



DÁIL ÉIREANN

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Glacadh le Buan-Orduithe na Chéad Dála agus an Dara Dáil le Rún a ritheadh ag an bParlaimint Shealadach ar an 11 Meán Fómhair, 1922. Glacadh le Buan-Orduithe athbhreithnithe ar an 26 Meán Fómhair, 1922, agus leasaíodh iad ar an 3 Deireadh Fómhair, 1922. Tar éis teacht i bhfeidhm do Bhunreacht Shaorstát Éireann, ghlac an Dáil leis an leagan leasaithe sin ar na Buan-Orduithe. Rinneadh tuilleadh leasuithe orthu ar na dátaí seo a leanas, eadhon, 8 Márta, 1923, 24 Iúil, 1923, 6 Márta, 1924, 7 Bealtaine, 1924, 15 Bealtaine, 1924 agus 5 Meitheamh, 1925.

Rinneadh na Buan-Orduithe, arna leasú amhlaidh, a aisghairm le Rún a rith Dáil Éireann ar an 21 Iúil, 1926, agus glacadh, trí Rún a ritheadh ar an dáta sin, le Buan-Orduithe nua mar Bhuan-Orduithe Dháil Éireann. Leasaíodh na Buan-Orduithe sin ina dhiaidh sin ar na dátaí seo a leanas, eadhon, 6 Iúil, 1928, 14 Iúil, 1932, 12 Deireadh Fómhair, 1933, 5 Meitheamh, 1936, 12 Eanáir, 1938, 11 Bealtaine, 1938, 27 Samhain, 1940, 26 Bealtaine, 1943, 28 Bealtaine, 1946, 6 Nollaig, 1949, 18 Meitheamh, 1953, 11 Meitheamh, 1959, 22 Bealtaine, 1962, 30 Deireadh Fómhair, 1962, 29 Deireadh Fómhair, 1963, 13 Iúil, 1965, 26 Márta, 1968, 23 Deireadh Fómhair, 1974, 31 Eanáir, 1978, 8 Iúil, 1983, 30 Aibreán, 1985, 25 Meitheamh, 1986, 13 Samhain, 1986, 20 Deireadh Fómhair, 1988, 24 Deireadh Fómhair, 1989, 19 Nollaig, 1990, 21 Márta, 1991, 27 Feabhra, 1992, 3 Márta, 1994, 22 Meitheamh, 1994, 17 Bealtaine, 1995, 15 Deireadh Fómhair, 1996, 25 Márta, 1997, 30 Aibreán, 1997, 9 Deireadh Fómhair, 1997, 21 Deireadh Fómhair, 1997, 13 Samhain, 1997, 28 Eanáir, 1998, 29 Eanáir, 1998, 28 Aibreán, 1998, 15 Nollaig, 1998, 1 Aibreán, 1999, 2 Iúil, 1999, 30 Meán Fómhair, 1999, 7 Márta, 2000, 14 Feabhra, 2001, 20 Feabhra, 2001, 3 Aibreán, 2001, 7 Márta, 2002, 18 Aibreán, 2002, 24 Deireadh Fómhair, 2002, 2 Meitheamh, 2004, 6 Iúil, 2006, 7 Samhain, 2006 agus 6 Feabhra, 2007.

The Standing Orders of the First and Second Dáil were adopted by Resolution of the Provisional Parliament of the 11th September, 1922. Revised Standing Orders were adopted on the 26th September, 1922, and amended on the 3rd October, 1922. After the coming into force of the Constitution of Saorstát Éireann, that amended version of the Standing Orders was adopted by the Dáil. Further amendments were made on the following dates, viz., 8th March, 1923, 24th July, 1923, 6th March, 1924, 7th May, 1924, 15th May, 1924 and 5th June, 1925.

The Standing Orders, as so amended, were repealed by Resolution of Dáil Éireann of the 21st July, 1926, and new Standing Orders were adopted by Resolution of that date as the Standing Orders of Dáil Éireann. These Standing Orders were subsequently amended on the following dates, viz., 6th July, 1928, 14th July, 1932, 12th October, 1933, 5th June, 1936, 12th January, 1938, 11th May, 1938, 27th November, 1940, 26th May, 1943, 28th May, 1946, 6th December, 1949, 18th June, 1953, 11th June, 1959, 22nd May, 1962, 30th October, 1962, 29th October, 1963, 13th July, 1965, 26th March, 1968, 23rd October, 1974, 31st January, 1978, 8th July, 1983, 30th April, 1985, 25th June, 1986, 13th November, 1986, 20th October, 1988, 24th October, 1989, 19th December, 1990, 21st March, 1991, 27th February, 1992, 3rd March, 1994, 22nd June, 1994, 17th May, 1995, 15th October, 1996, 25th March, 1997, 30th April, 1997, 9th October, 1997, 21st October, 1997, 13th November, 1997, 28th January, 1998, 29th January, 1998, 28th April, 1998, 15th December, 1998, 1st April, 1999, 2nd July, 1999, 30th September, 1999, 7th March, 2000, 14th February, 2001, 20th February, 2001, 3rd April, 2001, 7th March, 2002, 18th April, 2002, 24th October, 2002, 2nd June, 2004, 6th July, 2006, 7th November, 2006 and 6th February, 2007.

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TIONÓL NA DÁLA TAR ÉIS OLLTOGHCHÁIN

Rolla na
gComhaltaí.

1. (1) Beidh rolla de Chomhaltaí Dháil Éireann ann, agus síneoidh gach comhalta an Rolla sin, i láthair an Chléirigh, roimh a shuíochán nó a suíochán a thógáil.

(2) Nuair a bheidh freagra faighte aige nó aici ar na hEascairí a cuireadh amach le haghaidh Olltoghcháin don Dáil, tabharfaidh an Cléireach fógra do chomhaltaí a toghadh nach foláir dóibh bheith i láthair, chun forálacha mhír (1) den Bhuan-Ordú seo a chomhlíonadh, in áit a cheapfaidh sé nó sí agus lá (nó laethanta) a ainmneoidh sé nó sí, agus is lá é sin (nó laethanta iad sin) a thiofadh roimh an dáta a bheidh luaite san Fhorógra ag comóradh Dháil Éireann.

Tosú ar na
himeachtaí.

2. An chéad lá a thiofadh an Dáil le chéile tar éis Olltoghcháin, agus chomh luath is a bheidh córam i láthair [B.O. 19], cuirfidh an Cléireach tús leis na himeachtaí agus léifidh sé nó sí an Forógra ag comóradh Dháil Éireann.

Tuarascáil an
Toghcháin ón
gCléireach.

3. Tabharfaidh an Cléireach tuarascáil ansin ar eisiúint na nEascairí le haghaidh an Toghcháin sin. Aireofar sa tuarascáil sin na Dáilcheantair ar eisíodh na hEascairí sin ina leith agus na Cinn Chomhairimh ar cuireadh amach chucu iad. Craolfadh an Cléireach freisin, ainm gach comhalta a toghadh chun fónamh sa Dáil agus an Dáilcheantar dár toghadh é nó í.



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RELATIVE TO

PUBLIC BUSINESS

MEETING OF DÁIL SUBSEQUENT TO GENERAL ELECTION

1. (1) There shall be a Roll of Members of Dáil Éireann which shall be signed in the presence of the Clerk by each member before taking his or her seat. Roll of Members.

(2) When returns to Writs issued for a General Election to the Dáil shall have come into his or her hands, the Clerk shall notify members returned that their attendance is required at a place appointed and on a day (or days) named by him or her, which day or days shall be prior to the date mentioned in the Proclamation convening Dáil Éireann, for the purpose of complying with the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Standing Order.

2. On the first day of the meeting of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, and so soon as a quorum is present [S.O. 19], the proceedings shall be opened by the Clerk, who shall read the Proclamation convening Dáil Éireann. Opening of the proceedings.

3. The Clerk shall then make a report as to the issue of Writs for such Election. This report shall enumerate the Constituencies in respect of which, and the Returning Officers to whom, such Writs were issued. The Clerk shall also announce the names of all members returned to serve in the Dáil, giving the Constituency in each case. Clerk's Election Report.

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Cóipeanna de na hEascairí, etc., a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála.

4. Leagfaidh an Cléireach faoi bhráid na Dála cóip den Eascaire toghcháin do gach Dáilcheantar agus den fhreagra a formhuiníodh air.

AN CEANN COMHAIRLE AGUS AN LEAS-CHEANN COMHAIRLE

Míniú ar na habairtí Ceann Comhairle agus Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

5. Chun críocha na mBuan-Orduithe seo ciallóidh an abairt “Ceann Comhairle” an comhalta a bheidh tofa ag Dáil Éireann chun bheith ina Chathaoirleach nó ina Cathaoirleach ar Dháil Éireann, agus ciallóidh an abairt “Leas-Cheann Comhairle” an comhalta a bheidh tofa ag Dáil Éireann chun bheith ina Leas-Chathaoirleach ar Dháil Éireann.

An Ceann Comhairle a thoghadh.

6. (1) Cromfaidh an Dáil ansin ar Cheann Comhairle a thoghadh, agus féadfaidh aon chomhalta a bheidh tar éis a shuíochán nó a suíochán a thógáil de réir dlí tairiscint chun na críche sin a dhéanamh. Is é an Cléireach a ghlaicfaidh an tairiscint nó na tairiscintí sin agus gníomhóidh sé nó sí mar Chathaoirleach go dtí go dtoghfar an Ceann Comhairle.

(2) Mura dtairgfear ach aon chomhalta amháin mar Cheann Comhairle, cuirfidh an Cléireach an cheist, “Go dtoghfar (*ainm an chomhalta*) agus go rachaidh (*sé nó sí*) i gceannas na Dála anois mar Cheann Comhairle”, agus cinnfear í mar a chinntear ceisteanna eile: Ach más ionann an líon vótaí ar an dá thaobh, cinnfear gur freagra diúltach a tugadh ar an gceist.

(3) Má thairgtear níos mó ná aon chomhalta amháin mar Cheann Comhairle, déanfaidh an Cléireach, de réir ord tairgthe na gcomhaltaí, an cheist a chur, “Go dtoghfar(*ainm an chomhalta*) agus go rachaidh.....(*sé nó sí*) i gceannas na Dála anois mar Cheann Comhairle”, agus cinnfear í mar a chinntear ceisteanna eile: Ach más ionann an líon vótaí ar an dá thaobh, cinnfear gur freagra diúltach a tugadh ar an gceist.

An Ceann Comhairle a dhul i gceannas.

7. Rachaidh an Ceann Comhairle i gceannas díreach tar éis a thofa nó a tofa, ach má bhíonn an Ceann Comhairle nuathofa as láthair, féadfaidh an Dáil, trí thairiscint a dhéanfar gan fógra, comhalta ar bith a cheapadh chun gníomhú mar Cheann Comhairle de thuras na huaire. Go dtí go gceapfar an comhalta sin leanfaidh an Cléireach de bheith ag gníomhú mar Chathaoirleach.

Dearbhú ag an gCeann Comhairle.

8. Ar dhul i gCeannas dó nó di den chéad uair tar éis a thofa nó a tofa, tabharfaidh an Ceann Comhairle an dearbhú seo a leanas:—

Dearbhaím go sollúnta go ndéanfaidh mé, go cuí agus go dílis agus a mhéid is eol agus is cumas dom, oifig Cheann Comhairle Dháil Éireann a fheidhmiú gan scáth gan fabhar, na rialacha mar atá siad leagtha síos ag an Teach seo a chur i bhfeidhm go cothrom neamhchlaonta, ord a

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4. A copy of the Writ of election for each Constituency, and of the return endorsed thereon, shall be laid before the Dáil by the Clerk. Copies of Writs, etc., to be laid before the Dáil.

CEANN COMHAIRLE AND LEAS-CHEANN COMHAIRLE

5. For the purposes of these Standing Orders the expression “Ceann Comhairle” shall mean the member elected by Dáil Éireann to be Chairman of Dáil Éireann and the expression “Leas-Cheann Comhairle” shall mean the member elected by Dáil Éireann to be Deputy Chairman of Dáil Éireann. Definition of expressions Ceann Comhairle and Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

6. (1) The Dáil shall then proceed to the election of a Ceann Comhairle, and a motion may be made to that effect by any member who has taken his or her seat according to law. Such motion or motions shall be received by the Clerk, who shall act as Chairman until the Ceann Comhairle is elected. Election of Ceann Comhairle.

(2) If only one member be proposed as Ceann Comhairle the Clerk shall put the question, “That (*naming the member*) be elected and do now take the Chair of the Dáil as Ceann Comhairle”, which shall be decided like other questions: Provided that in the event of there being an equality of votes, the question shall be decided in the negative.

