógraíocht a Thoirmeasc), 2021 – An Dara Céim.

Gambling (Prohibition of Advertising) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Mark Wall, Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock.*

25. An Bille um Chrannchur Náisiúnta (Leasú), 2021 – An Dara Céim.

National Lottery (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Barry Ward, Emer Currie, Micheál Carrigy.*

26. An Bille um Aer Glan (Cosc ar Ghual Toiteach), 2021 – An Dara Céim.

Clean Air (Smoky Coal Ban) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.

– *Senators Timmy Dooley, Mary Fitzpatrick, Fiona O'Loughlin.*

27. 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.*

28. 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.*

- 29.** 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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- 30.** 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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- 31.** 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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- 32.** 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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- 33.** 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.*
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- 34.** 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.*
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- 35.** 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.*
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- 36.** An Bille um Údaráis Phoiblí agus Gnóthais Fónais (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.*
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- 37.** An Bille um Inscne a Aithint (Leasú), 2017 – An Coiste.
Gender Recognition (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Committee.
– *Senators Fintan Warfield, David Norris.*
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- 38.** 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.*
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- 39.** An Bille um Tháirgí Míosta a Sholáthar Saor in Aisce, 2021 – An Coiste.
Free Provision of Period Products Bill 2021 – Committee.
– *Senators Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Catherine Ardagh, Mary Fitzpatrick.*
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- 40.** Bille na nAltraí Foghlama (Pá), 2021 – An Coiste.
Student Nurses (Pay) Bill 2021 – Committee.
– *Senators Annie Hoey, Ivana Bacik, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall.*
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- 41.** An Bille um Aosaigh a Chosaint, 2017 – An Coiste.
Adult Safeguarding Bill 2017 – Committee.
– *Senators Lorraine Clifford-Lee, Frances Black, Alice-Mary Higgins, Jerry Buttimer, Victor Boyhan, Lynn Ruane, Ivana Bacik.*
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- 42.** An Bille um Threalamh Tarrthála Beatha, 2017 – An Coiste.
Life Saving Equipment Bill 2017 – Committee.
– *Senators Paul Daly, Robbie Gallagher, Diarmuid Wilson.*
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- 43.** Bille Toghcháin an tSeanaid (Leasú), 2015 – An Coiste.
Seanad Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2015 – Committee.
– *Senators Diarmuid Wilson, Mark Daly, Denis O'Donovan, Ned O'Sullivan.*
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- 44.** An Bille Rialtais Áitiúil (TCI a Úsáid le linn Cionta a Ionchúiseamh), 2021 – An Coiste.
Local Government (Use of CCTV in Prosecution of Offences) Bill 2021 – Committee.
– *Senators Mark Wall, Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock.*
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- 45.** An Bille Toghcháin (Leasú) (Vótáil ag Aois 16), 2016 – An Coiste.
Electoral (Amendment) (Voting at 16) Bill 2016 – Committee.
– *Senators Fintan Warfield, Lynn Ruane.*
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- 46.** (l) Bille Náisiúntachta agus Saoránachta Éireann (Eadóirsiú Mionaoiseach a Rugadh in Éirinn), 2018 – An Coiste (*alt 2, atógáil*).
(a) Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Naturalisation of Minors Born in Ireland) Bill 2018 – Committee (*section 2, resumed*).
– *Senator Ivana Bacik.*
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- 47.** 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.*
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- 48.** 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.
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Tairiscint:

Motion:

- 49.** “Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Muir dar teideal ‘Saincheisteanna a bhfuil tionchar acu ar Earnáil na Foraoiseachta in Éirinn’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 2 Márta 2021.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and the Marine entitled ‘Issues impacting the Forestry Sector in Ireland’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 2nd March, 2021.”

– *Senator Regina Doherty.*
[4th March, 2021]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

- 50.** “Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire 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.

That 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 March, 2021]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

- 51.** “Go dtabharfaidh Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha agus Cosaint dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil maidir le Vacsaíní Covid-19 a Dháileadh ar Thíortha atá i mBéal Forbartha’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 5 Márta 2021.

