

*Déardaoin, 1 Feabhra, 2007*  
*Thursday, 1st Feabhra, 2007*

10.30 a.m.

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RIAR NA hOIBRE

*Order Paper*

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GNÓ POIBLÍ

*Public Business*

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1. An Bille Craolacháin (Leasú) 2006 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).  
 Broadcasting (Amendment) Bill 2006 -Second Stage (*resumed*).  


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2. (l) An Bille Sláinte (Tithe Banaltrais) (Leasú) 2006 [*Dáil*] — An Coiste.  
 (a) Health (Nursing Homes) (Amendment) Bill 2006 [*Dáil*] — Committee.  


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3. An Bille um Chlúmhillleadh 2006 — An Coiste.  
 Defamation Bill 2006 — Committee.  


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4. An Bille um Fhaisnéis do Shaoránaigh 2006 [*Dáil*] — An Dara Céim.  
 Citizens Information Bill 2006 [*Dáil*] — Second Stage  


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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.*  


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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.*  


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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.*  


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*Tíolactha:*  
*Presented:*

**8. 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.*

**9. An Bille Cosanta (Leasú) (Uimh. 2) 2006 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
Defence (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill 2006 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do dhéanamh socrú maidir le cúisimh i leith cionta in aghaidh an dlí mhíleata a chur de láimh go hachomair; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le bunú agus dlínse na harmchúirte achoimre; do dhéanamh socrú maidir leis an Riarthóir Armchúirte agus an Stiúrthóir Ionchúiseamh Míleata, agus maidir le breitheamh míleata, a cheapadh; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le comhdhéanamh armchúirteanna agus maidir le comhaltas boird armchúirte; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le nithe a bhaineann le nós imeachta os comhair armchúirteanna, maidir le harmchúirteanna do ghearradh pionós agus do chur pionóis i gcrích agus maidir le pianbhreitheanna a fhionraí; do dhéanamh socrú maidir le bunú Choiste Rialacha na nArmchúirteanna agus maidir le rialacha armchúirte a dhéanamh; agus chun na gcríoch sin agus chun críoch eile do leasú agus do leathnú na nAchtanna Cosanta 1954 go 2006, do dhéanamh leasuithe iarmhartacha ar achtacháin eile agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to provide for the summary disposal of charges of offences against military law; to provide for the establishment and jurisdiction of the summary court-martial; to provide for the appointment of the Court-Martial Administrator, the Director of Military Prosecutions and a military judge; to provide for the constitution of courts-martial and membership of a court-martial board; to provide for matters of procedure before courts-martial, the award and execution of punishments by courts-martial and the suspension of sentences; to provide for the establishment of the Courts-Martial Rules Committee and the making of court-martial rules; and for those and other purposes to amend and extend the Defence Acts 1954 to 2006, to make consequential amendments to other enactments and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

**10. An Bille um Athchóiriú an Dlí Reachtúil 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
Statute Law Revision Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do chur athchóiriú an dlí reachtúil chun cinn trí reachtanna áirithe a aisghairm a achtaíodh roimh 6 Nollaig 1922 agus a bhfuil scortha acu d'éifeacht a bheith leo nó atá éirithe neamhriachtanach, trí na reachtanna sin a shainaithint ar de chineál poiblí agus ginearálta go príomha iad agus a achtaíodh amhlaidh ach nach bhfuil á n-aisghairm leis an Acht seo, trí ghearrtheidil a shannadh do

Bill entitled an Act to promote the revision of statute law by repealing certain statutes that were enacted before 6 December 1922 and which have ceased to have effect or have become unnecessary, by identifying those statutes primarily of a public and general nature that were so enacted but are not being repealed by this Act, by assigning short titles to certain statutes in order to facilitate their citation

reachtanna áirithe d'fhonn a lua a éascú agus trí reachtanna áirithe a leasú a mhéid a bhaineann siad le gearrtheidil, do dhéanamh socrú maidir le fianaise *prima facie* a thabhairt ar reachtanna áirithe, agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

and by amending certain statutes in so far as they relate to short titles, to provide for *prima facie* evidence to be given of certain statutes, and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

