

Déardaoin, 30 Samhain, 2006
Thursday, 30th November, 2006

10.30 a.m.

RIAR NA hOIBRE

Order Paper

GNÓ POIBLÍ

Public Business

1. Ráitis maidir le Breisoideachas agus Oideachas Aosach.
 Statements on Further and Adult Education.
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Tíolactha:
Presented:

2. An Bille um Ghníomhaireacht Airgeadais d'Fhorbairt Náisiúnta (Leasú) 2006 —
 Ordú don Dara Céim.
 National Development Finance Agency (Amendment) Bill 2006 — Order for
 Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta
 um Ghníomhaireacht Airgeadais d'Fhor-
 bairt Náisiúnta 2002 trí shocrú a dhéanamh
 maidir le feidhmeanna breise de chuid na
 Gníomhaireachta Airgeadais d'Fhorbairt
 Náisiúnta agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh
 nithe comhghaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the
 National Development Finance Agency Act
 2002 by providing for additional functions
 of the National Development Finance
 Agency and to provide for connected
 matters.

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

3. An Bille Toghcháin (Leasú) 2006 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.
 Electoral (Amendment) Bill 2006 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage.
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4. An Bille um Chlárú Uachtanna 2005 — An Coiste.
 Registration of Wills Bill 2005 — Committee.

—*Senator Terry Leyden.*

5. Bille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2005 — An Dara Céim.
 Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2005 — Second Stage.

—*Senators Joe O'Toole, Paul Coghlan, David Norris.*

- 6.** An Bille um Chosaint Beatha agus Maoine 2006 — An Dara Céim.
Defence of Life and Property Bill 2006 — Second Stage.

—*Senators Tom Morrissey, Michael Brennan, John Minihan.*

- 7.** Bille Náisiúntachta agus Saoránachta Éireann (Leasú) (An Garda Síochána) 2006 — An Dara Céim.

Irish Nationality and Citizenship (Amendment) (An Garda Síochána) Bill 2006 — Second Stage.

—*Senators Brian Hayes, Maurice Cummins, Ulick Burke.*

Tíolactha:

Presented:

- 8.** An Bille um Chlúmhilleadh 2006 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Defamation Bill 2006 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht d'athmheas Dlí an Chlúmhillte go páirteach; d'aisghairm an Achta um Chlúmhilleadh 1961; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann leis an méid sin.

Bill entitled an Act to revise in part the Law of Defamation; to repeal the Defamation Act 1961; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

- 9.** An Bille um Príobháideacht 2006 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Privacy Bill 2006 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le Tort arb éard é Príobháideacht a Shárú; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe a bhaineann leis an méid sin.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for a Tort of Violation of Privacy; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

- 10.** An Bille um Shaoráil Faisnéise (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 2003 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Freedom of Information (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2003 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú an Achta um Shaoráil Faisnéise 1997 agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Freedom of Information Act 1997 and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Brendan Ryan.*

- 11.** An Bille um Fhorfheidhmiú Orduithe Cúirte (Uimh. 2) 2004 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Enforcement of Court Orders (No. 2) Bill 2004 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir leis na cúirteanna do dhéanamh orduithe astaithe tuillimh, orduithe astaithe leasa agus orduithe tráthchoda chun forfheidhmiú orduithe

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the making of attachment of earnings orders, attachment of welfare orders, and instalment orders by the courts to facilitate the enforcement of undischarged court

cúirte, fíneálacha agus fiacha eile orders, fines and other debts and to provide
neamhurscaoilte a éascú agus do dhéanamh for related matters.
socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