That Seanad Éireann shall take note of the Report of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence entitled ‘Report on the Distribution of Covid-19 Vaccines to Developing Countries’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 5th March, 2021.”

– *Senator Regina Doherty.*
[11th March, 2021]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

52. “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 March, 2021]

Tairiscint:

Motion:

53. “Go dtugann Seanad Éireann dá aire an Tuarascáil ón gComhchoiste um Oideachas, Breisoideachas agus Ardoideachas, Taighde, Nuálaíocht agus Eolaíocht dar teideal ‘Tuarascáil maidir le Tionchar COVID-19 ar Bhunoideachas agus ar Mheánoideachas’, ar leagadh cóipeanna di faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 20 Eanáir 2021.

That Seanad Éireann notes the Report of the Joint Committee on Education, Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science entitled ‘Report on the Impact of COVID-19 on Primary and Secondary Education’, copies of which were laid before Seanad Éireann on 20th January, 2021.”

– *Senator Regina Doherty.*
[21st April, 2021]

54. *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 Éireann:

- 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 Saíochta agus Oideachais
Cultural and Educational Panel

2. “That Seanad Éireann:

- notes that the student profile of those studying medicine and law in our universities continues to be dominated by those from more affluent socio-economic backgrounds;
 - further notes that there are perceived and actual barriers to the medical and legal professions for those from less affluent socio-economic backgrounds;
 - calls for an examination of the barriers to entry into the medical and legal professions to be undertaken by the Department for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, in conjunction with the Higher Education Authority and the relevant professional bodies, and that a report outlining suggested methods to ensure greater opportunities for access be presented before Seanad Éireann within six months.”
- *Senators Malcolm Byrne, Lisa Chambers, Seán Kyne, John McGahon, Fintan Warfield.*

[10th March, 2021]

An Rolla Oibreachais
Labour Panel

3. “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]

55. *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]

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, Seán 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]

8. “That Seanad Éireann:

- condemns the unlawful and protracted detention of Richard O’Halloran, a citizen of Ireland, in the People’s Republic of China;

and calls on:

- the Chinese authorities to release him immediately; and
 - the Irish Government to raise in every appropriate venue, including the United Nations and the European Union, its demand for his immediate release.”
- *Senators Michael McDowell, Gerard Craughwell, Victor Boyhan, Sharon Keogan, Rónán Mullen, David Norris, Lynn Ruane, Eileen Flynn, Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Marie Sherlock, Mark Wall, Vincent P. Martin, Mary Seery Kearney, Malcolm Byrne, Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield, Frances Black, Diarmuid Wilson, Mary Fitzpatrick, Barry Ward.*

[9th February, 2021]

9. “That Seanad Éireann:

recognises:

- the important role that carers play in looking after our loved ones in their homes;
- the importance of family supports, where available, in caring for loved ones;
- that in 2020, the Irish Health Survey showed that there were over 500,000 family carers in Ireland and of that, 88,900 are in receipt of Carer's Allowance and over 52% of carers work outside the home in paid employment in addition to their role as carer;
- that family carers, while undoubtedly cherishing their loved one, provide care at times at considerable personal sacrifice;

acknowledges:

- the Government has increased the expenditure on this support by over 50% in the past 5 years;
- the importance of home care packages in providing vital additional hours of supports to families caring at home;
- the role that Nursing Homes and Disability Services play in caring, particularly for those with complex needs or with life altering conditions;
- that over 135,000 carers will receive regular income supports to the value of approximately €1.5 billion in 2021, which include Carer's Allowance, Carer's Benefit, Domiciliary Care Allowance and the Carer's Support Grant;
- that many in receipt of the Carer's Support Grant qualify for a GP visit card, as the grant is paid automatically to persons on Carer's Allowance or Carer's Benefit and that carers may in some instances qualify for the Household Benefits Package and/or the Free Travel Scheme;
- that work is ongoing within the Department of Health to develop a system for the financing and regulation of home support services, in addition to the introduction of a reformed model of service delivery that will ensure the provision of home support in a transparent, equitable manner based on standard assessment of care needs;

calls on the Government to:

- immediately implement the review of the National Carer's Strategy to include a review of the thresholds for receipt of Carer's Allowance;
- accelerate the work on the Programme for Government commitment to extend free GP care to carers in receipt of the Carer's Support Grant being delivered by the Department of Health in conjunction with the Department of Social Protection;
- report on the Commission on Pensions review of a pathway whereby lifelong carers are provided with practical recognition in the form of a pension for those whose caring role has denied them access to the workplace and thereby denied them the ability to build their entitlement for a pension;
- publish the pathway to ensure full implementation of the Enhanced Community Care Programme intended to expand primary care capacity and improve access to therapy services such as speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, psychology and

physiotherapy, acknowledging that an additional €150m has been committed to its implementation;

- accelerate the implementation of the not yet commenced sections of the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015;
 - provide training courses for home carers to help in areas such as health care, lifting, mobility, etc. which would be beneficial to both patients and carers; and
 - provide enhanced respite care services to include emergency provisions to accommodate instances where carers may themselves be hospitalised or need emergency respite services for their loved one in the event of an unforeseen circumstance arising.”
- *Senators Mary Seery Kearney, Sean Kyne, Regina Doherty, Garret Ahearn, Paddy Burke, Jerry Buttimer, Maria Byrne, Micheál Carrigy, Martin Conway, John Cummins, Emer Currie, Aisling Dolan, Tim Lombard, John McGahon, Joe O’Reilly, Barry Ward.*

[5th May, 2021]

Leasuithe:

Amendments:

1. In the second paragraph under “calls on the Government to:” after “Department of Social Protection;” to insert “similarly, to demonstrate legislative progress on delivery of the Programme for Government commitment to a statutory homecare scheme;”.

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

[6th May, 2021]

2. After the fifth paragraph under “calls on the Government to:” to insert the following paragraph:

“- ensure that where someone wishes to provide care to a family member who would prefer to remain at home rather than be placed in an institutional setting, every effort is made to provide the supports needed to make that possible;”

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

[6th May, 2021]

3. After the fifth paragraph under “calls on the Government to:” to insert the following paragraph:

“- strengthen regulation of nursing homes and other residential care facilities;”

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

[6th May, 2021]

4. After the fifth paragraph under “calls on the Government to:” to insert the following paragraph:

“- review and report on how the State’s policies and regulations around care can best align with the State’s obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD);”

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

[6th May, 2021]

5. After the fifth paragraph under “calls on the Government to:” to insert the following paragraph:

“- publish a report outlining pathways to supported independent living in the community available to those seeking this option;”

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

[6th May, 2021]

6. After the fifth paragraph under “calls on the Government to:” to insert the following paragraph:

“- publish a report on potential pathways towards a right to personal assistance services;”

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

[6th May, 2021]

7. In the second last paragraph under “calls on the Government to:” to delete “patients” and substitute “recipients of care”.

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

[6th May, 2021]

8. After the final paragraph under “calls on the Government to:” insert the following paragraph:

“- engage in crisis management planning for home care around scenarios in which support services might experience disruption.”.

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

[6th May, 2021]

10. “That Seanad Éireann:

- reaffirms its commitment to the Good Friday Agreement and requests the full implementation of all aspects of this international agreement;
- requests that politicians North and South lead in a manner that is respectful and cognisant of the Good Friday Agreement which is built on respect, equality and partnership;
- is committed to ensuring the protection of the rights of all the people that live on the island;
- is committed to working towards a prosperous and peaceful shared future, where everyone has equal access to education and employment opportunities;
- underlines the need for balanced regional development across the island;
- underlines its commitment to breaking down barriers and creating a new beginning for relationships between the peoples and traditions of this island, on the basis of the Good Friday Agreement;