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**11. An Bille um Chosaint Tomhaltóirí 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.**  
Consumer Protection Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do thabhairt éifeacht don Treoir um Chleachtas Tráchtála Éagóreacha (Treoir Uimh. 2005/29/CE an 11 Bealtaine 2005 ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle), do bhunú comhlachta ar a dtabharfar an Ghníomhaireacht Náisiúnta Tomhaltóirí nó, sa Bhéarla, *the National Consumer Agency* agus do mhíniú a fheidhmeanna, do dhéanamh socrú nua i ndáil le scéimeanna stuaicdhíola, do leasú an Achta um Fhorbairt Tionscail 1993 agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to give effect to the Unfair Commercial Practices Directive (Directive No. 2005/29/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2005), to establish a body to be known as An Ghníomhaireacht Náisiúnta Tomhaltóirí or, in the English language, the National Consumer Agency and to define its functions, to make new provision in relation to pyramid selling schemes, to amend the Industrial Development Act 1993 and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Mary O'Rourke.*

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**12. 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.*

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**13. 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 cúirte, fíneálacha agus fiacha eile neamhurscaoilte a éascú agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

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 orders, fines and other debts and to provide for related matters.

—*Senator Brian Hayes.*

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*Tairiscintí:*

*Motions:*

**14.** “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d'fheidhmiú an roghnaithe, arna chur ar fáil le hAirteagal 4 den cheathrú Prótacal

That Seanad Éireann approves the exercise by the State of the option, provided by Article 4 of the fourth Protocol set out

atá leagtha amach i gConradh Amstardam, fógra a thabhairt don Chomhairle agus don Choimisiún gur mian leis glacadh leis an mbeart seo a leanas:

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.*

**15.** “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann na Rialacháin seo a leanas ina ndrúacht:

That Seanad Éireann approves the following Regulations in draft:

Na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2007,

The Planning and Development Regulations 2007,

ar leagadh cóipeanna díobh ina ndrúacht faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 25 Eanáir, 2007.

copies of which were laid in draft form before Seanad Éireann on 25th January, 2007.”

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

**16.** “Go gceadaíonn Seanad Éireann an Stát d’fheidhmiú an roghnaithe nó na rogha arna gcur ar fáil le hAirteagal 1.11 de Chonradh Amstardam a bheith páirteach i nglacadh an bhirt bheartaithe seo a leanas:

That Seanad Éireann approves the exercise by the State of the option or discretion provided by Article 1.11 of the Treaty of Amsterdam to take part in the adoption of the following proposed measure:

togra le haghaidh Creat-Chinnidh ón gComhairle maidir leis an gcomhrac in aghaidh na coireachta eagraithe,

a proposal for a Council Framework Decision on the fight against organised crime,

ar beart beartaithe é ar leagadh cóip de faoi bhráid Sheanad Éireann an 15 Meitheamh, 2006.

a copy of which proposed measure was laid before Seanad Éireann on 15th June, 2006.”

—*Senator Mary O’Rourke.*

*Ráitis:*

*Statements:*

**17.** 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*).

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

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

19. Ráitis maidir le Beartas Iompair Réigiúnach (*atógáil*).  
Statements on Regional Transport Policy (*resumed*).
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20. Ráitis maidir le Sábháilteacht ar Bhóithre (*atógáil*).  
Statements on Road Safety (*resumed*).
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21. Ráitis maidir le Pleanáil agus saincheisteanna gaolmhara (*atógáil*).  
Statements on Planning and related issues (*resumed*).
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*Bille (atógáil) (05 n. fágtha):*

*Bill (resumed) (05 m. remaining):*

22. 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.*

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

1. “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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2. “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]**

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3. “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]**

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4. “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]**

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5. “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]**

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6. “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]**

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7. “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]**

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8. “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]**

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9. “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]**

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10. “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]**

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11. “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]**

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12. “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]**

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13. “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]**

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14. “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]**

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15. “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]**

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16. “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]**