(3) If more than one member be proposed as Ceann Comhairle, the Clerk shall, in the order in which the members shall have been proposed, put the question, “That (*naming the member*) be elected and do now take the Chair of the Dáil as Ceann Comhairle”, which shall be decided like other questions: Provided that in the event of there being an equality of votes, the question shall be decided in the negative.

7. The Ceann Comhairle shall immediately upon his or her election take the Chair, but in the case of absence of the Ceann Comhairle elect, the Dáil may, on motion made without notice, appoint any member to act as Ceann Comhairle for the time being. Until such member is appointed the Clerk shall continue to act as Chairman. Ceann Comhairle takes the Chair.

8. Upon first taking the Chair after his or her election, the Ceann Comhairle shall make the following declaration:— Declaration by Ceann Comhairle.

I do solemnly declare that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the office of Ceann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann without fear or favour, apply the rules as laid down by this House in an impartial and fair manner, maintain order and uphold the

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choimeád agus cearta agus pribhléidí comhaltaí a chaomhnú de réir an Bhunreachta agus Bhuan-Orduithe Dháil Éireann.

Leas-Cheann Comhairle a thoghadh agus dearbhú ag an Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

9. (1) Beidh toghchán ann chun Leas-Cheann Comhairle a thoghadh, agus féadfar tairiscintí chun na críche sin a dhéanamh tar éis fógra a thabhairt.

(2) Tabharfaidh an Leas-Cheann Comhairle an dearbhú seo a leanas ar dhul i gCeannas dó nó di den chéad uair tar éis a thofa nó a tofa:—

Dearbhaím go sollúnta go ndéanfaidh mé, go cuí agus go dílis agus a mhéid is eol agus is cumas dom, oifig Leas-Cheann Comhairle Dháil Éireann a fheidhmiú gan scáth gan fabhar, na rialacha mar atá siad leagtha síos ag an Teach seo a chur i bhfeidhm go cothrom neamhchlaonta, ord a choimeád agus cearta agus pribhléidí comhaltaí a chaomhnú de réir an Bhunreachta agus Bhuan-Orduithe Dháil Éireann.

Oifig an Cheann Comhairle a bheith folamh.

10. Má tharlaíonn go mbeidh oifig an Cheann Comhairle folamh, déanfaidh an Leas-Cheann Comhairle na dualgais a chuirtear, agus an t-údarás a bhronntar, ar an gCeann Comhairle leis na Buan-Orduithe seo, a chomhlíonadh agus a fheidhmiú. Cuirfidh an Cléireach an folúntas sin in iúl don Dáil i dtosach a céad tionóil eile agus déanfar Ordú ag ceapadh dáta chun Ceann Comhairle a thoghadh agus déanfar an toghadh sin sa tslí a fhoráiltear anseo roimhe seo. [B.O. 6.]

An Ceann Comhairle as láthair.

11. Mura féidir don Cheann Comhairle bheith i láthair, déanfaidh an Leas-Cheann Comhairle na dualgais a chuirtear, agus an t-údarás a bhronntar, ar an gCeann Comhairle leis na Buan-Orduithe seo, a chomhlíonadh agus a fheidhmiú go dtí go n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt.

An Ceann Comhairle agus an Leas-Cheann Comhairle as láthair.

12. Aon uair a chuirfidh an Cléireach in iúl don Dáil nach féidir don Cheann Comhairle ná don Leas-Cheann Comhairle bheith i láthair, ansin fad a bheidh siad beirt as láthair, cromfaidh an Dáil láithreach, má bhíonn córam i láthair, agus faoi réir fhorálacha Bhuan-Ordú 6, ar dhuine dá comhaltaí a thoghadh chun na dualgais a chuirtear, agus an t-údarás a bhronntar, ar an gCeann Comhairle leis na Buan-Orduithe seo, a chomhlíonadh agus a fheidhmiú; mura mbíonn córam i láthair, beidh an Dáil ar athló go dtí an chéad lá eile chun suí.

Má leanann an Ceann Comhairle de bheith as láthair.

13. Más dócha go leanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle de bheith as láthair, agus mura mbeidh aon chomhalta eile ainmnithe chun bheith ina Cheann Comhairle nó ina Ceann Comhairle, féadfaidh an Dáil comhalta eile a cheapadh chun gníomhú mar Leas-Cheann Comhairle fad a leanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle de bheith as láthair amhlaidh.

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rights and privileges of members in accordance with the Constitution and the Standing Orders of Dáil Éireann.

9. (1) An election shall be held for a Leas-Cheann Comhairle, and motions may be made to this effect after notice.

Election of, and declaration by, Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

(2) The Leas-Cheann Comhairle shall make the following declaration upon taking the Chair for the first time after his or her election:—

I do solemnly declare that I will duly and faithfully and to the best of my knowledge and ability, execute the office of Leas-Cheann Comhairle of Dáil Éireann without fear or favour, apply the rules as laid down by this House in an impartial and fair manner, maintain order and uphold the rights and privileges of members in accordance with the Constitution and the Standing Orders of Dáil Éireann.

10. When a vacancy has occurred in the office of Ceann Comhairle, the Leas-Cheann Comhairle shall perform the duties devolved upon, and exercise the authority conferred upon the Ceann Comhairle by these Standing Orders. The Clerk shall report such vacancy to the Dáil at the opening of its next meeting and an Order shall be made fixing a date for the election of a Ceann Comhairle, which election shall take place in the manner hereinbefore provided. [S.O. 6]

Vacancy in office of Ceann Comhairle.

11. In the unavoidable absence of the Ceann Comhairle, the Leas-Cheann Comhairle shall perform the duties devolved upon, and exercise the authority conferred upon the Ceann Comhairle by these Standing Orders until the Dáil shall otherwise order.

Absence of the Ceann Comhairle.

12. Whenever the Dáil shall be informed by the Clerk that both the Ceann Comhairle and the Leas-Cheann Comhairle are unavoidably absent, then for the period of absence of both the Dáil shall, if a quorum be present, and subject to the provisions of Standing Order 6, at once proceed to elect one of its members to perform the duties devolved upon, and exercise the authority conferred upon the Ceann Comhairle by these Standing Orders; if there be not a quorum present, the Dáil shall stand adjourned until the next sitting day.

Absence of the Ceann Comhairle and the Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

13. If there is a likelihood of the continued absence of the Ceann Comhairle, and if no other nomination shall have been made of a Ceann Comhairle, the Dáil may appoint another member to act as Leas-Cheann Comhairle during such continued absence.

Continued absence of the Ceann Comhairle.

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Téarma oifige an Cheann Comhairle agus an Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

14. Is é téarma oifige a bheidh ag an gCeann Comhairle agus ag an Leas-Cheann Comhairle an téarma a bheidh le caitheamh ag an Dáil a bheidh ann tráth a gceaptha, ach leanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle dá oifig nó dá hoifig go dtí go gceapfar a chomharba nó a comharba chun críche na mBuan-Orduithe seo: Ach féadfaidh an Dáil, aon uair, le rún speisialta, an Ceann Comhairle nó an Leas-Cheann Comhairle a chur as oifig.

Comhaltaí nach cead dóibh gníomhú mar Cheann Comhairle ná mar Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

15. Ní cead d'aon chomhalta den Rialtas ná d'aon Aire Stáit gníomhú mar Cheann Comhairle ná mar Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

Rolla Cathaoirleach a ainmniú.

16. Ainmneoidh an Ceann Comhairle, chomh luath agus is féidir i ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, rolla cúigear comhalta ar a laghad, a bhféadfaidh aon chomhalta acu gníomhú mar Chathaoirleach sealadach sa Dáil nó i gCoiste den Dáil uile, nuair a iarrfaidh an Ceann Comhairle air nó uirthi é sin a dhéanamh.

Dualgais agus údarás an Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

17. Le linn don Leas-Cheann Comhairle (nó do Chathaoirleach sealadach) a bheith i gceannas déanfaidh sé nó sí na dualgais a chuirtear, agus an t-údarás a bhronntar, ar an gCeann Comhairle leis na Buan-Orduithe seo, a chomhlíonadh agus a fheidhmiú ach amháin mar a fhoráiltear a mhalairt go sainráite iontu.

TEANGA

Imeachtaí, Riar na hOibre, Cín Lae Imeachtaí na Dála agus Doiciméid — Teanga: Tiontú ar Dhlíthe.

18. (1) Déanfar imeachtaí uile na Dála trí Ghaeilge nó trí Bhéarla.

(2) Déanfar Riar na hOibre, Cín Lae Imeachtaí na Dála agus gach doiciméad iomchuí eile a eisiúint i nGaeilge agus i mBéarla.

CÓRAM

Córam.

19. Fiche comhalta an córam is gá chun tionól den Dáil a bheith ann. [Féach B.O. 77.]

An Dáil a chur ar athló mura mbíonn córam ann.

20. Más rud é, aon tráth le linn suí den Dáil, ar ócáid seachas le linn Bille nó tairiscint ó chomhalta príobháideach a bheith faoi bhreithniú nó ní a tugadh ar aghaidh de réir Bhuan-Ordú 21 (3) a bheith á phlé, go gcuirfidh aon chomhalta in iúl don Chathaoir nach bhfuil córam i láthair, nó más léir sin ó thuairisc vótála, buailfear na cloig vótála agus leanfar dá mbualadh ar feadh seal nach lú ná trí nóiméad, agus más rud é i gceann seal nach lú ná trí nóiméad go mbeifear fós gan chóram, cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle an suí ar fionraí go dtí uair is déanaí ná sin agus a luafaidh sé nó sí, nó cuirfidh sé nó sí an Dáil ar athló go dtí an chéad lá eile chun suí gan ceist a chur; agus

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14. The term of office of the Ceann Comhairle and of the Leas-Cheann Comhairle shall be the term of the Dáil existing at the time of their appointment, but the Ceann Comhairle shall continue in office until his or her successor has been appointed for the purpose of these Standing Orders: Provided that the Dáil may, at any time, by special resolution, remove from office either the Ceann Comhairle or the Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

Term of office of the Ceann Comhairle and the Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

15. No member of the Government or Minister of State may act as Ceann Comhairle or Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

Members who may not act as Ceann Comhairle or Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

16. The Ceann Comhairle shall nominate, as soon as may be following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a panel of not less than five members, any one of whom may act as temporary Chairman in the Dáil or in Committee of the whole Dáil, when requested so to act by the Ceann Comhairle.

Nomination of Panel of Chairmen.

17. While the Leas-Cheann Comhairle (or a temporary Chairman) is in the Chair he or she shall perform the duties devolved upon, and exercise the authority conferred upon the Ceann Comhairle by these Standing Orders save as may be otherwise provided therein.

Duties and authority of Leas-Cheann Comhairle.

LANGUAGE

18. (1) All proceedings of the Dáil shall be conducted through the medium of the Irish or the English language.

Proceedings, Order Paper, Journal of Proceedings and Documents — Language.

(2) The Order Paper, the Journal of Proceedings of the Dáil and all other appropriate documents shall be issued in the Irish and English languages.

QUORUM

19. The quorum necessary to constitute a meeting of the Dáil shall be twenty members. [See S.O. 77.]

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20. If at any stage in a sitting of the Dáil, other than while a private member's Bill or motion is under consideration or while a matter brought forward in accordance with Standing Order 21 (3) is being discussed, any member calls the attention of the Chair to the fact that a quorum is not present, or if on the report of a division, such fact shall appear, the division bells shall be rung for a period of not less than three minutes, and if after an interval of not less than three minutes, a quorum is still not present, the Ceann Comhairle shall suspend the sitting to a later hour to be named by him or her, or shall adjourn the Dáil without question put until the next sitting day; and no decision shall be considered to have been arrived at by

Adjournment if no quorum.

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ní mheasfar aon chinneadh a bheith déanta leis an vótáil sin; agus déanfar an uair a cuireadh an Dáil ar athló amhlaidh, mar aon le hainmneacha na gcomhaltaí a bhí i láthair, a chur síos ar Chín Lae Imeachtaí na Dála. [Féach B.O. 78.]

SUÍONNA NA DÁLA

An t-am agus na laethanta chun suí: gnó a stopadh, etc.

21. (1) Mura mbeartóidh sí a mhalairt le rún, tiocfaidh an Dáil le chéile gach Máirt ar 2.30 p.m. agus gach Céadaoin agus Déardaoin ar 10.30 a.m. agus rachaidh sí ar athló ar uair nach déanaí ná daichead nóiméad tar éis an ama a stopfar an gnó dá bhforáiltear i mír (2) den Bhuan-Ordú seo.