- recognises the birthright under the Good Friday Agreement of all the people of Northern Ireland to identify themselves and be accepted as Irish or British, or both, as they may so choose. That this right be respected and upheld by all on the island;
- welcomes the Shared Island Initiative, including the financial commitment of €500 million over five years for cross-border projects such as the Shared Island Dialogues and a research programme, which are currently underway;
- notes the priorities of the Shared Island Initiative are to:
 - work in partnership with the Executive, through the North-South Ministerial Council, and with the British Government to address shared challenges on the island;
 - enable priority delivery of key all-island commitments and foster new investment and development opportunities on a North/South basis, supported by the Shared Island Fund;
 - foster constructive and inclusive dialogue and support a comprehensive programme of research to support the building of consensus around a shared future;
 - deliver a financial commitment of €500 million over five years for cross-border projects through the Shared Island Fund;
 - looks forward to strengthening cooperation North and South; to re-invigorating relationships on an East/West basis; and to working with all communities and traditions on the island on a shared future underpinned by the Good Friday Agreement.”
- *Senators Niall Blaney, Erin McGreehan, Lisa Chambers, Catherine Ardagh, Malcolm Byrne, Pat Casey, Shane Cassells, Lorraine Clifford Lee, Ollie Crowe, Paul Daly, Aidan Davitt, Timmy Dooley, Mary Fitzpatrick, Robbie Gallagher, Gerry Horkan, Eugene Murphy, Denis O’Donovan, Fiona O’Loughlin, Ned O’Sullivan, Diarmuid Wilson.*

[5th May, 2021]

Leasuithe:

Amendments:

1. To insert the following paragraph after “That Seanad Éireann:”
 - “- acknowledges the need for responsible planning and preparation for possible constitutional change, as anticipated in the Good Friday Agreement, and therefore supports the establishment of an all-island Citizens’ Assembly to discuss options;”

– Senators Frances Black, Eileen Flynn.

[6th May, 2021]
2. To delete the first paragraph after “That Seanad Éireann:” and substitute the following:
 - “- reaffirms its commitment to the Good Friday Agreement and subsequent agreements, including the legacy mechanisms of the Stormont House Agreement and requests the full implementation of all aspects of these international agreements;”

– Senators Lynn Boylan, Paul Gavan, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Fintan Warfield.
[7th May, 2021]

56. 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, 11 Bealtaine, 2021
Tuesday, 11th May, 2021

An Bille um Chaomhnú Fostaíochta (Oibrithe Ardáin agus Féinfhostaíocht Bhréagach), 2021 – An Dara Céim.
Protection of Employment (Platform Workers and Bogus Self-Employment) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.
– Senators Marie Sherlock, Ivana Bacik, Annie Hoey, Rebecca Moynihan, Mark Wall.

An Bille um Thionóntachtaí Cónaithe (Leasú), 2021 – An Dara Céim.
Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.
– Senator Barry Ward.

An Bille um Chúnaimh Dlíthiúil Sibhialta (Luach Cothaithe Saor in Aisce nó Saor in Aisce go Páirteach a Eisiamh) (Leasú), 2021 – An Dara Céim.
Civil Legal Aid (Exclusion of Value of Free or Partly Free Board) (Amendment) Bill 2021 – Second Stage.
– Senators Lynn Boylan, Niall Ó Donnghaile, Paul Gavan, Fintan Warfield.

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.*

Dé Sathairn, 26 Márta, 2022
Saturday, 26th March, 2022

An Bille um Cháilíocht i Sainfháil Phoiblí (Conarthaí a Ullmhú agus Critéir Dhámhachtana), 2021
– Ordaíodh é a léamh an dara huair an 26 Márta 2022.

Quality in Public Procurement (Contract Preparation and Award Criteria) Bill 2021 – Ordered to
be read a second time on 26th March, 2022.

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

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

An Bille um Ghníomhaíocht Eacnamaíoch a Rialú (Críocha faoi Fhorghabháil), 2018.
Control of Economic Activity (Occupied Territories) Bill 2018.

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

An Bille um Dhócmhainneacht Phearsanta (Leasú), 2020.
Personal Insolvency (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 Sláinte (Táillí d'Othair Chónaithe Ghéarthinnis), 2021 (I.R. Uimh. 213 de 2021).	Health (Acute In-Patient Charges) Regulations 2021 (S.I. No. 213 of 2021).

¹ I gcás nach leagtar scríbhinn ach faoi bhráid aon Teach amháin, cuirfear (D) – Dáil nó (S) – Seanad ina diaidh dá réir sin.
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