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17. “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]**

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18. “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]**

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19. “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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20. “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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21. “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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22. “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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23. “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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24. “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, David Norris.*

**[30 November, 2006]**

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25. “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]**

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26. “That Seanad Éireann urges the Government

- (1) to play an effective role towards securing a total prohibition on the production, stockpiling, transfer and use of cluster munitions by its active participation in international initiatives to address the issue comprehensively and effectively;
- (2) to enact a national law prohibiting the production, stockpiling, transfer and use of cluster munitions as we know them;
- (3) to support research, publication and awareness raising initiatives on this subject nationally and internationally;
- (4) to increase support for the clearance of contaminated land by landmines, cluster munitions and other unexploded ordnance;
- (5) to increase support for Mine Risk Education;
- (6) to increase support for rehabilitation of mine survivors and their socio-economic integration;

and finally, pending the outlawing of landmines internationally,

- (7) to ensure that no public funds are invested in any company involved in or associated with this inhuman practice.”

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

**[6 December, 2006]**

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27. “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, 2006]**

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28. “That Seanad Éireann deeply regrets the failure of the Government to condemn the authorities in Iran for hosting a conference denying the existence of the Holocaust, and furthermore demands that the Minister for Foreign Affairs supports the words of the EU Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs Franco Frattini when he denounced the conference as ‘an unacceptable affront to victims of World War 2 genocide’.”

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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29. “That Seanad Éireann takes note of the report of the Moriarty Tribunal and in particular the abstraction by the former Taoiseach Charles J. Haughey of monies from the account opened in favour of Brian Lenihan’s medical situation and also of the monies given by Mr. Mark Kavanagh to the Fianna Fail Party which never appeared to have been transmitted to them.”

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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30. “That Seanad Éireann requests the Government to give serious examination to the Dargan Metro Project involving an orbital metro route as well as an airport metro line and which, fully costed, presents a more economic prospect than the existing proposal.”

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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31. “That Seanad Éireann expresses concern at the impact on the environment caused by aircraft emissions in an era of growing mass transport.”

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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32. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government in the light of the fact that Ireland is one of the few EU countries that does not facilitate citizens living abroad but within the EU in the exercise of their voting rights in Dáil elections, Presidential elections and referenda to make appropriate provisions without delay.”

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

33. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government to extend the voting franchise to allow Irish citizens living outside of the country to vote in Presidential elections, Dáil elections and referenda.”

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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34. “In the light of the European Parliament Report on extraordinary rendition which calls on the Irish Government to establish a Committee of Inquiry into the role played by Shannon Airport in this illegal process, that Seanad Éireann immediately recommence moves initiated in 2006 to establish a Special Committee to look into this matter.”

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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35. “That Seanad Éireann in the light of Report from Amnesty International and other groups which suggest that Ireland is involved in the inadequately regulated export of more than 1bn. worth of war materials and the fact that Forfás has identified serious legislative gaps in this area calls on the Government to introduce the necessary legislation to remedy these defects.”

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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36. “That Seanad Éireann calls on the Government of the People’s Republic of China and the Dalai Lama, notwithstanding their differences on Tibet’s historical relationship with China, to continue the dialogue in a forward-looking manner which will lead to pragmatic solutions that respect the Chinese constitutional framework, the territorial integrity of China and fulfil the aspirations of the Tibetan people for a unified and genuinely autonomous Tibet.”

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

**[31 January, 2007]**

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

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**BILLÍ SEANAID SA DÁIL**  
*Seanad Bills with the Dáil*

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

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

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

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

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An Bille um Ghníomhaireacht Airgeadais d'Fhorbairt Náisiúnta (Leasú) 2006.  
National Development Finance Agency (Amendment) Bill 2006.

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Bille na bPríosún 2006.  
Prisons Bill 2006.

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Bille na gComhphobal Eorpach 2006.  
European Communities Bill 2006.

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An Bille um Chlárú Uachtanna 2005.  
Registration of Wills Bill 2005.