(2) Ar 8.30 p.m. ar an Máirt agus ar an gCéadaoin, agus ar 4.45 p.m. ar an Déardaoin, faoi réir fhorálacha mhíreanna (5) agus (6) den Bhuan-Ordú seo, déanfar na himeachtaí ar aon ghnó a bheidh á bhreithniú an uair sin a stopadh (nó, más i gCoiste don Dáil, tabharfar tuairisc ar a ndearnadh agus iarrfar cead chun suí arís): Ach más rud é go mbeifear tar éis Ordú a dhéanamh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 22, gurb uair seachas an uair a shonraítear sa mhír seo an uair a stopfar an gnó, beidh feidhm ag forálacha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo, faoi réir an athraithe sin, ar gach slí eile.

(3) Féadfaidh aon chomhalta fógra a thabhairt i scríbhinn, tráth nach déanaí ná 12 meán lae ar an Máirt agus ar an gCéadaoin nó 11 a.m. ar an Déardaoin faoi ní is mian leis nó léi a tharraingt anuas chun díospóireachta ar stopadh an ghnó trí óráid chúig nóiméad (a mbeidh feidhm ag forálacha mhír (4) den Bhuan-Ordú seo maidir léi), ach ní vótálfaidh an Dáil ar aon ní a éireoidh as an díospóireacht sin, ná ní thógfá aon ghnó go bhfreasúra tar éis 8.30 p.m. nó 4.45 p.m., faoi seach. Déanfar liosta de na nithe a bhfuil fógra tugtha maidir leo faoin mír seo agus ainm an chomhalta lena mbaineann i ngach cás a chlóbhualadh i dTuarascáil Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí.

(4) Roghnóidh an Ceann Comhairle ceithre ní faoinar féidir leis an gcomhalta lena mbaineann óráid chúig nóiméad a thabhairt agus tabharfaidh sé nó sí le fios don Dáil cad é líon iomlán na nithe a fuarthas, na nithe a bheidh roghnaithe agus, ina gcás siúd a roghnaíodh, an comhalta lena mbaineann tar éis na gCeisteanna gach lá. I ngach cás, beidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit i dteideal cúig nóiméad ar a mhéad le haghaidh óráide freagartha. Ní foláir gaol a bheith ag na nithe a roghnófar le gnóthaí poiblí a bhaineann le Roinn Stáit nó le hábhair riaracháin a bhfuil freagracht oifigiúil ar chomhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit maidir leo (ar a n-áirítear comhlachtaí faoi choimirce Roinne Stáit i leith beartais Rialtais).

(5) Má thairgtear an clabhsúr, nó má bhíonn imeachtaí faoin gclabhsúr ar siúl, ag an am a bheidh ceaptha chun gnó a stopadh mar a fhoráiltear i mír (2) den Bhuan-Ordú seo, ní dhéanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle an stopadh sin

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such division; and the hour of such adjournment, as also the names of the members present, shall be entered in the Journal of the Proceedings of the Dáil. [See S.O. 78.]

SITTINGS OF THE DÁIL

21. (1) Unless it shall otherwise resolve, the Dáil shall meet every Tuesday at 2.30 p.m. and every Wednesday and Thursday at 10.30 a.m. and shall adjourn not later than forty minutes after the interruption of business provided for in paragraph (2) of this Standing Order. Times and days of sitting: interruption of business, etc.

(2) At 8.30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and at 4.45 p.m. on Thursdays, subject to the provisions of paragraphs (5) and (6) of this Standing Order, the proceedings on any business then under consideration shall be interrupted (or if the Dáil be in Committee, progress shall be reported and leave asked to sit again): Provided that if an Order shall have been made under Standing Order 22, that the hour at which business is to be interrupted be other than that specified in this paragraph, the provisions of this Standing Order with such substitution shall otherwise apply.

(3) Any member may give notice in writing, not later than 12 noon on Tuesdays and Wednesdays or 11 a.m. on Thursdays, of a matter which he or she wishes to bring forward for discussion on the interruption of business by way of a five minute speech (in respect of which the provisions of paragraph (4) of this Standing Order shall apply), but the Dáil shall not divide on any matter arising out of such discussion, nor shall opposed business be taken after 8.30 p.m. or 4.45 p.m., respectively. A list of the matters in respect of which notice has been given under this paragraph and the name of the member concerned in each case shall be printed in the Official Report of the Debates.

(4) The Ceann Comhairle shall select four matters upon which the member concerned may make a five minute speech and shall advise the Dáil of the total number of matters received, the matters selected and, in the case of those selected, the member concerned after Questions each day. In each case a member of the Government or Minister of State shall be entitled to not more than five minutes for a speech in reply. The matters selected must relate to public affairs connected with a Department of State or to matters of administration for which a member of the Government or Minister of State is officially responsible (including bodies under the aegis of a Department of State in respect of Government policy).

(5) If, at the time appointed for the interruption of business as provided in paragraph (2) of this Standing Order, the closure is moved or proceedings under the closure are in progress, the Ceann Comhairle will not effect such

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go dtí go mbeidh deireadh leis na himeachtaí faoin gclabhsúr, agus ar aon tairiscint eile den sórt a luaitear sa Bhuan-Ordú i dtaobh an chlabhsúir. [B.O. 66.]

- (6) Más rud é, ag an am a cheapfar chun an gnó a stopadh mar a dúradh,
- (a) go mbíonn vótáil ar siúl nó go mbeidh ordú tugtha vótáil a dhéanamh nó
 - (b) go mbeidh an díospóireacht ar mhír gnó críochnaithe,

ní dhéanfar an stopadh go dtí go mbeidh an cinneadh fógartha ón gCathaoir. Más ar leasú, nó ar leasú ar an leasú, a bheidh an cinneadh, cromfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, tar éis na fógartha sin, ar na ceisteanna is gá chun na himeachtaí ar an mír gnó a thabhairt chun críche a chur agus sin in ord ceart i ndiaidh a chéile, ach má bhíonn aon chomhalta ar tí labhairt orthu nó má chuireann sé nó sí i gcoinne a thuilleadh a dhéanamh, déanfar an stopadh láithreach.

Suíonna déanacha.

22. Féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit, gan fógra, tairiscint a dhéanamh tráth nach déanaí ná 6.30 p.m. ar an Máirt nó ar an gCéadaoin nó 3 p.m. ar an Déardaoin gurb uair seachas an uair dá bhforáiltear i mBuan-Ordú 21 an uair a stopfar an gnó ar lá áirithe: Ach féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit a thairiscint, tar éis fógra a thabhairt, gurb uair seachas an uair dá bhforáiltear i mBuan-Ordú 21 an uair a stopfar an gnó ar feadh tréimhse sonraithe. Má aontaítear leis an tairiscint sin, beidh feidhm ag forálacha Bhuan-Ordú 21, faoi réir an athraithe sin, ar gach slí eile.

Suí a chur ar fionraí.

23. (1) Ar an gCéadaoin cuirfear an suí ar fionraí ó 1.30 p.m. go 2.30 p.m.

(2) Féadfar a thairiscint aon uair, le cead an Cheann Comhairle, agus gan fógra, go gcuirfear suí ar fionraí ar feadh tréimhse. Ceapfar tréimhse na fionraíochta leis an tairiscint sin: Ach más rud é go mbeifear tar éis Ordú a dhéanamh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 22, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, má iarrtar air nó uirthi é, an gnó a chur ar fionraí ar feadh tréimhse nach sia ná dhá uair an chloig.

COMÓRADH SPEISIALTA AR AN DÁIL AGUS AN DÁIL A CHUR AR ATHLÓ

Comóradh Speisialta ar an Dáil agus an Dáil a chur ar athló.

24. (1) Arna iarraidh sin don Taoiseach, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle an Dáil a chomóradh do dháta is luaithe ná mar a socraíodh nuair a cuireadh ar athló í. Luafar san fhógra á comóradh amhlaidh an chúis atá lena hationól níos luaithe agus sa ghnó a bheidh le glacadh cloífear leis an gcúis a bheidh luaite san fhógra mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt ar thairiscint a dhéanamh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 26.

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interruption until the proceedings under the closure, and on any such further motion as is specified in the Standing Order as to closure [S.O. 66] have been completed.

(6) If, at the time appointed for the interruption of business as aforesaid,

(a) a division is in progress or has been ordered to be taken, or

(b) the debate on an item of business has concluded,

the interruption shall not take place until after the decision has been declared from the Chair. If the decision is on an amendment, or on an amendment to the amendment, the Ceann Comhairle shall proceed after such declaration to put in proper sequence the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on the item of business to a conclusion, but if any member offers to speak thereon or objects to further proceedings, the interruption shall thereupon take place.

22. A motion that the hour at which business is to be interrupted on a particular day be other than that provided for in Standing Order 21 may be made by a member of the Government or Minister of State without notice not later than 6.30 p.m. on a Tuesday or Wednesday, or 3 p.m. on a Thursday: Provided that a member of the Government or Minister of State may move after notice that, for a specified period, the hour at which business shall be interrupted be other than that provided for in Standing Order 21. If such motion be agreed to, the provisions of Standing Order 21 with such substitution shall otherwise apply. Late sittings.

23. (1) On Wednesdays the sitting shall be suspended from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Suspension of sitting.

(2) A motion that a sitting be suspended for a period may at any time be made, by permission of the Ceann Comhairle, and without notice. Such motion shall fix the period of suspension: Provided that if an Order shall have been made under Standing Order 22, the Ceann Comhairle may, if so requested, suspend business for a period not exceeding two hours.

SPECIAL SUMMONS TO AND POSTPONEMENT OF THE DÁIL

24. (1) On the request of the Taoiseach, the Ceann Comhairle may summon the Dáil for an earlier date than that fixed on an adjournment. Such summons shall state the reason for the earlier reassembly and the business to be taken shall be confined to the reason stated in the summons unless the Dáil shall otherwise order on motion made under Standing Order 26. Special Summons for earlier date; postponement of sitting.

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(2) I gcás go mbeidh an Dáil ar athló go dtí lá a bheidh luaite agus go n-iarrfaidh Ceannairí na ngrúpaí [B.O. 116], nó comhalta eile thar a gceann, faoi seach, go ndéanfar cruinniú an lae luaite sin a chur siar go dtí lá agus am is déanaí ná sin a bheidh sonraithe san iarraidh, déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle—

- (a) fógra a thabhairt do gach comhalta den Dáil go bhfuil an cruinniú sin curtha siar; agus
- (b) cruinniú den Dáil a chomóradh don lá is déanaí sin a bheidh sonraithe san iarraidh.

PAIDIR

Paidir.

25. Ar dhul i gceannas dó nó di gach lá, agus sula dtosófar ar aon ghnó, léifidh an Ceann Comhairle an phaidir seo a leanas:—

Iarraimid ort, a Thiarna, d'anáil naofa a chur fúinn chun sinn a stiúradh inár ngníomhartha agus neart do ghrásta a bhronnadh orainn chun iad a thabhairt chun críche, ionas gur uaitse a thosófar ár n-uile bhriathar agus ár n-uile ghníomh feasta, agus gur tríot a chríochnófar iad; trí Chríost ár dTiarna. Amen.

RIAR NA hOIBRE AGUS GNÓ NA DÁLA

Riar na hOibre;
cumhachtaí an
Taoisigh agus nithe
a cheadófar a ardú
ar an Ord Gnó.

26. (1) Beidh gach suí den Dáil faoi rialú Riar Oibre clóbhuailte a ullmhófar faoi stiúradh an Cheann Comhairle.

- (2) (a) Faoi réir mhír (b), beidh de cheart ag an Taoiseach a shocrú cad é an t-ord ina mbeidh gnó Rialtais ar Riar na hOibre agus, trína chraoladh, cad é an t-ord ina dtógfar é gach lá; agus féadfaidh sé nó sí, ar thairiscint a dhéanamh gan fógra, socruithe a mholadh i gcomhair suíonna agus i gcomhair an gnó sin a thógáil go dtí go mbeidh an gnó sin curtha i gcrích; ach amháin i gcás go gcuirtear in aghaidh moladh den sórt sin, ceadóidh an Ceann Comhairle ráiteas gairid ó ionadaí de chuid gach páirtí sa fhreasúra agus ón Taoiseach sula gcuireann sé nó sí an cheist faoi sin. Ar choinníoll i gcás go n-éileofar an dara vótáil nó vótáil dá éis sin ar aon mholtaí den sórt sin ar an Ord Gnó, gurb é dhá nóiméad ar a laghad agus nóiméad amháin ar a laghad faoi seach fad na tréimhse a mbeidh na cloig vótála á mbualadh lena linn agus fad an tseala idir na cloig a bhualadh agus an glas a chur ar na doirse.