—*Senator Brian Hayes.*

12. An Bille Ginealais agus Araltais 2006 — Ordú don Dara Céim.

Genealogy and Heraldry Bill 2006 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht d'aisghairm agus do leasú alt den Acht um Fhorais Chultúir Náisiúnta 1997; do bhunú Údaráis Araltais d'Éirinn agus do dhéanamh socrú maidir le feidhmeanna, dualgais agus cumhachtaí an chéanna; do thabhairt chun rialtacha agus do nuachóiriú an tsoláthair seirbhísí araltais ag an Stát; do bhunú Oifig na nArmas agus do dhéanamh socrú ina leith, arb éard a bheidh inti Príomh-Aralt na hÉireann (*Chief Herald of Ireland*) agus Leas-Phríomharalt na hÉireann (*Deputy Chief Herald of Ireland*); do mhíniú, do chomhordú agus do bhunú nósanna imeachta chun an Stát do sholáthar seirbhísí araltais, brateolaíochta agus ginealais agus chun beartas i leith na nithe sin a fhoirmliú; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le cothabháil, cosaint, agus coimeád dlíthiúil taifead a bhaineann leis na feidhmeanna sin thuas agus le rochtain phoiblí ar na taifid sin; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le daingniú cúlghabhálach Deonuithe Armas a rinne an Oifig Ghinealais neamhrechtúil in ainm Phríomh-Aralt na hÉireann thar ceann an Stáit ó 1943 i leith agus do leasú an dlí a bhaineann le feidhmeanna araltais an Stáit agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to repeal and to amend sections of the National Cultural Institutions Act 1997; to establish a Heraldic Authority for Ireland and provide for the functions, duties and powers thereof; to regularise and modernise the delivery of heraldic services by the State; to establish and make provision for an Office of Arms consisting of Príomh-Aralt na hÉireann (*Chief Herald of Ireland*) and Leas-Phríomharalt na hÉireann (*Deputy Chief Herald of Ireland*); to define, coordinate and establish procedures for the delivery of heraldic, vexillological and genealogical services by the State and for the formulation of policy in respect of such matters; to provide for the maintenance, protection, legal custody and public accessibility of records pertaining to the functions above; to provide for the retrospective confirmation of Grants of Arms made by the non-statutory Genealogical Office in the name of the Chief Herald of Ireland on behalf of the State since 1943 and to amend the law relating to the heraldic functions of the State and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Brendan Ryan.*

Tairiscintí:

Motions:

13. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe, arna chur ar fáil le hAirteagal 4 den cheathrú Prótacal atá leagtha amach i gConradh Amstardam, fógra a thabhairt don Chomhairle agus don Choimisiún gur mian leis glacadh leis an mbeart seo a leanas:

That Seanad Éireann approves the exercise by the State of the option, provided by Article 4 of the fourth Protocol set out in the Treaty of Amsterdam, to notify the Council and the Commission that it wishes to accept the following measure:

Treoir 2004/82/CE an 29 Aibreán, 2004 ón gComhairle maidir le hoibleagáid a bheith ar iompróirí sonraí a thabhairt mar gheall ar phaisinéirí,

Council Directive 2004/82/EC of 29th April, 2004 on the obligation of carriers to communicate passenger data,

ar beart é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 25 Iúil, 2005.

a copy of which measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on 25th July, 2005.”

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

14. “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann na rialacháin seo a leanas ina ndrúacht:

That Seanad Éireann approves the following regulations in draft:

Na Rialacháin um Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla 2003 (Alt 9) 2006

Official Languages Act 2003 (Section 9) Regulations 2006

ar rialacháin iad ar leagadh cóipeanna díobh ina ndrúacht faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 28 Meán Fómhair 2006.

copies of which regulations in draft were laid before Seanad Éireann on 28th September 2006.”

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

Ráitis:

Statements:

15. Ráitis maidir leis an gCéad Tuarascáil faoi Dhul Chun Cinn ón gCoiste Comhairleach Náisiúnta um Dhrugaí (*atógáil*).

Statements on the First Progress Report of the National Advisory Committee on Drugs (*resumed*).

16. Ráitis maidir le Saoráidí Spóirt Náisiúnta a Sholáthar (*atógáil*).

Statements on the Provision of National Sporting Facilities (*resumed*).

17. Ráitis maidir le Beartas Iompair Réigiúnach (*atógáil*).

Statements on Regional Transport Policy (*resumed*).

18. Ráitis maidir le Sábháilteacht ar Bhóithre (*atógáil*).

Statements on Road Safety (*resumed*).

19. Ráitis maidir le Pleanáil agus saincheisteanna gaolmhara (*atógáil*).

Statements on Planning and related issues (*resumed*).