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### MEMORANDA

*Déardaoin, 1 Feabhra, 2007*  
*Thursday, 1st February, 2007*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontraíocht agus Mionghnáthaí i Seomra Coiste 3,  
TL 2000, ar 9.30 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise and Small Business in Committee  
Room 3, LH 2000, at 9.30 a.m.

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Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Shláinte agus Leanaí i Seomra Coiste 2, TL 2000, ar  
9.30 a.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Health and Children in Committee Room 2, LH 2000,  
at 9.30 a.m.

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*Dé Céadaoin, 7 Feabhra, 2007*  
*Wednesday, 7th February, 2007*

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 4, TL 2000, ar  
3 p.m.  
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food in Committee Room 4,  
LH 2000, at 3 p.m.

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### PÁIPÉIR A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID AN tSEANAID

*Papers laid before the Seanad*

*Reachtúil:*

1) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Treoir 2002/95/CE i ndáil le srian ar shubstaintí guaiseacha áirithe a úsáid i dtrealamh leictreach agus leictreonach, maidir leis na cumhachtaí forfheidhmiúcháin a thugtar don Choimisiún mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 915.

*Statutory:*

1) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2002/95/EC on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment, as regards the implementing powers conferred to the Commission together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 915.

2) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Treoir 2002/96/CE i ndáil le dramhthrealamh leictreach agus leictreonach (DTLL), maidir leis na cumhachtaí forfheidhmiúcháin a thugtar don Choimisiún mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 914.

3) Togra le haghaidh Treorach ó Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus ón gComhairle lena leasaítear Treoir 2000/53/CE maidir le feithiclí atá i ndeireadh a maitheasa, maidir leis na cumhachtaí forfheidhmiúcháin a thugtar don Choimisiún mar aon le nóta faisnéise míniúcháin. COM (2006) 922.

4) An tOrdú um Acht an Bhainc Ceannais 1971 (Scéim Bhanc Náisiúnta na hÉireann Teoranta agus Danske Bank A/S a Cheadú) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 29 de 2007).

5) An Ciste Rialtais Áitiúil. Cuntais, 2005 agus Tuarascáil an Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste.

6) Na Rialacháin um an Oireachtas (Oifigí Aireachta agus Parlaiminte) (Saoráidí Rúnaíochta) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 26 de 2007).

7) Rialacháin an Gharda Síochána (Céimeanna) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 28 de 2007).

*Neamhrechtúil:*

1) An Tascfhórsa um Shaoránacht Ghníomhach. Tuarascáil ar an bPróiseas Comhairliúcháin maidir le Saoránacht Ghníomhach. Samhain, 2006.

2) Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha. Tuarascáil Bhliantúil, 2006. Eanáir, 2007.

3) Dáil Éireann. An Coiste um Chuntais Phoiblí. An Chéad Tuarascáil Eatramhach don bhliain 2004 (Éisteachtaí an Choiste sa tréimhse Deireadh Fómhair, 2005 go dtí Iúil, 2006) — MediaLab Europe. Eanáir, 2007.

2) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2002/96/EC on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE), as regards the implementing powers conferred to the Commission together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 914.

3) Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2000/53/CE on end-of life vehicles, as regards the implementing powers conferred to the Commission together with explanatory information note. COM (2006) 922.

4) Central Bank Act 1971 (Approval of Scheme of National Irish Bank Limited and Danske Bank A/S) Order 2007 (S.I. No. 29 of 2007).

5) Local Government Fund. Accounts, 2005 and Comptroller and Auditor General Report.

6) Oireachtas (Ministerial and Parliamentary Offices) (Secretarial Facilities) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 26 of 2007).

7) Garda Síochána (Ranks) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 28 of 2007).

*Non-Statutory:*

1) Taskforce on Active Citizenship. Report on Active Citizenship Consultation Process. November, 2006.

2) Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on European Affairs. Annual Report, 2006. January, 2007.

3) Dáil Éireann. Committee of Public Accounts. First Interim Report for 2004 (Hearings of the Committee in the period October, 2005 to July, 2006) — MediaLab Europe. January, 2007.