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(2) Where the Dáil stands adjourned to a stated day and the Leaders of the groups [S.O. 116], or another member on their behalf, respectively, request that the meeting on such stated day be postponed to a later day and a time specified in the request, the Ceann Comhairle shall—

- (a) notify all members of the Dáil that such meeting has been so postponed; and
- (b) summon a meeting of the Dáil for the later day specified in the request.

PRAYER

25. Upon taking the Chair each day, and before any business is entered upon, the Ceann Comhairle shall read the following prayer:— Prayer.

Direct, we beseech Thee, O Lord, our actions by Thy holy inspirations and carry them on by Thy gracious assistance; that every word and work of ours may always begin from Thee, and by Thee be happily ended; through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

ORDER PAPER AND BUSINESS OF THE DÁIL

26. (1) Every sitting of the Dáil shall be governed by a printed Order Paper which shall be prepared under the direction of the Ceann Comhairle. Order Paper, powers of the Taoiseach and matters permitted to be raised on Order of Business.

- (2) (a) Subject to paragraph (b) the Taoiseach shall have the right to determine the order in which Government business shall appear on the Order Paper and, by announcement, the order in which it shall be taken each day; and may propose, on motion made without notice, arrangements for sittings and for the taking of such business until such business has been disposed of; save where any such proposal is opposed, the Ceann Comhairle shall permit a brief statement from a representative from each party in opposition and the Taoiseach before he or she puts the question thereon. Provided that where a second or subsequent division is demanded on any such proposals on the Order of Business, the period for which the division bells shall ring and the interval between the ringing of the bells and the locking of the doors shall be not less than two minutes and not less than one minute respectively.

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(b) Aon chraoladh a dhéanfaidh an Taoiseach faoi mhír (a), déanfar é:

- (i) ar an Máirt, go díreach tar éis Ceisteanna ó Cheannairí,
- (ii) ar an gCéadaoin, go díreach tar éis Ceisteanna i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal chun an Taoisigh, agus
- (iii) ar an Déardaoin, i dtosach Gnó Phoiblí.

(3) Tar éis don Taoiseach an craoladh sin a dhéanamh agus aon tairiscint a chuimsítear le mír (2) a bheith curtha i gcrích, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, dá rogha féin, an méid seo a leanas a cheadú, ceisteanna chun an Taoisigh i dtaobh gnó ar Riar na hOibre; i dtaobh gnó atá geallta a thógáil, lena n-áirítear reachtaíocht a gealladh laistigh den Dáil nó lasmuigh di; i dtaobh reachtaíocht thánaisteach a dhéanamh; i dtaobh socrúithe i gcomhair suíonna; agus i dtaobh cathain a scaipfear Billí nó doiciméid eile atá ar Riar na hOibre agus a bhfuil gá leo sa Teach: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh an Taoiseach freagra a chur siar go lá eile i gcás ceiste a bhaineann le reachtaíocht thánaisteach a dhéanamh.

(4) Chun críocha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo, féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Príomh-Aoire an Rialtais, ar an Máirt agus ar an gCéadaoin, agus déanfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Príomh-Aoire an Rialtais ar an Déardaoin, na cumhachtaí a bhronntar ar an Taoiseach le mír (2) a fheidhmiú, ar an ngáthshlí.

Ceisteanna ó
Cheannairí.

27. (a) I dtosach Gnó Phoiblí ar an Máirt agus ar an gCéadaoin, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, dá rogha féin, an méid seo a leanas a cheadú, ceist ghearr nach faide ná dhá nóiméad ó gach Ceannaire sa Fhreasúra chun an Taoisigh faoi ábhar a bhfuil tábhacht phoiblí thráthúil leis agus beidh feidhm ag na socrúithe seo a leanas maidir leis an gceist sin:

- (i) glaofar ar an Taoiseach chun freagra a thabhairt ar feadh tréimhse nach faide ná trí nóiméad,
- (ii) féadfaidh an Ceannaire sa Fhreasúra a chuir an cheist bhunaidh ceist ghearr fhorlíontach nach faide ná nóiméad amháin a chur ansin,
- (iii) glaofar ar an Taoiseach ansin chun freagra deiridh a thabhairt ar feadh tréimhse nach faide ná nóiméad amháin.

(b) Ní faide ná nóiméad is fiche an t-am iomlán a cheadófar do Cheisteanna ó Cheannairí aon lá ar leith faoin mBuan-Ordú seo agus féadfaidh an Taoiseach comhalta eile den Rialtas a ainmniú chun glacadh le Ceisteanna ó Cheannairí i gcás an Taoiseach a bheith as láthair.

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- (b) Any announcement made by the Taoiseach under paragraph (a) shall be made:
- (i) on Tuesdays, immediately following Leaders' Questions,
 - (ii) on Wednesdays, immediately following Oral Questions to the Taoiseach, and
 - (iii) on Thursdays, at the commencement of Public Business.

(3) Following the announcement by the Taoiseach and the disposal of any motion comprehended by paragraph (2), the Ceann Comhairle may permit, at his or her discretion, questions to the Taoiseach about business on the Order Paper; about the taking of business which has been promised, including legislation promised either within or outside the Dáil; about the making of secondary legislation; about arrangements for sittings; and as to when Bills or other documents on the Order Paper needed in the House will be circulated: Provided that, the Taoiseach may defer replying to a question relating to the making of secondary legislation to another day.

(4) For the purposes of this Standing Order, a member of the Government or the Government Chief Whip may on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and shall on Thursdays ordinarily exercise the powers conferred upon the Taoiseach.

- 27.** (a) At the commencement of Public Business on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the Ceann Comhairle may permit, at his or her discretion, a brief question not exceeding two minutes from each Leader in Opposition to the Taoiseach about a matter of topical public importance and in respect of which the following arrangements shall apply:
- (i) the Taoiseach shall be called upon to reply for a period not exceeding three minutes,
 - (ii) the Leader in Opposition who asked the original question may then ask a brief supplementary question not exceeding one minute,
 - (iii) the Taoiseach shall then be called upon to reply in conclusion for a period not exceeding one minute.
- (b) The total time allowed for Leaders' Questions on any given day under this Standing Order shall not exceed twenty-one minutes and the Taoiseach may nominate another member of the Government to take Leaders' Questions in his or her absence.

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- (c) Sa Bhuan-Ordú seo, ciallaíonn “Ceannaire sa Fhreasúra” ceannaire grúpa mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 116(1): Ar choinníoll go mbeidh tosach labhartha ag Ceannaire páirtí is grúpa faoi Bhuan-Ordú 116(1)(a) ar Cheannaire sainithe grúpa arna aithint faoi mhír (1)(b) den Bhuan-Ordú sin.

Cúrsa an ghnó.

28. Faoi réir Bhuan-Ordú 26, is mar a leanas a bheidh gnáthchúrsa laethúil an ghnó sa Dáil:—

1. *Ceisteanna.
2. Gnó Príobháideach.
3. Gnó Poiblí—

(i) I dtosach Gnó Phoiblí—

- (a) Tuarascálacha ó Choistí.
- (b) Teachtaireachtaí ón Seanad.
- (c) Billí ón Seanad.
- (d) Billí a thionscnamh.
- (e) Fógraí Tairisceana.

(ii) Orduithe an Lae.

Is mar a leanas a bheidh gnáthchúrsa an ghnó in am Comhaltaí Príobháideacha [B.O. 113]:—

- (i) Gnó a cuireadh ar Athló dá mbeidh tosach tugtha faoi na Buan-Orduithe.
- (ii) Gnó Eile a ordáíodh.
- (iii) Fógraí Tairisceana Eile.

*Faoi réir fhorálacha Bhuan-Ordú 36.

Ord Gnó
Phríobháidigh.

29. Ag suí den Dáil, roimh thosach Gnó Phoiblí, cromfaidh an Dáil ar Ghnó Príobháideach gan freasúra a bhreithniú. Beidh Gnó Príobháideach go bhfreasúra faoi réir fhorálacha Bhuan-Ordú 119 de na Buan-Orduithe i dtaobh Gnó Phríobháidigh.

Fógra tairisceana
agus leasuithe: fógra
níos giorra.

30. Gach tairiscint a bheidh le cur ar Riar na hOibre le haghaidh lá ar bith, ní foláir í a bheith i scríbhinn, faoi láimh chomhalta, agus í a bheith ag an gCléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. an ceathrú lá roimh ré. Ní foláir aon leasuithe a thairgfear a dhéanamh ar na tairiscintí sin a bheith i scríbhinn, faoi láimh chomhalta, agus iad a bheith ag an gCléireach tráth

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(c) In this Standing Order, “Leader in Opposition” means the leader of a group as defined in Standing Order 116(1): Provided that the Leader of a party which is a group under Standing Order 116(1)(a) shall have precedence over the designated Leader of a group recognised under paragraph (1)(b) of that Standing Order.

28. Subject to Standing Order 26, the ordinary routine of business in the Routine of Business.
Dáil shall be as follows:—

1. *Questions.
2. Private Business.
3. Public Business—

(i) At the commencement of Public Business—

- (a) Reports from Committees.
- (b) Messages from the Seanad.
- (c) Bills from the Seanad.
- (d) Initiation of Bills.
- (e) Notices of Motions.

(ii) Orders of the Day.

The ordinary routine of business in Private Members’ time [S.O. 113] shall be as follows:—

- (i) Adjourned Business given priority under Standing Orders.
- (ii) Other Business ordered.
- (iii) Other Notices of Motions.

*Subject to the provisions of Standing Order 36.

29. At a sitting of the Dáil, before the commencement of Public Business, the Dáil shall proceed to the consideration of unopposed Private Business. Opposed Private Business shall be subject to the provisions of Standing Order 119 of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business. Order of Private Business.

30. All motions to be put on the Order Paper for any day, shall be in writing, signed by a member, and shall reach the Clerk not later than 11 a.m. on the fourth preceding day. Any amendments to such motions shall be in writing, signed by a member, and shall reach the Clerk not later than 11 a.m. Notice of motions and amendments: shorter notice.

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nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. an dara lá roimh ré: Ach, le cead an Cheann Comhairle, féadfar tairiscintí agus leasuithe a dhéanamh ar fhógra níos giorra ná sin a thabhairt.

Ábhair Riar na hOibre.

31. Cuirfear ar Riar na hOibre téacs gach Ceiste a bheidh le cur ar chomhaltaí den Rialtas (ach amháin Ceisteanna a cheadaítear faoi Bhuan-Ordú 33 ar fhógra príobháideach a thabhairt) agus téacs gach tairisceana a bheidh le déanamh, agus gach leasaithe ar a leithéid a bheidh le tairiscint (ach amháin cinn a cheadaítear leis na Buan-Orduithe seo a dhéanamh nó a thairiscint gan fógra). Ina theannta sin, ar an Máirt agus ar an gCéadaoin, cuirfear ar Riar na hOibre téacs na gCeisteanna, seachas na Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh [B.O. 39], chun freagra ó bhéal a fháil orthu an lá dár gcionn.

Cur ar athló mar gheall ar ní sonrach tábhachtach a bhaineann le leas an phobail agus nach foláir a bhreithniú go práinneach.

32. (1) Aon Mháirt, Céadaoin nó Déardaoin a shuífidh an Dáil féadfar cead a iarraidh chun tairiscint a dhéanamh an Dáil a chur ar athló mar gheall ar ní sonrach tábhachtach a bhaineann le leas an phobail agus nach foláir a bhreithniú go práinneach má thugann comhalta fógra i scríbhinn don Cheann Comhairle 45 nóiméad ar a laghad roimh thús a chur leis an suí. Luafar san fhógra sin an ní atá an comhalta ag iarraidh a ardú agus féadfar tagairt a dhéanamh ann do thuillteanais an ní sin nó do na cúiseanna atá ann lena ardú ar shlí a mheasfaidh an Ceann Comhairle a bheith gearr agus gonta.

(2) I gcás gur deimhin leis an gCeann Comhairle go gcomhlíonann an fógra ceanglais an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo, glaofaídh an Ceann Comhairle ar an gcomhalta go díreach roimh an Ord Gnó, agus leis sin éireoidh an comhalta ina áit nó ina háit agus luafaídh sé nó sí go bhfuil sé nó sí ag iarraidh cead chun a thairiscint go gcuirfear an Dáil ar athló d'fhonn ní sonrach tábhachtach a bhaineann le leas an phobail agus nach foláir a bhreithniú go práinneach a phlé agus luafaídh sé nó sí an fógra a tugadh ach ní cead dó nó di cur leis.

