Dé Céadaoin, 21 *Feabhra,* 2007
Wednesday, 21*st February,* 2007

10.30 a.m.

Comhalta a Chur ar Fionraí (*vótáil a cuireadh siar*).
Suspension of Member (*postponed division*).

ORD GNÓ
ORDER OF BUSINESS

7. An Bille Leasa Shóisialaigh agus Pinsean 2007 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Social Welfare and Pensions Bill 2007 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

8. Bille na gCúirteanna agus na nOifigeach Cúirte (Leasú) 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Courts and Court Officers (Amendment) Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

39. (*l*) An Bille um Chumainn Shibhialta 2006 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
(*a*) Civil Unions Bill 2006 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

FÓGRA I dTAOBH GNÓ NUA
NOTICE OF NEW BUSINESS

18*a*. Tairiscint *maidir le* ceadú beartaithe ag Dáil Éireann i ndáil le thogra go leanfaidh alt 17A den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe 1966 i bhfeidhm ar feadh na tréimhse dar críoch an 8 Márta, 2008, a Tharchur chuig Comhchoiste.
Motion *re* Referral to Joint Committee of proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of a proposal that section 17A of the Diseases of Animals Act 1966 shall continue in force for the period ending on 8th March, 2008.

18*b*. Tairiscint *maidir le* Tíolacadh agus Scaipeadh Mheastacháin Athbhreithnithe 2007.
Motion *re* Presentation and Circulation of Revised Estimates 2007.

23*a*. Tairiscint *maidir le* Ceadú beartaithe ag Dáil Éireann i ndáil le togra go leanfaidh alt 17A den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe 1966 i bhfeidhm ar feadh na tréimhse dar críoch an 8 Márta, 2008.
Motion *re* Proposed approval by Dáil Éireann of a proposal that section 17A of the Diseases of Animals Act 1966 shall continue in force for the period ending on 8th March, 2008.

I dTOSACH GNÓ PHOIBLÍ
AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF PUBLIC BUSINESS

Billí a thionscnamh : Initiation of Bills

Tíolactha:
Presented:

8. Bille na gCúirteanna agus na nOifigeach Cúirte (Leasú) 2007 — Ordú don Dara Céim.
Courts and Court Officers (Amendment) Bill 2007 — Order for Second Stage.

Bille dá ngairtear Acht do leasú Acht na gCúirteanna agus na nOifigeach Cúirte 1995 chun foráil a dhéanamh maidir le méadú ar líon breithiúna na hArd-Chúirte, na Cúirte Cuarda agus na Cúirte Dúiche; do leasú Acht na gCúirteanna (Forálacha Forlíontacha) 1961; agus do dhéanamh socrú i dtaobh nithe gaolmhara.

Bill entitled an Act to amend the Courts and Court Officers Act 1995 to provide for an increase in the number of judges of the High Court, the Circuit Court and the District Court; to amend the Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Act 1961; and to provide for related matters.

— An Tánaiste agus Aire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí.

Fógraí Tairisceana : Notices of Motions

18*a*. ''Go ndéanfar an togra go mbeartaíonn Dáil Éireann go leanfaidh alt 17A (a cuireadh isteach le halt 2(1) den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe (Leasú) 2001 (Uimh. 3 de 2001)) den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe 1966 (Uimh. 6 de 1966) i bhfeidhm ar feadh na tréimhse dar críoch an 8 Márta, 2008, a tharchur chuig an gComhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Bia, de réir mhír (2) d'Orduithe Tagartha an Choiste sin, agus go ndéanfaidh an Comhchoiste sin, tráth nach déanaí ná an 8 Márta, 2007, teachtaireacht a chur chuig an Dáil ar an modh a fhorordaítear i mBuan-Ordú 85, agus go mbeidh feidhm dá réir ag Buan-Ordú 84(2).

That the proposal that Dáil Éireann resolves that section 17A (inserted by section 2(1) of the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) Act 2001 (No. 3 of 2001)) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1966 (No. 6 of 1966) shall continue in force for the period ending on 8th March, 2008, be referred to the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food, in accordance with paragraph (2) of the Orders of Reference of that Committee, which, not later than 8th March, 2007, shall send a message to the Dáil in the manner prescribed in Standing Order 85, and Standing Order 84(2) shall accordingly apply.''

— Tomás Ó Ceit, Aire Stáit ag Roinn an Taoisigh.