Tairiscint (atógáil):

Motion (resumed):

20. “Go ndéanann Seanad Éireann, de bhun Bhuan-Ordú Uimh. 60A,

That Seanad Éireann, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60A,

1. Á thabhairt dá aire an fhaisnéis seo a leanas ón Aire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí:

1. Noting the following information from the Minister for Justice, Equality and Law Reform:

(a) go ndearna an Garda Síochána, i mí Lúnasa 2001, ar fhaisnéis a fháil ó Interpol ar faisnéis í a fuair *The United States Postal Inspection Service* le linn cuardaigh ar áitreabh in Fort Worth, Texas, a bhain le

(a) that the Garda Síochána in August 2001, on receipt of information from Interpol obtained by the United States Postal Inspection Service during a search of premises in Fort Worth, Texas, concerning details of

mionsonraí custaiméirí líomhnaithe cuideachta a raibh rochtain á tairiscint aici ar shuímh idirlín pornagrafaíochta leanaí, tús a chur le hoibríocht i ndáil le daoine ón dlínse seo a líomhnaíodh a bheith aitheanta amhlaidh,

alleged customers of a company offering access to child pornography websites, commenced an operation in relation to persons allegedly so identified from this jurisdiction,

- (b) go raibh san áireamh sna mionsonraí sin ainmneacha, pasfhocail agus mionsonraí cárta creidmheasa agus cárta muirir daoine áirithe,
- (c) go raibh duine darb ainm *Brian Curtin, 35 Ashe Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry*, ar dhuine de na daoine ón dlínse seo a ainmníodh amhlaidh agus gur léirigh fiosrúcháin dá éis sin gurbh é Brian Curtin, Breitheamh den Chúirt Chuarda, agus seoladh tí cónaithe 24 Ard na Lí, Trá Lí, Co. Chiarraí aige, an duine sin,
- (d) go ndearna an Chúirt Dúiche barántas chun teach cónaithe an Bhreithimh Curtin a chuardach faoi alt 7 den Acht um Gháinneáil ar Leanaí agus Pornagrafaíocht Leanaí 1998 a eisiúint de bhun iarratais ó chomhalta den Gharda Síochána an 20 Bealtaine 2002,
- (e) go ndearnadh cuardach ar theach cónaithe an Bhreithimh Curtin dá éis sin de bhun an bharántais sin agus gur ghlac Gardaí seilbh ar ríomhaire pearsanta agus ar ábhar eile le linn an chuardaigh,
- (f) gur chuir údaráis an Gharda comhad imscrúdaithe faoi bhráid an Stiúrthóra Ionchúiseamh Poiblí i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2002, agus gur threoraigh an Stiúrthóir Ionchúiseamh Poiblí go ndéanfaí an Breitheamh Curtin a ionchúiseamh as pornagrafaíocht leanaí a bheith ina sheilbh go feasach contrártha d'alt 6 den Acht um Gháinneáil ar Leanaí agus Pornagrafaíocht Leanaí 1998,
- (g) gur thosaigh triail an chúisimh sin an 20 Aibreán 2004 i gCúirt Chuarda Thrá Lí agus go bhfuarthas an Breitheamh Curtin neamhchiontach sa chúiseamh sin an 23 Aibreán 2004 gan fianaise a bheith tugtha i ndáil le hábhar an chúisimh, tar éis don
- (b) that these details included the names, passwords and credit card and charge card details of certain persons,
- (c) that one of the persons from this jurisdiction so named was a Brian Curtin, 35 Ashe Street, Tralee, Co. Kerry, and that subsequent enquiries indicated that this person was Brian Curtin, Judge of the Circuit Court, with a home address of 24 Ard na Lí, Tralee, Co Kerry,
- (d) that a warrant to search Judge Curtin's home under section 7 of the Child Trafficking and Pornography Act 1998 issued from the District Court on foot of an application by a member of the Garda Síochána on 20 May 2002,
- (e) that Judge Curtin's home was subsequently searched on foot of the said warrant and that Gardaí took possession of a personal computer and other material during the search,
- (f) that an investigation file was submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions by the Garda authorities in October 2002 and that the Director of Public Prosecutions instructed that Judge Curtin be prosecuted for knowingly having in his possession child pornography contrary to section 6 of the Child Trafficking and Pornography Act, 1998,
- (g) that the trial of the said charge commenced on 20 April 2004 at Tralee Circuit Court and that on 23 April 2004 Judge Curtin was found not guilty of that charge without evidence being given in relation to the subject matter of the charge, the

Chúirt Chuarda Choiriúil a chinneadh go raibh an barántas sin a dúradh imithe in éag nuair a forghníomhaíodh é i dteach cónaithe an Bhreithimh Curtin;

Circuit Criminal Court having determined that the aforesaid warrant was spent when executed at the home of Judge Curtin;