(3) Más dóigh leis an gCeann Comhairle gur tairiscint atá ann den sórt a luaitear sa Bhuan-Ordú seo, iarfaídh sé nó sí, air sin, ar na comhaltaí atá i bhfabhar an iarratais éirí ina n-áiteanna. Má éiríonn dháréag comhalta ar a laghad dá réir sin, tabharfaídh sé nó sí cead an tairiscint a dhéanamh, agus déanfar an tairiscint ar 7 p.m. más é an Mháirt nó an Chéadaoin atá ann, nó ar 3.30 p.m. más é an Déardaoin atá ann, nó cibé uair, lá déanta an iarratais, a cheapfaídh an Dáil.

(4) Aon ní a chuirfear faoi bhráid na Dála de bhun an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo agus nach mbeidh an líon is gá i bhfabhar a phléite, ní féidir é a tharraingt anuas arís taobh istigh de na sé mhí dá éis sin faoin mBuan-Ordú seo.

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on the second preceding day: Provided that, by permission of the Ceann Comhairle, motions and amendments may be made on shorter notice.

31. The Order Paper shall contain the text of all Questions to be asked of members of the Government (other than private notice Questions permitted under Standing Order 33) and of all motions, and amendments thereto, to be proposed (save such as are allowed by these Standing Orders to be proposed without notice). In addition, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the Order Paper shall contain the text of Questions, other than Questions nominated for priority [S.O. 39], for oral answer on the following day.

Contents of Order Paper.

32. (1) Leave to move a motion for the adjournment of the Dáil on a specific and important matter of public interest requiring urgent consideration may be sought on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday on which the Dáil sits if a member gives notice in writing to the Ceann Comhairle not less than 45 minutes before the opening of the sitting. Such notice shall state the matter which the member seeks to raise and may refer to the merits of or reasons for raising the matter in a manner which the Ceann Comhairle considers to be brief and concise.

Adjournment on specific and important matter of public interest requiring urgent consideration.

(2) Where the Ceann Comhairle is satisfied that the notice complies with the requirements of this Standing Order, the member shall be called upon by the Ceann Comhairle immediately before the Order of Business, whereupon the member shall rise in his or her place and state that he or she requests leave to move the adjournment of the Dáil for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter of public interest requiring urgent consideration and shall state the notice given but may not elaborate thereon.

(3) If the Ceann Comhairle considers the motion to be one contemplated by this Standing Order, he or she shall thereupon desire the members who support the request to rise in their places. If not less than twelve members rise accordingly, he or she shall give leave to make the motion, which shall be moved at 7 p.m. on a Tuesday or Wednesday, or 3.30 p.m. on a Thursday, or at such hour on the day on which the request is made as the Dáil may appoint.

(4) A matter submitted in pursuance of this Standing Order which fails to obtain the requisite support cannot during the following six months be again brought forward under this Standing Order.

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CEISTEANNA

Fógra i dtaobh
Ceisteanna agus
Ceisteanna ar fhógra
príobháideach.

33. Ní foláir Ceisteanna chun comhalta den Rialtas

(a) a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh [B.O. 39] nó

(b) a mbeidh freagra orthu le soláthar i dTuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí [B.O. 40(2)]

a bheith i scríbhinn agus a bheith ag an gCléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a chlog a.m. an tríú lá roimh an lá a bheidh siad le cur, gan áireamh a dhéanamh ar Shatharn, ar Dhomhnach ná ar lá saoire poiblí.

Ní foláir Ceisteanna eile chun comhalta den Rialtas a bheith i scríbhinn agus a bheith ag an gCléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a chlog a.m. an ceathrú lá roimh an lá a bheidh siad le cur, gan áireamh a dhéanamh ar Shatharn, ar Dhomhnach ná ar lá saoire poiblí:

Ach féadfar, le cead an Cheann Comhairle, Ceisteanna i dtaobh nithe a bhfuil deabhadh agus tábhacht phoiblí ag baint leo a chur tar éis fógra príobháideach ina dtaobh a thabhairt. Ní foláir na Ceisteanna sin a bheith i scríbhinn agus a bheith ag an gCléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 2.30 p.m. an lá a bheidh siad le cur.

Ceisteanna a bheith
ag baint le hábhar.

34. Na Ceisteanna a chuirfear chun comhalta den Rialtas, ní foláir baint a bheith acu le gnóthaí poiblí a bhaineann lena Roinn, nó le gnóthaí riaracháin a bhfuil sé nó sí freagrach go hoifigiúil iontu (ar a n-áirítear comhlachtaí faoi choimirce a Roinne i leith beartais Rialtais).

Cumhachtaí an
Cheann Comhairle
maidir le
Ceisteanna: cúrsaí
oird i ndáil le
Ceisteanna.

35. (1) Scrúdóidh an Ceann Comhairle gach Ceist chun deimhin a dhéanamh de gur Ceist í atá de réir fhorálacha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo. Rialóidh an Ceann Comhairle as ordú aon Cheist nach bhfuil de réir na mBuan-Orduithe: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, nó an Cléireach faoi údarás an Cheann Comhairle, aon Cheist a leasú, tar éis dó ní di dul i gcomhairle leis an gcomhalta a chuir isteach í, chun deimhin a dhéanamh de go bhfuil sí de réir na mBuan-Orduithe.

(2) Is é an cuspóir a bheidh le gach Ceist ná eolas nó léiriú a fháil ar chúrsaí fíorais nó beartais, agus beidh Ceisteanna chomh gearr agus is féidir.

(3) Ní fhéadfar, le Ceisteanna a chuirfear síos i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal, eolas a lorg a bheidh tugtha ó bhéal sa Dáil laistigh de na ceithre mhí roimhe sin mar fhreagra ar Cheist ó bhéal nó mar fhreagra ar ní a ardaíodh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 21: Ar choinníoll, i gcás nach sroichfear Ceist ó bhéal agus go gcuirfear freagra scríofa ar an gCeist sin ar fáil i dTuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí, go mbeidh feidhm ag forálacha mhír (4) den Bhuan-Ordú seo.

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QUESTIONS

33. Questions to a member of the Government

Notice of Questions
and private notice
Questions.

(a) nominated for priority [S.O. 39] or

(b) to which an answer is to be provided in the Official Report of the Debates [S.O. 40(2)]

must be in writing and must reach the Clerk not later than 11 o'clock a.m. on the third day preceding that on which they are to be asked, not reckoning a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday.

Other Questions to a member of the Government must be in writing and must reach the Clerk not later than 11 o'clock a.m. on the fourth day preceding that on which they are to be asked, not reckoning a Saturday, Sunday, or public holiday:

Provided that Questions relating to matters of urgent public importance may, by permission of the Ceann Comhairle, be asked on private notice. Such Questions must be in writing and must reach the Clerk not later than 2.30 p.m. on the day on which they are to be asked.

34. Questions addressed to a member of the Government must relate to public affairs connected with his or her Department, or to matters of administration for which he or she is officially responsible (including bodies under the aegis of his or her Department in respect of Government policy).

Relevancy of
Questions.

35. (1) The Ceann Comhairle shall examine every Question in order to ensure that it conforms with the provisions of this Standing Order. The Ceann Comhairle shall rule out of order any Question which does not comply with Standing Orders: Provided that the Ceann Comhairle, or the Clerk under his or her authority, may amend any Question, after consultation with the member responsible for the Question, to secure its compliance with Standing Orders.

Powers of the Ceann
Comhairle as to
Questions: matters
of order relating to
Questions.

(2) The purpose of each Question shall be to elicit information upon or to elucidate matters of fact or of policy and Questions shall be as brief as possible.

(3) Questions put down for oral answer may not seek information provided orally in the Dáil within the previous four months in response to an oral Question or in response to a matter raised under Standing Order 21: Provided that, where an oral question is not reached and a written answer thereto is provided in the Official Report of Debates, the provisions of paragraph (4) of this Standing Order shall apply.

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(4) Ní fhéadfar, le Ceisteanna le haghaidh freagraí scríofa, eolas a lorg a bheidh curtha ar fáil laistigh den dá sheachtain roimhe sin mar fhreagra ar Cheist (bíodh freagra tugtha uirthi ó bhéal nó i scríbhinn) nó mar fhreagra ar ní a ardaíodh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 21.

(5) Ní bheidh aon argóint i gCeisteanna ná aon líomhnachas pearsanta.

(6) Ní thráchtfar roimh ré i gCeisteanna ar aon ní a mbeidh fógra tugtha ina thaobh agus atá ar sceideal le tabhairt faoi bhráid na Dála an tseachtain chéanna ina bhfuil an Cheist le freagairt.

Am le haghaidh
Ceisteanna.

36. (1) Mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt ar thairiscint ó chomhalta den Rialtas nó ó Aire Stáit—

(a) Tógfar ceisteanna i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal chun an Taoisigh—

(i) ó 2.30 p.m. go 3.15 p.m. ar an Máirt, agus

(ii) tar éis Ceisteanna ó Cheannairí ar an gCéadaoin ar feadh tréimhse nach faide ná cúig nóiméad is daichead.

(b) Tógfar ceisteanna i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal chun comhaltaí eile den Rialtas—

(i) ó 3.15 p.m. go 4.15 p.m. ar an Máirt,

(ii) ó 2.30 p.m. go 3.45 p.m. ar an gCéadaoin, agus

(iii) ó 3.30 p.m. go 4.45 p.m. ar an Déardaoin:

Ar choinníoll go bhféadfar Ceisteanna a chuirfear ar fhógra príobháideach a thógáil le cead an Cheann Comhairle agus go gcuirfear iad go díreach tar éis an Ord Gnó ar an Máirt, go díreach tar éis Ceisteanna eile a bheith tógtha ar an gCéadaoin, agus le linn an tríocha nóiméad deiridh den am a cheadófar chun Ceisteanna a thógáil ar an Déardaoin (agus ní athchromfar ar Cheisteanna a thógáil dá éis sin).

(2) Ní faide ná tríocha nóiméad ar an Máirt agus ní faide ná cúig nóiméad is daichead ar an gCéadaoin agus ar an Déardaoin an t-am a cheadófar do Cheisteanna, seachas Ceisteanna chun an Taoisigh [B.O. 37] agus Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh [B.O. 39], agus ní faide ná tríocha nóiméad an t-am a cheadófar do Cheisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh d'aon lá áirithe.

Ceisteanna chun an
Taoisigh; agus
Ceisteanna chun
comhaltaí eile den
Rialtas: an róta.

37. (1) Ceisteanna a chuirfear chun an Taoisigh is ar an Máirt agus ar an gCéadaoin amháin a fhéadfar iad a chur agus cuirfear ar Riar na hOibre iad roimh Cheisteanna chun comhaltaí eile den Rialtas a bheidh le cur an lá céanna. Ní faide ná cúig nóiméad is daichead an t-am a cheadófar do Cheisteanna chun an Taoisigh gach lá. Aon Cheist chun an Taoisigh a bheidh

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(4) Questions for written answer may not seek information provided within the previous two weeks in response to a Question (whether answered orally or in writing) or in response to a matter raised under Standing Order 21.

(5) Questions shall not contain argument or personal imputation.

(6) Questions shall not anticipate the discussion of any subject of which notice has been given and which is scheduled to be brought before the Dáil within the same week in which the Question is to be answered.

36. (1) Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order on motion made by a member of the Government or Minister of State—

(a) Questions for oral answer to the Taoiseach shall be taken—

(i) from 2.30 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. on Tuesdays, and

(ii) following Leaders' Questions on Wednesdays for a period not exceeding forty-five minutes.

(b) Questions for oral answer to other members of the Government shall be taken—

(i) from 3.15 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. on Tuesdays,

(ii) from 2.30 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. on Wednesdays, and

(iii) from 3.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. on Thursdays:

Provided that Questions asked on private notice may be taken by permission of the Ceann Comhairle and shall be asked immediately after the Order of Business on Tuesdays, immediately after other Questions have been taken on Wednesdays, and during the last thirty minutes of the time allowed for the taking of Questions on Thursdays (and the taking of Questions shall not resume thereafter).

(2) The time allowed for Questions, other than Questions to the Taoiseach [S.O. 37] and Questions nominated for priority [S.O. 39], shall not exceed thirty minutes on Tuesdays and forty-five minutes on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the time allowed for Questions nominated for priority for any one day shall not exceed thirty minutes.

37. (1) Questions addressed to the Taoiseach may be asked only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and shall be placed on the Order Paper before Questions to other members of the Government to be asked on the same day. The time allowed for Taoiseach's Questions shall not exceed forty-five minutes each day. Any Question to the Taoiseach which appears on

Questions to the Taoiseach; and Questions to other members of the Government: rota.

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ar Riar na hOibre don Mháirt agus nach mbeidh curtha de láimh, cuirfear ar Riar na hOibre í don lá ina dhiaidh sin roimh Cheisteanna chun an Taoisigh a bheidh le cur ar an lá sin, ach amháin go bhféadfar Ceist a bheidh le tógáil ag an Taoiseach a chur roimh Cheisteanna a bheidh le tógáil ag Aire Stáit ag a Roinn.