18*b*. ''D'ainneoin Bhuan-Ordú 152(1) nó (2) de Bhuan-Orduithe Dháil Éireann i dtaobh Gnó Phoiblí, go ndéanfar Meastacháin Athbhreithnithe do na Seirbhísí Poiblí don bhliain dar críoch an 31 Nollaig, 2007, a thíolacadh don Dáil agus a scaipeadh ar na comhaltaí an 22 Feabhra, 2007, ar dáta é atá níos déanaí ná an dáta forordaithe do thíolacadh Meastachán agus go ndéanfar na Meastacháin Athbhreithnithe a tharchur chuig Roghchoistí de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 152(3) agus mhír (1)(*a*)(ii) d'Orduit-he Tagartha gach Coiste agus go ndéanfaidh gach Coiste tuairisc a thabhairt don Dáil tráth nach déanaí ná an 5 Aibreán, 2007.

That, notwithstanding Standing Order 152(1) or (2) of the Standing Orders of Dáil Éireann relative to Public Business, Revised Estimates for the Public Services for the year ending 31st December, 2007, be presented to the Dáil and circulated to members on 22nd February, 2007, being a date later than that prescribed for the presentation of Estimates and that the Revised Estimates be referred to Select Committees pursuant to Standing Order 152(3) and paragraph (1)(*a*)(ii) of each Committee's Orders of Reference and that each Committee report back to the Dáil by no later than 5th April, 2007.''

— An tAire Airgeadais.

23*a*. ''Go mbeartaíonn Dáil Éireann go leanfaidh alt 17A (a cuireadh isteach le halt 2(1) den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe (Leasú) 2001 (Uimh. 3 de 2001)) den Acht um Ghalair Ainmhithe 1966 (Uimh. 6 de 1966) i bhfeidhm ar feadh na tréimhse dar críoch an 8 Márta, 2008.

That Dáil Éireann resolves that section 17A (inserted by section 2(1) of the Diseases of Animals (Amendment) Act 2001 (No. 3 of 2001)) of the Diseases of Animals Act 1966 (No. 6 of 1966) shall continue in force for the period ending on 8th March, 2008.''

— An tAire Talmhaíochta agus Bia.

ORDUITHE AN LAE
ORDERS OF THE DAY

7. An Bille Leasa Shóisialaigh agus Pinsean 2007 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
Social Welfare and Pensions Bill 2007 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA
PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

Bille (atógáil) (1 ur. 30 n. fágtha):
Bill (resumed) (1 hr. 30 m. remaining):

39. (*l*) An Bille um Chumainn Shibhialta 2006 — An Dara Céim (*atógáil*).
(*a*) Civil Unions Bill 2006 — Second Stage (*resumed*).

— Brendan Howlin.

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:

''Dáil Éireann:

— affirms that any legislative reform in this area must be fully consistent with the provisions of the Constitution and in particular the State's constitutional duty to protect with special care the institution of marriage; and

— accepts the need for legislative reform for the recognition of civil partnerships to enable persons who are cohabiting in relationships of mutual dependency to make fair and reasonable provision for each other and for other persons dependent on them and in their dealings with other persons; and

— notes that the terms of the Civil Unions Bill 2006 are confined to conjugal relationships between persons of the same sex;

— welcomes the Reports of the Working Group on Domestic Partnership chaired by Ann Colley and the Law Reform Commission Report on Rights and Duties of Cohabitants as valuable studies of the options for legislative reform in this area; and

— agrees with the Government's stated position that a proposal to amend the Constitution so as to qualify that duty at this time would be un-necessarily divisive and counter-productive; and

— notes that the terms of the Civil Unions Bill 2006 as presented appear to be inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution; and

— regards it as prudent to await the determination by the Supreme Court of an appeal now pending before that Court in relation to the issue of recognition by the State of same-sex marriages contracted in foreign jurisdictions before legislating in this area; and

— mindful of the desirability of legislating in this area in such a manner as to attract the greatest degree of social consensus; and

— accepting that the Department of Justice Equality and Law Reform is currently considering an approach based on a comprehensive legislative response to the foregoing issues,

postpones the second reading of the Civil Unions Bill 2006 for 6 months.'' — *An Tánaiste agus Aire Dlí agus Cirt, Comhionannais agus Athchóirithe Dlí.*

TEACHTAIREACHTAÍ ÓN RIALTAS
MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

Bille na gCúirteanna agus na nOifigeach Cúirte (Leasú) 2007.
Courts and Court Officers (Amendment) Bill 2007.