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and

2. A éileamh go ndéanfar, de bhun Airteagal 35.4 den Bhunreacht agus alt 39 den Acht Cúirteanna Breithiúnais 1924, an tOnórach an Breitheamh Brian Curtin, Breitheamh den Chúirt Chuarda, a chur as oifig de dheasca mí-iompair a luafar, arb é atá i gceist ann a chuid iompair maidir le síntiús a thabhairt do shuímh idirlín ar a raibh íomhánna pornagrafaíochta leanaí, rochtain a fháil ar na suímh sin agus na suímh sin a úsáid agus i ndáil leis na nithe sin agus é féin a fhágáil mí-oiriúnach dá dheasca sin chun oifig Breithimh den Chúirt Chuarda a fheidhmiú.

2. Calls for the removal, pursuant to Article 35.4 of the Constitution and section 39 of the Courts of Justice Act 1924, of His Honour Judge Brian Curtin, Judge of the Circuit Court, from office for stated misbehaviour, being his conduct in and in relation to subscribing to, accessing and use of websites containing child pornographic images and thereby rendering himself unsuitable to exercise the office of a Judge of the Circuit Court.”

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

Bille (atógáil) (05 n. fágtha):

Bill (resumed) (05 m. remaining):

21. An Bille um Páirtíocht Shibhialta 2004 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Civil Partnership Bill 2004 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

—*Senator David Norris.*

Leasú ar an Tairiscint don Dara Léamh (atógáil):

Amendment to Motion for Second Reading (resumed):

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

“Seanad Éireann declines to give a second reading to the Bill so as to permit further consideration of important legal and constitutional issues and in particular

(a) the resolution of current litigation regarding the recognition of a foreign same-sex marriage;

(b) finalisation by the All-Party Oireachtas Committee on the Constitution of its examination of Articles 40.3, 41 and 42, relating to the family;

(c) publication of the Report of the Law Reform Commission on the Rights and Duties of Cohabitees.”.

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

22. Tairiscintí nach ón Rialtas:
Non-Government Motions:

1. “That Seanad Éireann supports:

the declaration of the 4th World Parliamentarians' Convention on Tibet adopted by parliamentarians from 30 different countries on November 19, 2005 in Edinburgh, Scotland in support of Tibet's goal of genuine autonomy;

supports His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Middle Way approach to resolve the conflict between the People's Republic of China and the Tibetan Government in exile through negotiations in the spirit of non-violence and reconciliation;

commends the Chinese Government in inviting the Dalai Lama's special envoys for four rounds of high-level meetings in Beijing and Berne between September 2002 and June 2005;

supports the creation of a zone of ahimsa (peace and non-violence) throughout the Tibetan plateau;

deplores the refusal of the Chinese Government to release political prisoners, in particular the Panchen Lama, Gebhum Choekyi Nyima, who has been held in a secret location since 1995, when he was only 6 years old; and

the recent forcible attempts by the Chinese authorities to introduce a brutal discipline known as 'Patriotic re-education' which has been inflicted upon monasteries in Tibet and which has resulted in injury and death to some of the monks at the Drepung Monastery in Tibet."

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Mary Henry, Feargal Quinn, Joe O'Toole.*

[13 December, 2005]

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2. "That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government, for an urgent debate on the Nitrates Directive, in light of his hasty signing of said directive, particularly as the figures on which he based his decision, have now been highlighted as being erroneous and the impossibility of the Government standing over such figures, allied with its total disregard for the future of Irish farming."

—*Senators James Bannon, Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Noel Coonan, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Brian Hayes, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[25 January, 2006]

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3. "That Seanad Éireann calls on the Irish Government to redouble its efforts to ensure the closure of British Nuclear Fuel's Sellafield plant."

—*Senators Shane Ross, David Norris, Mary Henry, Feargal Quinn, Joe O'Toole.*

[3 May, 2006]

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4. "That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to introduce a scheme to automatically register all those who turn 18 years of age and for the creation of a new centrally run National Electoral Register."

—*Senators James Bannon, Brian Hayes, Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Noel Coonan, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[3 July, 2006]

5. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to provide the funding to deliver the investments in water and sanitary services for towns and villages promised by the current Government 1997 and 2002 and condemns the failure of the Government, in this and the previous administration, to deliver to small towns and villages all over this country the necessary infrastructural investment to sustain their survival and future.”