(2) Ceisteanna a chuirfear chun comhaltaí eile den Rialtas chun freagra ó bhéal a fháil orthu, cuirfear ar bhonn róta laethúil iad i cibé ord a chinnfidh an Dáil ó am go ham, agus beidh dhá earnáil díobh ann:—

(a) Ceisteanna ar le crannchur a chinnfear a n-ord [B.O. 38], agus

(b) Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh [B.O. 39].

Ceisteanna: An crannchur.

38. (1) I ndáil le Ceisteanna ar le crannchur a chinnfear a n-ord, beidh feidhm ag na forálacha seo a leanas:—

- (i) Maidir leis an gcrannchur, ag a bhféadfaidh comhaltaí a bheith i láthair, déanfar é a sheoladh an ceathrú lá roimh an lá a bheidh na Ceisteanna le cur, gan áireamh a dhéanamh ar Shatharn, ar Dhomhnach ná ar lá saoire poiblí.
- (ii) Ní cead d'aon chomhalta níos mó ná dhá Cheist a chur síos chun gach comhalta ar leith den Rialtas le freagra a fháil orthu aon lá áirithe.
- (iii) I gcás go bhfuil Ceisteanna chun dhá chomhalta den Rialtas (seachas an Taoiseach) le cur an lá céanna, is iad na Ceisteanna chun an chomhalta ar lú an líon a bheidh le cur chuige nó chuici a chuirfear chun tosaigh ar Riar na hOibre agus tabharfar dóibh méid nach mó ná leath an ama a bheidh in áirithe dóibh araon.
- (iv) Féadfaidh comhalta a bheidh ainmnithe ag grúpa sa Fhreasúra téacs a fháil, ach é a iarraidh, de Cheisteanna a chuir comhaltaí den ghrúpa sin síos.
- (v) I gcás go bhfuil Ceisteanna den sórt céanna (seachas Ceisteanna chun an Taoisigh) le cur an lá céanna, ní dhéanfar ach téacs na Ceiste sin a bhain an t-ionad is airde amach sa chranncur a chur ar Riar na hOibre.
- (vi) Ciallaíonn “Ceist den Sórt Céanna” Ceist arna cur síos ag comhalta de ghrúpa agus atá, nó a bheadh murach difríochtaí téacsúla i bhfoirm a foclaíochta agus iad sin amháin, combhionann le ceann amháin nó níos mó de Cheisteanna eile a rinne an comhalta céanna nó comhalta amháin eile nó níos mó den ghrúpa sin a chur síos.

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Tuesday's Order Paper and which is not disposed of shall be placed on the Order Paper for the following day before Questions to the Taoiseach to be asked on that day, save that a Question to be taken by the Taoiseach may be placed before Questions to be taken by a Minister of State at his or her Department.

(2) Questions for oral answer addressed to other members of the Government shall be asked on the basis of a daily rota in such order as the Dáil may from time to time decide and shall be in two categories:—

(a) Questions, the sequence of which shall be decided by lottery [S.O. 38], and

(b) Questions which have been nominated for priority [S.O. 39].

38. (1) In relation to Questions, the sequence of which shall be decided by lottery, the following provisions shall apply:— Questions: Lottery.

(i) The lottery, at which members may attend, shall be held on the fourth day preceding that on which the Questions are to be asked, not reckoning a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

(ii) No member may put down more than two Questions to each member of the Government for answer on any one day.

(iii) Where Questions to two members of the Government (other than the Taoiseach) are to be asked on the same day, Questions to the member to whom the lesser number is addressed shall be placed first on the Order Paper and shall be allocated not more than one half of the time available to both.

(iv) A member nominated by a group in Opposition may, on request, be provided with the text of Questions put down by members of that group.

(v) Where similar Questions (other than Questions to the Taoiseach) are to be asked on the same day, the text of only that Question which is placed highest in the lottery shall appear on the Order Paper.

(vi) "Similar Question" means a Question put down by a member of a group which is, or would but for merely textual variations in its form of wording be, identical with one or more other Questions put down by the same member or by one or more other members of that group.

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(2) I gcás Ceisteanna (seachas Ceisteanna chun an Taoisigh) ar le crannchur a cinneadh a n-ord—

(a) ní faide ná sé nóiméad an t-am a cheadófar do gach Ceist—

(i) nach mó ná dhá nóiméad as sin an t-am a cheadófar do fhreagra tosaigh an Aire: Ar choinníoll, i gcás go n-iarrfaidh Aire nó Aire Stáit amhlaidh, go n-ordóidh an Ceann Comhairle ráiteas ina mbeidh eolas breise a bhainfidh go díreach le freagra an Aire a thabhairt i dTuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí, ar ráiteas é sin dá dtagraítear i gcúrsa an fhreagra, agus

(ii) nach mó ná aon nóiméad amháin as sin an t-am a cheadófar do gach Ceist fhorlíontach nó don fhreagra uirthi,

(b) i gcás go ndéanfar na Ceisteanna sin a rangú i gcomhair freagra, is iad na hamanna iomlána a cheadófar don rangú agus d'fhreagra tosaigh an Aire ná na hamanna ar fad a cheadófaí do na Ceisteanna ar leithligh: Ar choinníoll nach mó ná 18 nóiméad an t-am iomlán a cheadófar d'aon rangú Ceisteanna den sórt sin, agus

(c) ní dhéanfaidh sé difear don am a cheadófar d'aon Ceist nó rangú Ceisteanna den sórt sin Ceist nó Ceisteanna a cuireadh síos le haghaidh freagra scríofa a bheith rangaithe léi nó leo.

Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh.

39. (1) I ndáil le Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh, beidh feidhm ag na forálacha seo a leanas:—

(i) Ní foláir gach Ceist a bheith in ainm comhalta a bheidh ainmnithe ag grúpa (mar a mhínítear le Buan-Ordú 116 (1)) sa Fhreasúra.

(ii) Ní mó ná cúig cinn líon na gCeisteanna sin a mbeidh freagra le tabhairt orthu aon lá áirithe.

(iii) Cuirfear Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh ar Riar na hOibre roimh Ceisteanna eile chun comhaltaí den Rialtas, seachas an Taoiseach, a bheidh le cur an lá céanna.

(iv) Déanfar Ceisteanna a mbeidh freagra le tabhairt orthu aon lá áirithe a chur ar Riar na hOibre ionas go mbeidh siad ag sealáocht idir grúpaí sa Fhreasúra, ach tosaíocht a thabhairt don ghrúpa is mó (agus tosaíocht a chinneadh le crannchur in aon chás comhionannais idir grúpaí). Ar choinníoll go mbeidh tosach labhartha ag páirtí is grúpa faoi Bhuan-Ordú 116(1)(a) ar ghrúpa arna aithint faoi mhír (1)(b) den Bhuan-Ordú sin.

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(2) In the case of Questions (other than Questions to the Taoiseach) the sequence of which shall have been decided by lottery—

(a) the time allowed for each Question shall not exceed six minutes, of which—

(i) the time allowed for the initial Ministerial reply shall not exceed two minutes: Provided that, where a Minister or Minister of State so requests, the Ceann Comhairle shall direct that a statement containing additional information which is directly relevant to the Ministerial reply be furnished in the Official Report of the Debates, such statement being referred to in the course of the reply, and

(ii) the time allowed for each supplementary Question or the reply thereto shall not exceed one minute,

(b) where such Questions are grouped for reply, the total times allowed for the group and for the initial Ministerial reply shall be the aggregates of the times which would be allowed for the individual Questions: Provided that the total time allowed for any such group of Questions shall not exceed 18 minutes, and

(c) the time allowed for any such Question or group of Questions shall not be affected by the grouping therewith of a Question or Questions put down for written answer.

39. (1) In relation to Questions which have been nominated for priority, the following provisions shall apply:—

Questions
nominated for
priority.

(i) Each Question shall be in the name of a member nominated by a group (as defined in Standing Order 116 (1)) in Opposition.

(ii) The number of such Questions for answer on any one day shall not exceed five.

(iii) Questions nominated for priority shall be placed on the Order Paper before other Questions to members of the Government, other than the Taoiseach, to be asked on the same day.

(iv) Questions for answer on any one day shall be placed on the Order Paper so as to rotate between groups in Opposition, with preference being given to the larger group (preference being decided by lot in any case of equality between groups). Provided that a party which is a group under Standing Order 116(1)(a) shall have precedence over a group recognised under paragraph (1)(b) of that Standing Order.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

(v) Féadfaidh comhalta a bheidh ainmnithe ag grúpa Ceisteanna agus Ceisteanna a bheidh curtha síos ag comhaltaí eile den ghrúpa sin a shonrú in ionad Ceisteanna a dhéanfaí a aistriú nó a dhícheadú. Ní foláir sonrú den sórt sin a bheith i scríbhinn agus a bheith ag an gCléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. an tríú lá roimh an lá a bheidh na Ceisteanna le cur, gan áireamh a dhéanamh ar Shatharn, ar Dhomhnach ná ar lá saoire poiblí.

(2) (a) Ní faide ná sé nóiméad an t-am a cheadófar do gach Ceist a mbeidh uain sonraithe di: Ar choinníoll, as na sé nóiméad sin, nach faide ná dhá nóiméad an t-am a cheadófar d'fhreagra tosaigh an Aire: Ar choinníoll fairis sin, i gcás go n-iarrfaidh Aire nó Aire Stáit amhlaidh, go n-ordóidh an Ceann Comhairle ráiteas ina mbeidh eolas breise a bhainfidh go díreach le freagra an Aire a thabhairt i dTuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí, ar ráiteas é sin dá dtagraítear i gcúrsa an fhreagra.

(b) I gcás go ndéanfar Ceisteanna ar sonraíodh uain dóibh a rangú i gcomhair freagra, is iad na hamanna iomlána a cheadófar don rangú agus d'fhreagra tosaigh an Aire ná na hamanna ar fad a cheadófaí do na Ceisteanna ar leithligh.

Ceisteanna a rangú:
Ceisteanna nach
bhfreagrófar ó bhéal
nó nach mbeidh
sroichte.

40. (1) Féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas, i gcásanna iomchuí, Ceisteanna a chuirfear síos chun freagra ó bhéal a fháil orthu agus Ceisteanna a chuirfear síos chun freagra scríofa a fháil orthu a rangú le chéile chun críoche an fhreagra: Ar choinníoll nach bhféadfar Ceisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh a rangú le Ceisteanna eile i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal; agus ar choinníoll fairis sin nach ndéanfaidh forálacha Bhuan-Ordú 35(3) dochar do fhreagairt Ceiste i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal nach mbeidh sroichte agus a bheidh curtha síos arís i gcomhair freagra de réir mhír (3) den Bhuan-Ordú seo.

(2) Más rud é go gcuirfidh comhalta réiltín lena Cheist nó lena Ceist, déanfaidh an comhalta den Rialtas chun ar cuireadh an Cheist freagra uirthi a chur ar fáil i dTuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí.

(3) I gcás nach sroichfear Ceist a bheidh curtha síos chun freagra ó bhéal a fháil uirthi, déanfaidh an comhalta den Rialtas chun ar cuireadh í freagra uirthi a chur ar fáil i dTuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí: ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an freagra scríofa sin dochar do cheart an chomhalta ar ina ainm nó ina hainm atá an Cheist ar Riar na hOibre a iarraidh, laistigh de 30 nóiméad ó chríoch Thráth na gCeisteanna an lá sin, go ndéanfar an Cheist a chur arís chun an chomhalta den Rialtas lena mbaineann an chéad lá eile a bheidh an comhalta sin le freagra a thabhairt ar Cheisteanna i gcomhair freagra ó bhéal.

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(v) A member nominated by a group may nominate Questions and Questions put down by other members of that group in substitution for Questions which may be transferred or disallowed. Such nomination shall be made in writing and must reach the Clerk not later than 11 a.m. on the third day preceding that on which the Questions are to be asked, not reckoning a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

(2) (a) The time allowed for each Question nominated for priority shall not exceed six minutes: Provided that, of this six minutes, the time allowed for the initial Ministerial reply shall not exceed two minutes: Provided further that, where a Minister or Minister of State so requests, the Ceann Comhairle shall direct that a statement containing additional information which is directly relevant to the Ministerial reply be furnished in the Official Report of the Debates, such statement being referred to in the course of the reply.

(b) Where Questions nominated for priority are grouped for reply, the total times allowed for the group and for the initial Ministerial reply shall be the aggregates of the times which would be allowed for the individual Questions.

