ORDER OF BUSINESS

ARRANGEMENTS FOR BUSINESS FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, 17 - 18 JANUARY 2024

Announcement of Business for the Week:

Wednesday's business shall be:

- Thirty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023 (Committee and remaining Stages) (to conclude within 2 hrs 30 mins)
- Motion *re* Statement for Information of Voters in relation to the Thirty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023 (without debate and any division to be taken immediately)
- Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023 (Committee and remaining Stages) (to conclude within 2 hrs 30 mins)
- Motion *re* Statement for Information of Voters in relation to the Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023 (without debate and any division to be taken immediately)

Wednesday's private members' business shall be the Motion *re* Investment Funds Trading in the Residential Property Market, selected by Sinn Féin.

Thursday's business shall be the Second Stage of the Social Welfare (Liable Relatives and Child Maintenance) Bill 2023 (if not previously concluded, to adjourn either at 5.15 p.m. or after 3 hrs 30 mins, whichever is the later).

Thursday's private members' business shall be the Second Stage of the Organisation of Working Time (Reproductive Health Related Leave) Bill 2021 [Seanad], selected by the Labour Party.

<u>Proposed Arrangements for this week's business:</u>

In relation to Wednesday's business, it is proposed that:

- the ordinary routine of business as set out in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the extent that, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order 34A(1)—
 - the Dáil may sit later than 10.32 p.m. and shall adjourn on the conclusion of topical issues pursuant to Standing Order 37 which shall be taken on the conclusion of private members' business;
 - (ii) questions to the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) shall not be taken, and Government business shall be taken at the time when such questions would normally be taken but in any event not earlier than 3.05 p.m.;

- (iii) the Motion re Statement for Information of Voters in relation to the Thirtyninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023 shall be taken without debate immediately upon the conclusion of that Bill, and the Motion re Statement for Information of Voters in relation to the Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023 shall be taken without debate immediately upon the conclusion of that Bill;
- (iv) private members' business may be taken later than 6.12 p.m. and shall in any event be taken on the conclusion of Government business; and
- (v) questions pursuant to Standing Order 46(1) to a Minister other than the Taoiseach shall not be taken;
- 2. the proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Thirty-Ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours and 30 minutes by one question which shall be put from the Chair and which shall, in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth;
- any division claimed on the proceedings on the Motion re Statement for Information of Voters in relation to the Thirty-ninth Amendment of the Constitution (The Family) Bill 2023 shall be taken immediately;
- 4. the proceedings on Committee and remaining Stages of the Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after 2 hours and 30 minutes by one question which shall be put from the Chair and which shall, in relation to amendments, include only those set down or accepted by the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; and
- 5. any division claimed on the proceedings on the Motion *re* Statement for Information of Voters in relation to the Fortieth Amendment of the Constitution (Care) Bill 2023 shall be taken immediately.

In relation to Thursday's business, it is proposed that:

- 1. the ordinary routine of business as set out in Schedule 3 to Standing Orders shall be modified to the following extent:
 - (i) no motion for a Committee report pursuant to Standing Order 102 or private member's Bill pursuant to Standing Order 160 shall be taken, and private members' business pursuant to Standing Order 159(1) and Standing Order 169 shall be taken for 122 minutes on the adjournment of Second Stage of the

- Social Welfare (Liable Relatives and Child Maintenance) Bill 2023, or where Second Stage of that Bill concludes within its allotted time, on the conclusion thereof; and
- (ii) topical issues shall be taken on the conclusion of private members' business, and the Dáil shall adjourn on the conclusion thereof;
- 2. the proceedings on Second Stage of the Social Welfare (Liable Relatives and Child Maintenance) Bill 2023 shall, if not previously concluded, be interrupted and stand adjourned either at 5.15 p.m. or after 3 hours and 30 minutes, whichever is the later, and shall not be resumed on Thursday; and
- notwithstanding anything in Standing Order 170(2), the proceedings on Second Stage of the Organisation of Working Time (Reproductive Health Related Leave) Bill 2021 [Seanad] shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion after two hours.

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