—*Senators James Bannon, Brian Hayes, Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Noel Coonan, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[3 July, 2006]

6. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to provide greater funding for the Private Residential Tenancies Board to tackle the poor maintenance of some rental properties and for the empowerment of the Board to take over the regulation of property management companies, the poor state of which is contributing directly to the inferior maintenance of public areas.”

—*Senators James Bannon, Brian Hayes, Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Noel Coonan, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[3 July, 2006]

7. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to end the blight of unfinished housing estates by passing legislation that would prohibit those developers who have not met their commitments under previously granted planning permission, from obtaining planning permission in the future.”

—*Senators James Bannon, Brian Hayes, Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Noel Coonan, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[3 July, 2006]

8. “That Seanad Éireann, in light of inconvenience to individuals and the potential damage being done to the reputation of this country in terms of efficient communications, calls on the Government to maximise the resources being put into ensuring broadband access in every home and business in Ireland.”

—*Senators Shane Ross, David Norris, Mary Henry, Joe O’Toole, Feargal Quinn.*

[27 September, 2006]

9. “That Seanad Éireann congratulates His Holiness the Dalai Lama on the US Congress passing a Bill which will award the Dalai Lama the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal.”

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Joe O’Toole, Mary Henry, Feargal Quinn.*

[27 September, 2006]

10. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to end political input into the appointment of members of the judiciary.”

—*Senators Shane Ross, Davis Norris, Mary Henry, Feargal Quinn.*

[27 September, 2006]

11. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to ensure that future appointments to the boards of semi-state bodies and agencies are subject to hearings and approval by Oireachtas committees.”

—*Senators Shane Ross, Davis Norris, Mary Henry.*

[27 September, 2006]

12. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to examine the status of charities and charitable collections and in particular to investigate the practice of so called ‘chugging’ or charity mugging by street collectors.”

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Mary Henry, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole.*

[28 September, 2006]

13. “That Seanad Éireann, in the light of recent tragic fires in France and other countries involving hostel accommodation of migrant workers and asylum seekers and in the light of our own recent narrow escapes from such tragedies, calls upon the Government to ensure that all such accommodation in Ireland is professionally vetted to ensure compliance with fire regulations, health, safety and hygiene provisions.”

—*Senators David Norris, Mary Henry, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross.*

[28 September, 2006]

14. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources to ensure,

- 1) a total ban on use or sale of mono and multi-monofilament gill and drift nets;
- 2) a ban on trawling within 6 mile limit;
- 3) no netting of any description within 1 mile of the low water mark;
- 4) the creation of and an increase in the protection for spawning/nursery areas;
- 5) closed seasons to protect spawning fish;
- 6) that angling groups like the IFSA are involved in consultation processes;
- 7) that a full survey of all recreational anglers to determine our economic input is commissioned;
- 8) that there is an increase in minimum sizes and a reduction of quotas for commercially exploited species;
- 9) increased fishery protection resources;
- 10) much tighter oversight of domestic and foreign vessels as regards landings, gear etc.;
- 11) an end to the practices of marine dumping and aggregate extraction; and
- 12) an end to nuclear waste dumping/discharges in the Irish Sea.”

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Feargal Quinn, Mary Henry, Joe O’Toole.*

[28 September, 2006]

15. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Minister for Foreign Affairs to seek the establishment of a monitoring group to supervise the implementation of the Human Rights Attachments to the External Association Agreement between the European Union and the State of Israel.”

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Mary Henry, Joe O’Toole.*
[28 September, 2006]

16. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to take all possible measures to ensure that the refinancing of Irish Insurance risk internationally does not as a result of recent tragic global events make Irish domestic insurance unacceptably high.”

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Mary Henry, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole.*
[28 September, 2006]

17. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Minister for Arts, Sports and Tourism to come into the house to give a full account of the current situation regarding the future of the Abbey Theatre and its possible relocation.”

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Mary Henry, Feargal Quinn, Joe O’Toole.*
[28 September, 2006]

18. “That Seanad Éireann expresses its concern at growing reports of climate change in various parts of the world; and requests the Minister to come into the house and give a progress report on our position concerning Ireland reaching its target under the Kyoto Protocol.”

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Joe O’Toole, Feargal Quinn, Mary Henry.*
[12 October, 2006]

19. “That Seanad Éireann welcomes the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme of the World Council of Churches in arranging for human rights observers to work in Israel and Palestine; encourages the Government to work with intergovernmental organisations to establish a human rights observation force in the Occupied Territories, and to press for an end to the occupation in a just and peaceful solution to the conflict on the basis of UN resolutions and the international rule of law.”