40. (1) A member of the Government may, where appropriate, group Questions put down for oral answer and Questions put down for written answer for the purposes of reply: Provided that Questions which have been nominated for priority may not be grouped with other Questions for oral answer: and provided further that the provisions of Standing Order 35 (3) may not prejudice the answering of an oral Question which is not reached and which is put down for answer again in accordance with paragraph (3) of this Standing Order.

Grouping of Questions: Questions not answered orally or not reached.

(2) If a member distinguishes his or her Question by an asterisk, the member of the Government to whom it is addressed shall cause an answer to be provided in the Official Report of the Debates.

(3) Where a Question put down for oral answer is not reached, the member of the Government to whom it is addressed shall cause an answer to be provided in the Official Report of the Debates: Provided that such written answer shall not prejudice the right of the member in whose name the Question appears on the Order Paper to request, within 30 minutes of the conclusion of Question Time on that day, that the Question be addressed again to the member of the Government concerned on the next day on which that member is to answer Questions for oral answer.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

(4) Más rud é, i gcás Ceiste a cuireadh síos chun freagra ó bhéal a fháil uirthi, gur Ceist í de shaghas nach foláir freagra fada nó freagra ar mhodh ráitis tháblaigh a thabhairt uirthi, déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, arna iarraidh sin don chomhalta den Rialtas chun ar cuireadh an Cheist, a ordú go dtabharfar an freagra i dTuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí.

Cur Ceisteanna.

41. Chun Ceist a chur, éireoidh comhalta ina áit nó ina háit agus luafaidh sé nó sí uimhir na Ceiste ar Riar na hOibre.

Ceisteanna Breise.

42. Ní fhéadfar Ceisteanna Breise a chur ach amháin chun tuilleadh léirithe a fháil ar an eolas a iarradh, agus beidh siad faoi rialú an Cheann Comhairle maidir lena mbaint le hábhar agus maidir lena líon: Ach, san am a thabharfar do Cheisteanna a mbeidh uain sonraithe dóibh, ní cead ach don chomhalta ar ina ainm nó ina hainm atá an Cheist ar Riar na hOibre Ceisteanna breise a chur. Ná ní cead Ceisteanna forlíontacha a rangú chun críocha freagra.

RÁITIS

Ráitis sa Teach.

43. Féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas a mbeidh fógra roimh ré tugtha aige nó aici don Cheann Comhairle ráiteas a dhéanamh sa Teach ar ábhar ar bith. Ní cheadófar aon díospóireacht ar aon ráiteas den sórt sin ach féadfar ráitis bhreise a cheadú de rogha an Cheann Comhairle ó urlabhraí arna ainmniú nó arna hainmniú ag Páirtí Freasúra.

MÍNITHE PEARSANTA

Mínithe pearsanta.

44. (1) Beidh de rogha ag an gCeann Comhairle cead a thabhairt d'aon chomhalta míniú pearsanta a thabhairt sa Dáil, tar éis don chomhalta lena mbaineann fógra i scríbhinn a thabhairt don Cheann Comhairle faoina mhian nó faoina mian chun míniú den sórt sin a thabhairt agus faoi ábhar an mhínithe bheartaithe sin.

(2) Beidh míniú a thabharfar faoin mBuan-Ordú seo gearr, neamhargóinteach agus pearsanta go hiomlán agus ní bheidh sé de chineál a bheadh ina chúis le díospóireacht nó a n-éireodh tuilleadh mínithe as.

(3) Ní cheadófar d'aon chomhalta ceisteanna a chur ar chríochnú mínithe phearsanta ná ní éireoidh aon díospóireacht as.

RIALACHA DÍOSPÓIREACHTA

Glaoch ar chomhaltaí chun labhairt: labhairt chun na Cathaoireach.

45. Aon chomhalta ar mian leis nó léi labhairt, éireoidh sé nó sí ina áit nó ina háit. Má éiríonn níos mó ná aon chomhalta amháin san am céanna, glaofaí an Ceann Comhairle ar dhuine acu. Is chun na Cathaoireach a labhróidh comhaltaí.

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(4) Where a Question put down for oral answer is of such a nature as to require a lengthy reply or a reply in the form of a tabular statement, the Ceann Comhairle shall, at the request of the member of the Government to whom the Question is addressed, direct that the answer be furnished in the Official Report of the Debates.

41. A Question shall be put by a member rising in his or her place, and indicating the number of the Question on the Order Paper. Asking of Questions.

42. Supplementary Questions may be put only for the further elucidation of the information requested, and shall be subject to the ruling of the Ceann Comhairle, both as to relevance and as to number: Provided that, in the time allocated to Questions nominated for priority, supplementary Questions may be put only by the member in whose name the Question appears on the Order Paper: Provided further that supplementary Questions shall not be grouped for the purposes of reply. Supplementary Questions.

STATEMENTS

43. A member of the Government who has given prior notice to the Ceann Comhairle may make a statement in the House on any matter. No debate shall be permitted on any such statement but further statements may be allowed at the discretion of the Ceann Comhairle from a spokesperson nominated by a Party in Opposition. Statements in the House.

PERSONAL EXPLANATIONS

44. (1) The Ceann Comhairle shall have discretion to permit any member to make a personal explanation in the Dáil, following notice given in writing by the member concerned to the Ceann Comhairle of his or her desire to make such an explanation and of the content of such proposed explanation. Personal explanations.

(2) An explanation made under this Standing Order shall be brief, non-argumentative and strictly personal and shall not be such as would cause debate or give rise to further explanations.

(3) No member shall be permitted to ask questions at the conclusion of a personal explanation nor shall any debate arise thereon.

RULES OF DEBATE

45. A member desiring to speak shall rise in his or her place. Should more than one member rise at the same time, the Ceann Comhairle shall call upon one of them. Members shall address the Chair. Calling of members to speak; addressing the Chair.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

- Tosach labhartha ag an gCathaoir. **46.** Aon uair a éireoidh an Ceann Comhairle le linn díospóireachta, ní foláir d'aon chomhalta a bheidh ag labhairt, nó ar tí labhairt, an uair sin, suí síos.
- Labhairt faoi dhó. **47.** Ní bheidh aon chomhalta i dteideal labhairt faoi dhó ar an aon tairiscint amháin, ach amháin chun críoch a chur leis an díospóireacht ar thairiscint a rinne sé nó sí féin.
- Idirghabhálacha i ndíospóireachtaí. **48.** (1) Mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt, féadfaidh comhalta atá ag tabhairt óráide i gcúrsa díospóireachta géilleadh do chomhalta eile ar mian leis nó léi ceist a chur nó tuairim a thabhairt maidir le pointí a bheidh déanta le linn óráid an chéad chomhalta: Ar choinníoll nach faide ná 30 soicind an idirghabháil sin: agus ar choinníoll fairis sin, mar riail ghinearálta, nach gceadóidh an Ceann Comhairle na hidirghabhálacha sin ach amháin le linn an chuid deiridh d'óráid.
- (2) Féadfaidh aon chomhalta a bhfuil fógra roimh ré tugtha aige nó aici don Cheann Comhairle idirghabháil a dhéanamh, le cead an Cheann Comhairle, chun ráiteas tríocha soicind a dhéanamh d'fhonn soiléiriú a thabhairt ar ráitis a rinneadh níos luaithe le linn a óráide nó a hóráide.
- (3) In aon cheann de na cásanna sin a luadh cheana, beidh sé de rogha ag an gCeann Comhairle an t-am a bheidh cailte de thoradh idirghabhálacha a chur leis an am a bheidh ar fáil don chomhalta a bheidh ag tabhairt óráide: Ar choinníoll nach dóigh leis nó léi go gcuirfidh an breisiú sin isteach go míchuí ar an ngnó agus faoi réir uasmhéid iomlán 10 nóiméad a chur le díospóireacht lena mbainfidh tairiscint i ndáil le roinnt an ama.
- Díospóireacht ar thairiscintí agus ar leasuithe. **49.** Ní dhéanfar díospóireacht ar thairiscint ná ar leasú go dtí go dtairgfear an cheist iomchuí ón gCathaoir.
- Tairiscintí nó leasuithe do thitim ar lár. **50.** Más rud é nach ndéanfaidh comhalta an tairiscint nó nach dtairgfídh sé nó sí an leasú, a mbeidh a ainm léi nó leis, titfidh an tairiscint nó an leasú sin ar lár mura ndéantar í, nó mura dtairgtear é, ag comhalta éigin eile a mbeidh údarás aige nó aici uaidh nó uaithi.
- Tairiscint ó chomhalta príobháideach do thitim ar lár. **51.** Tairiscint ó chomhalta príobháideach nach ndéanfar laistigh de dhá mhí dhéag ón dáta ar cuireadh ar Riar na hOibre i dtosach í measfar í a bheith tite ar lár, ach sin gan dochar do cheart comhaltaí an tairiscint sin a chur síos arís.
- Tairiscintí nó leasuithe a tharraingt siar. **52.** Aon chomhalta a dhéanfaidh tairiscint nó a thairgfídh leasú, féadfaidh sé nó sí an tairiscint nó an leasú sin a tharraingt siar le cead na Dála.

STANDING ORDERS

46. Whenever the Ceann Comhairle rises during a debate, any member then speaking, or offering to speak, shall resume his or her seat. Precedence of Chair.

47. No member shall be entitled to speak twice upon the same motion, except to close the debate upon a motion of which he or she was the proposer. Speaking twice.

48. (1) Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, a member in possession in the course of debate may give way to another member who wishes to query or comment on points made in the course of the first member's speech: Provided that such intervention shall not exceed 30 seconds: and provided further that the Ceann Comhairle shall, as a general rule, only allow such interventions in the latter stages of a speech. Interventions in debate.

(2) Any member who has given prior notice to the Ceann Comhairle may, by permission of the Ceann Comhairle, intervene to make a thirty second statement to clarify remarks made earlier in the course of his or her speech.

(3) In either of the aforementioned cases, the Ceann Comhairle shall have discretion to add the time lost as a result of the interventions to the time available to the member in possession: Provided that, in his or her opinion, such addition shall not unduly affect business and subject to the addition of an overall maximum of 10 minutes in a debate to which an allocation of time motion applies.

49. A motion or amendment shall not be debated until the appropriate question has been proposed from the Chair. Debating of motions and amendments.

50. If a member does not move the motion or amendment which stands in his or her name, such motion or amendment shall lapse unless moved by some other member authorised by him or her. When motions and amendments lapse.

51. A private member's motion which is not moved within twelve months from the date on which it was first placed on the Order Paper shall be deemed to have lapsed, but without prejudice to the right of members to put down such motion again. Lapse of private member's motion.

52. A member who has made a motion or proposed an amendment may withdraw the same by leave of the Dáil. Motions and amendments may be withdrawn.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

Ábharthacht agus foirm leasuithe.

53. Ní foláir gach leasú a bheith ag baint le hábhar na tairisceana ar a dtairgfear é, agus é a bheith ceaptha chun focail a ligean ar lár nó a chur isteach nó a mhalartú. Ní ghlacfar le haon leasú is ionann agus diúltú díreach.

Ní cheadófar díospóireacht tar éis an cheist a chur.

54. Nuair a bheidh an cheist ar thairiscint nó ar leasú curtha ón gCathaoir, ní cheadófar a thuilleadh díospóireachta ar an tairiscint nó ar an leasú sin.

Rún a leasú nó a chealú.

55. Ní féidir tairiscint a dhéanamh chun Rún a chealú nó a leasú, seachas Rún a bhaineann leis an Dáil a chur ar athló nó le Buan-Orduithe, ach amháin tar éis fógra a thabhairt ina sonrú an Rún atá le cealú nó le leasú, agus ina luafar téarmaí na tairisceana atá le déanamh; ach ní cheadófar, go ceann sé mhí ón dáta a glacadh le haon Rún den sórt sin, aon tairiscint a chur ar Riar na hOibre chun é a chealú nó a leasú, mura bhfaighfear aontú i scríbhinn ó chúig chomhalta is fiche ar a laghad nó ón séú cuid de chomhaltas Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta i gcás Rúin de chuid an Choiste.

Srianta le díospóireacht: athrá na cainte céanna agus trácht roimh ré.

56. (1) Ní dhéanfaidh comhalta ar bith atrácht ar cheist a bhí faoi thrácht cheana taobh istigh de na sé mhí roimhe sin.

(2) D'ainneoin mhír (1), beidh de rogha ag an gCeann Comhairle tréimhse is giorra ná sé mhí a chur i bhfeidhm i gcás an ghnó a shonraítear thíos de réir an chleachtais bhunaithe:

(a) míniú pearsanta ag comhalta, tar éis fógra a thabhairt don Cheann Comhairle agus le cead an Cheann Comhairle [B.O. 44];

(b) tairiscint mhuiníne as an Taoiseach agus/nó an Rialtas nó comhalta den Rialtas; agus

(c) tairiscint á ordú don Cheann Comhairle a ordú do Chléireach na Dála a Eascaire nó a hEascaire a chur amach chun comhalta a thoghadh chun aon fholúntas a tharlóidh ó am go ham a líonadh. [B.O. 170(1)].