For the purpose of Article 17.2 of the Constitution, the Government recommend that it is expedient to authorise such charges on and payments out of the Central Fund or the growing produce thereof as are necessary to give effect to any Act of the present session to amend the Courts and Court Officers Act 1995 to provide for an increase in the number of judges of the High Court, the Circuit Court and the District Court; to amend the Courts (Supplemental Provisions) Act 1961; and to provide for related matters.

Given on this 20th day of February, 2007

(*Signed*) Bertie Ahern,
Taoiseach.

MEMORANDA

Dé Céadaoin, 21 *Feabhra,* 2007
Wednesday, 21*st February,* 2007

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Fhiontraíocht agus Mionghnóthaí i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 9.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Enterprise and Small Business in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 9.30 a.m.

An Bille Airgeadais 2007:
Finance Bill 2007:
Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Airgeadas agus an tSeirbhís Phoiblí i Seomra Coiste 4, TL2000, ar 11 a.m.
Meeting of the Select Committee on Finance and the Public Service in Committee Room 4, LH2000, at 11 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Thalmhaíocht agus Bia i Seomra Coiste 1, TL2000, ar 11.30 a.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food in Committee Room 1, LH2000, at 11.30 a.m.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Ghnóthaí Ealaíon, Spóirt, Turasóireachta, Pobail, Tuaithe agus Gaeltachta i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 12 meán lae.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Arts, Sport, Tourism, Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 12 noon.

Cruinniú den Chomhchoiste um Chumarsáid, Muir agus Acmhainní Nádúrtha i Seomra Coiste 3, TL2000, ar 2.30 p.m.
Meeting of the Joint Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources in Committee Room 3, LH2000, at 2.30 p.m.

Cruinniú den Roghchoiste um Ghnóthaí Eorpacha i Seomra Coiste 2, TL2000, ar 2.45 p.m.
Meeting of the Select Committee on European Affairs in Committee Room 2, LH2000, at 2.45 p.m.

Cruinniú den Choiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí i Seomra 2 (tríd an bPríomh-Halla), Teach Laighean, ar 5 p.m. (*príobháideach*).
Meeting of the Committee on Procedure and Privileges in Room 2 (off the Main Hall), Leinster House, at 5 p.m. (*private*).

SCRÍBHINNÍ A LEAGADH FAOI BHRÁID NA DÁLA
DOCUMENTS LAID BEFORE THE DÁIL

Reachtúil:

1) Ciste na gCuntas Díomhaoin 2006 — Earnáil an Mhíbhuntáiste Shóisialta agus Eacnamaíochta: Beart Maoiniúcháin — Dochar a bhaineann le hAlcól.

2) Ciste na gCuntas Díomhaoin 2006 — Earnáil an Mhíbhuntáiste Shóisialta agus Eacnamaíochta: Beart Maoiniúcháin — Breisiú faoi Chlár RAPID (Baile Formaid).

3) Ciste na gCuntas Díomhaoin 2006 — Earnáil an Mhíbhuntáiste Shóisialta agus Eacnamaíochta: Beart Maoiniúcháin — TFC (Teicneolaíocht Faisnéise agus Cumarsáide) Do Dhaoine Óga faoi Mhíbhuntáiste.

4) Na Rialacháin um Bainistiú Dramhaíola (Tobhach Comhshaoil) (Mála Plaisteach) (Leasú) 2007 (I.R. Uimh. 66 de 2007).

Statutory:

1) Dormant Account Fund 2006 — Social and Economic Disadvantage Category: Funding Measure — Alcohol Related Harm.

2) Dormant Account Fund 2006 — Social and Economic Disadvantage Category: Funding Measure — Additionality under the RAPID Programme (Ballyfermot).

3) Dormant Account Fund 2006 — Social and Economic Disadvantage Category: Funding Measure — ICT (Information and Communications Technology) For Disadvantaged Young People.

4) Waste Management (Environmental Levy) (Plastic Bag) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 66 of 2007).

Neamhreachtúil:

Tithe an Oireachtais. An Comhchoiste um Dhlí agus Ceart, Comhionannas, Cosaint agus Cearta na mBan. Tuarascáil ar Thairiscint maidir le: Togra le haghaidh Creat-Chinnidh ón gComhairle maidir leis an gcomhrac in aghaidh na coireachta eagraithe. Feabhra, 2007.

Non-Statutory:

Houses of the Oireachtas. Joint Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence and Women's Rights. Report on Motion re: Proposal for a Council Framework Decision on the fight against organised crime. February, 2007.

Wt. 22806. 552. 2/07. Cahill. (X50753). Gr. 30-15.