—*Senators David Norris, Shane Ross, Joe O’Toole, Mary Henry.*
[25 October, 2006]

20. “That Seanad Éireann notes that the number of patients with MRSA infections in Irish hospitals was 285 cases for the first 6 months of 2006; calls on the Minister for Health and Children to ensure that when patients test positive for MRSA that they and/or their family are informed immediately so that appropriate steps are taken to aid their full recovery. That Seanad Éireann calls on all health facilities in the State to fulfil their duty of care responsibilities as outlined in the 1947 Health Act in so far as patients’ health should not deteriorate due to negligence on the health facility’s part.”

—*Senators Fergal Browne, Brian Hayes, James Bannon, Paul Bradford, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Noel Coonan, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[8 November, 2006]

21. “That Seanad Éireann, in the light of the Ferns Report, requests the Government to re-examine the exemption of the churches from the operations of equality legislation.”

—*Senators David Norris, Mary Henry, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross.*

[8 November, 2006]

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22. “That Seanad Éireann welcomes the Publication of the Leas Cross Nursing Home Report and calls for a Patient Safety Authority to be established to maintain and ensure standards in both private and public hospitals and which would also provide a forum for whistleblowers in the Health Service; and notes that, in the 18 months since the Prime Time Programme on the Leas Cross Nursing Home, the Government has failed to ensure that adequate measures are put in place to prevent other cases of patient neglect and or abuse taking place.”

—*Senators Fergal Browne, Brian Hayes, James Bannon, Paul Bradford, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Noel Coonan, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[15 November, 2006]

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23. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to introduce compensatory relief for VAT charged to charities on essential expenditure so that the cost burden to charities nationwide may be relieved.”

—*Senators James Bannon, Brian Hayes, Paul Bradford, Fergal Browne, Paddy Burke, Ulick Burke, Noel Coonan, Paul Coghlan, Maurice Cummins, Frank Feighan, Michael Finucane, Jim Higgins, Joe McHugh, John Paul Phelan, Sheila Terry.*

[16 November, 2006]

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24. “That Seanad Éireann expresses concern at the risks posed to infants by the heavy fluoridation of water in this jurisdiction.”

—*Senators David Norris, Joe O’Toole, Shane Ross, Mary Henry.*

[22 November, 2006]

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25. “That Seanad Éireann, appalled by the abuse of Falun Gong practitioners being perpetrated by the Chinese Government and the Chinese Communist Party, urges the Irish Government to express its revulsion at these atrocities and demands that the Irish Government seeks to have them fully investigated by the appropriate international bodies and that our concerns be brought to the immediate attention of the Chinese Ambassador to Ireland and the Chinese Government.”

—*Senator Joe O’Toole, David Norris, Mary Henry, Shane Ross, Feargal Quinn.*

[23 November, 2006]

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26. “That Seanad Éireann,

- noting the fact that in Norway, Sweden, Denmark and France State pension funds are now required to recognise social and environmental and ethical considerations in their investment decisions;
- condemns the failure to impose such conditions on The National Pensions Reserve Fund; and

- calls on the Government immediately to introduce ethical guidelines for the NPRF if necessary following appropriate amending legislation.”

—*Senators Brendan Ryan, Kathleen O’Meara, Michael McCarthy, Derek McDowell, Joanna Tuffy.*

[30 November, 2006]

27. “That Seanad Éireann notes the Government’s promise to allow Cork Airport to commence an independent operation free from debt and demands that the Government immediately clarify the position of Cork Airport with respect to the debt incurred in the recently completed developments.”

—*Senators Brendan Ryan, Kathleen O’Meara, Michael McCarthy, Derek McDowell, Joanna Tuffy.*

[30 November, 2006]

23. 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, 5 Nollaig, 2006
Tuesday, 5th December, 2006

Bille na bPríosún 2006 — An Tuarascáil.
Prisons Bill 2006 — Report Stage.

An Bille Fuinnimh (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2006 [*Dáil*] — An Coiste.
Energy (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2006 [*Dáil*] — Committee.

BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL
Seanad Bills with the Dáil

An Bille um Sheirbhísí Uisce 2003.
Water Services Bill 2003.

An Bille um Cheartas Coiriúil (Cúnamh Frithpháirteach) 2005.
Criminal Justice (Mutual Assistance) Bill 2005.

An Bille um Chistí Infheistíochta, Cuideachtaí agus Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha 2006.
Investment Funds, Companies and Miscellaneous Provisions Bill 2006.

An Bille um Europol (Leasú) 2006.
Europol (Amendment) Bill 2006.

An Bille um Chúram Leanaí (Leasú) 2006.
Child Care (Amendment) Bill 2006.

An Bille Rialtais Áitiúil (Ceantair Feabhsúcháin Gnó) 2006.
Local Government (Business Improvement Districts) Bill 2006.

An Bille um Athchóiriú an Dlí Talún agus Tíolactha 2006.
Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Bill 2006.

An Bille um Chomhaontú na Breataine-na hÉireann (Leasú) 2006.
British-Irish Agreement (Amendment) Bill 2006.

MEMORANDA

Déardaoin, 30 Samhain, 2006
Thursday, 30 November, 2006

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontraíocht agus Mionghnáthaí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL 2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise and Small Business in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar 9.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 4, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Iniúchadh Eorpach i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 9.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Sub-Committee on European Scrutiny in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Oideachas agus Eolaíocht i Seomra Coiste 2, TL 2000, ar 11.30 a.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Education and Science in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 11.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 2, TL 2000, ar 2.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH 2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Dé Mairt, 5 Nollaig, 2006
Tuesday, 5 December, 2006

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 2 p.m.

Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 2 p.m.

Dé Céadaoin, 6 Nollaig, 2006
Wednesday, 6 December, 2006

Cruinniú den Fhochoiste um Chearta an Duine i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000, ar 12 meán lae
 Meeting of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at
 12 noon.

Déardaoin, 7 Nollaig, 2006
Thursday, 7 December, 2006

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eachtracha, Fhochoiste um Chomhar
 Forbartha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL 2000 ar 11 a.m.
 Meeting of the Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs, Sub-Committee on Development
 Co-Operation in Committee Room 3, LH 2000, at 11 a.m.

PÁIPÉIR A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID AN tSEANAID
Papers laid before the Seanad

*Reachtúil:**Statutory:*

1) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CEE) Uimh. 3922/91 ón gComhairle maidir le comhchuíbhíú ceanglas teicniúil agus nósanna imeachta riaracháin i réimse na heitlíochta sibhialta mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.
 COM (2006) 645.

1) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3922/91 on the harmonisation of technical requirements and administrative procedures in the field of civil aviation together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 645.

2) Togra le haghaidh Rialacháin ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Rialachán (CE) Uimh. . . / . . . maidir le vitimíní agus mianraí agus substaintí áirithe eile a chur le bianna mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin.
 COM (2006) 606.

2) Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation EC No. . . / . . . on the addition of vitamins and minerals and of certain other substances to foods together with explanatory information note.
 COM (2006) 606.

3) Bord Fiontar Contae Liatroma Teoranta. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil agus Ráitis Airgeadais, 2005.

3) Leitrim County Enterprise Board Limited. Annual Report and Financial Statements, 2005.

4) Na Rialacháin Leasa Shóisialaigh (Éilimh agus Íocaíochtaí Comhdhlúite) (Leasú) (Uimh. 13) (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2006 (I.R. Uimh. 571 de 2006).

4) Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims and Payments) (Amendment) (No. 13) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 571 of 2006).

5) Na Rialacháin Leasa Shóisialaigh (Forálacha Sealadacha) 2006 (I.R. Uimh. 580 de 2006).

5) Social Welfare (Temporary Provisions) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 580 of 2006).

6) Na Rialacháin Leasa Shóisialaigh (Liúntas Leasa Forlíontach Comhdhlúite) (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha) 2006 (I.R. Uimh. 572 de 2006).

6) Social Welfare (Consolidated Supplementary Welfare Allowance) (Amendment) (No. 2) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2006 (S.I. No. 572 of 2006).

Neamhrechtúil:

Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan. An Tuarascáil Deiridh ar an Tuarascáil ón gCoimisiún Fiosrúcháin Neamhspleách faoi Bhuamáil Theach Tábhairne Kay, Dún Dealgan. Samhain, 2006.

Non-Statutory:

Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights. Final Report on the Report of the Independent Commission of Inquiry into the Bombing of Kay's Tavern, Dundalk. November, 2006.