(3) Ní thráchtfaidh comhalta ar bith roimh ré ar aon ní a mbeidh fógra tugtha ina thaobh: Ach, nuair a bheidh an Ceann Comhairle á chinneadh cé acu atá, nó nach bhfuil, trácht ar aon ní as ordú ar an ábhar gur trácht roimh ré é, tabharfaidh sé nó sí aird ar an gcosúlacht atá ann go ndéanfar an ní ar a dtráchtar roimh ré a thabhairt faoi bhráid na Dála taobh istigh d'aimsir réasúnta.

(4) Ní bhainfidh an Buan-Ordú seo le Buan-Choistí, Roghchoistí nó Coistí Speisialta.

STANDING ORDERS

53. Every amendment must be relevant to the motion to which it is proposed, and must be directed to omitting, adding, or substituting words. No amendment, which is equivalent to a direct negative, shall be accepted.

Relevancy and form of amendments.

54. When the question on a motion or an amendment has been put from the Chair, no further debate thereon shall be allowed.

Debate not allowed after question put.

55. A motion to rescind or amend a Resolution, other than a Resolution relating to an adjournment of the Dáil or to Standing Orders, can only be made on notice that shall specify the Resolution to be rescinded or amended, and furnish the terms of the motion to be made; but no motion shall be allowed to appear on the Order Paper to rescind or amend any such Resolution, within six months from the date of its adoption, except with the written assent of not less than twenty-five members or one-sixth of the membership of a Standing, Select or Special Committee in the case of a Resolution of the Committee.

Amending or rescinding Resolution.

56. (1) No member shall re-open a discussion on a question already discussed during the preceding six months.

Restrictions on debate: repetition and anticipation.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Ceann Comhairle shall have discretion to apply a shorter period than six months to the business specified below in accordance with established practice:

- (a) a personal explanation made by a member, following notice given to the Ceann Comhairle and by permission of the Ceann Comhairle [S.O. 44];
- (b) a motion of confidence in the Taoiseach and/or the Government or a member of the Government; and
- (c) a motion directing the Ceann Comhairle to direct the Clerk of the Dáil to issue his or her Writ for the election of a member to fill any vacancy that may occur from time to time [S.O. 170(1)].

(3) No member shall anticipate the discussion of any subject of which notice has been given: Provided that in determining whether a discussion is out of order on the ground of anticipation, regard shall be had by the Ceann Comhairle to the probability of the matter anticipated being brought before the Dáil within a reasonable time.

(4) This Standing Order shall not apply to Standing, Select or Special Committees.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

Díospóireacht: nithe atá *sub judice*.

57. Faoi réir i gcónaí cheart Dháil Éireann reachtaíocht a achtú faoi aon ní (agus aon treoirlínte a bheidh tarraingthe suas ag an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí ó am go ham), mura mbeidh bac air thairis sin faoi na Buan-Orduithe, ní choiscfear ar chomhalta aon ní a bhfuil tábhacht ghinearálta phoiblí ag baint leis a ardú sa Dáil, fiú amháin i gcás ina mbeidh imeachtaí dlí tionscanta: Ar choinníoll—

(1) go mbeidh baint shoiléir ag an ní a ardófar le beartas poiblí;

(2) nach bhféadfar ní a ardú i gcás ina mbaineann sé le cás ina mbeidh fógra seirbheáilte agus a bheidh le héisteacht os comhair giúiré nó a bheidh á éisteacht an tráth sin os comhair giúiré;

(3) nach n-ardófar ní ar shlí chomh follasach sin is gur dealraitheach go bhfuil iarracht á déanamh ag an Dáil luí isteach ar fheidhmeanna na gCúirteanna nó Binse Bhreithiúnaigh;

(4) nach bhféadfaidh comhaltaí nithe a ardú ar mhodh substainteach (i.e. trí Cheist Pharlaiminte, ní a ardú faoi Bhuan-Ordú 21, tairiscint etc.) ach amháin i gcás inar gá fógra cuí a thabhairt ina leith; agus

(5) nuair a bheidh cead tugtha ní a ardú, go mbeidh dualgas ar chomhaltaí i gcónaí gan tuairimí a thabhairt, más féidir in aon chor, arbh é an éifeacht a d'fhéadfadh a bheith leo ná dochar a dhéanamh do thoradh imeachtaí.

Caint nach mbaineann le hábhar, nó athrá na cainte céanna.

58. Aon chomhalta a leanfaidh de bheith ag déanamh cainte nach mbaineann le hábhar díospóireachta nó de bheith ag athrá na cainte céanna, nó ar dóigh leis an gCeann Comhairle gur chun gnó a thoirmeasc atá sé nó sí ag labhairt, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle a ordú dó nó di éirí as a óráid nó as a hóráid, tar éis iompar an chomhalta a chur in iúl don Dáil nó don Choiste.

Pribhléid: caint de chineál clúmhillteach.

59. (1) Ní dhéanfaidh comhalta caint de chineál clúmhillteach agus i gcás ina ndéanfaidh comhalta caint den sórt sin, d'fhéadfadh sé gur mí-úsáid phribhléide *prima facie* é, ach sin faoi réir fhorálacha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo.

(2) (a) Más léir cineál clúmhillteach na cainte an tráth a dhéantar í le linn na n-imeachtaí, ordóidh an Ceann Comhairle go ndéanfar an chaint a tharraingt siar gan cháilíocht.

(b) Má dhiúltaíonn an comhalta an chaint a tharraingt siar gan cháilíocht, pléifidh an Ceann Comhairle leis an ní sin mar mhí-ord: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh an comhalta a éileamh go gcuirfí an ní faoi bhráid an Choiste um Nós Imeachta agus

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57. Subject always to the right of Dáil Éireann to legislate on any matter (and any guidelines which may be drawn up by the Committee on Procedure and Privileges from time to time), and unless otherwise precluded under Standing Orders, a member shall not be prevented from raising in the Dáil any matter of general public importance, even where court proceedings have been initiated: Provided that—

Debate: matters *sub judice*.

(1) the matter raised shall be clearly related to public policy;

(2) a matter may not be raised where it relates to a case where notice has been served and which is to be heard before a jury or is then being heard before a jury;

(3) a matter shall not be raised in such an overt manner so that it appears to be an attempt by the Dáil to encroach on the functions of the Courts or a Judicial Tribunal;

(4) members may only raise matters in a substantive manner (i.e. by way of Parliamentary Question, matter raised under Standing Order 21, motion, etc.) where due notice is required; and

(5) when permission to raise a matter has been granted, there will continue to be an onus on members to avoid, if at all possible, comment which might in effect prejudice the outcome of proceedings.

58. A member who persists in irrelevance or repetition in debate, or who, in the opinion of the Ceann Comhairle, is speaking for the purpose of obstructing business, may be directed by the Ceann Comhairle to discontinue his or her speech after the attention of the Dáil or of the Committee has been called to his or her conduct.

Irrelevance or repetition.

59. (1) A member shall not make an utterance in the nature of being defamatory and where a member makes such an utterance it may be *prima facie* an abuse of privilege, subject to the provisions of this Standing Order.

Privilege: utterances in the nature of being defamatory.

(2) (a) If the defamatory nature of the utterance is apparent at the time it was made during the course of proceedings, the Ceann Comhairle shall direct that the utterance be withdrawn without qualification.

(b) If the member refuses to withdraw the utterance without qualification the Ceann Comhairle shall treat the matter as one of disorder: Provided that the member may claim that the matter be referred to the Committee on Procedure and Privileges in

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Pribhléidí agus sa chás sin ní dhéanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle aon ghníomh eile faoin ní sin ag an bpointe sin.

(3) Mura rud é gur léir cineál clúmhillteach na cainte an tráth sin le linn na n-imeachtaí, agus a luaithe is féidir ina dhiaidh sin ach tráth nach déanaí ná dhá sheachtain tar éis an chaint a dhéanamh—

(a) go n-ardóidh comhalta an mhí-úsáid líomhnaithe phribhléide trína iarraidh go mbreithneodh an Ceann Comhairle í nó go lorgóidh comhalta í a chur go díreach faoi bhráid an Choiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí trí thairiscint, nó

(b) go ndéanfaidh duine a mbeidh tagairt déanta dó nó di as a ainm nó as a hainm, nó ar shlí ar furasta an duine sin a aithint, sa Dáil, aighneacht i scríbhinn chuig an gCeann Comhairle—

(i) lena n-éileoidh sé nó sí go ndearnadh dochar don duine le caint de chineál clúmhillteach de réir bhrí an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo,

(ii) ina leagfar amach na cúiseanna atá ag an duine chun a éileamh go raibh an caint sin de chineál clúmhillteach agus gur mí-úsáid phribhléide í an caint sin *prima facie*,

(iii) lena n-iarrfaidh sé nó sí go gcumasófar don duine freagra iomchuí a chorprú sa taifead parlaiminte,

más deimhin leis an gCeann Comhairle—

(c) gur léir iarraidh an chomhalta nó ábhar na haighneachta a bheith de chineál chomh mionchúiseach sin, nó gur léir an aighneacht a bheith de chineál chomh suaibhreasach, cráiteach nó maslach sin a d'fhágfadh nárbh iomchuí aon ghníomh eile a dhéanamh ná aon bhreithniú a dhéanamh air sa Choiste, nó

(d) nach mbeidh sé indéanta don Choiste iarraidh an chomhalta nó an aighneacht a bhreithniú faoin mBuan-Ordú seo, nó

(e) ag cur san áireamh iomláine an taifid parlaiminte (ar a n-áirítear aon fhrisnéis ag comhaltaí eile ar an gcaint lena mbaineann), nár tharla, *prima facie*, aon mhí-úsáid phribhléide,

féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle a chinneadh nach ndéanfar aon ghníomh maidir le hiarraidh an chomhalta nó leis an aighneacht.

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which case no further action shall be taken thereon by the Ceann Comhairle at that point.

(3) If the defamatory nature of the utterance is not apparent at the time during the course of proceedings and at the earliest opportunity but not later than two weeks after the making of the utterance—

(a) the alleged abuse of privilege is raised by a member with a request that it be considered by the Ceann Comhairle or referral to the Committee on Procedure and Privileges directly is sought by a member by way of motion, or

(b) where a person who has been referred to by name, or in such a way as to be readily identifiable, in the Dáil, makes a submission in writing to the Ceann Comhairle—

(i) claiming that the person has been adversely affected by the making of an utterance in the nature of being defamatory within the meaning of this Standing Order,

(ii) setting out the reasons why the person claims the said utterance was in the nature of being defamatory and why the said utterance *prima facie* constitutes an abuse of privilege,

(iii) requesting that the person be able to incorporate an appropriate response in the parliamentary record,

if the Ceann Comhairle is satisfied that—

(c) the member's request or the subject of the submission is so obviously trivial or the submission so frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character as to make it inappropriate that further action be taken or that it be considered by the Committee, or

(d) it is not practicable for the Committee to consider the member's request or the submission under this Standing Order, or

(e) taking into account the totality of the parliamentary record (including any rebuttal of the utterance concerned by other members), *prima facie* no abuse of privilege has occurred,

the Ceann Comhairle may decide that no action shall be taken in respect of the member's request or the submission.

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In aon chás eile, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle—

- (i) ceangal a chur ar an gcomhalta a rinne an chaint míniú pearsanta a thabhairt don Teach arb é is éifeacht dó ná an chaint a rinneadh a tharraingt siar gan cháilíocht, nó soiléiriú a thabhairt ar shlí eile ar na himthosca ar dá mbarr a rinneadh an chaint, de réir mar a mheasfar a bheith iomchuí, ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh an comhalta a éileamh go gcuirfean an ní faoi bhráid an Choiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí agus, sa chás sin, ní dhéanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle aon ghníomh eile faoin ní sin ag an bpointe sin, nó
- (ii) iarraidh an chomhalta nó an aighneacht a chur faoi bhráid an Choiste.

(4) I gcás a ndéanfar an iarraidh nó an aighneacht a chur faoi bhráid an Choiste—

- (a) féadfaidh an Coiste a chinneadh nach ndéanfaidh sé an iarraidh nó an aighneacht a bheidh curtha faoina bhráid faoin mBuan-Ordú seo a bhreithniú más dóigh leis an gCoiste nach bhfuil ábhar na hiarrata nó na haighneachta de chineál tromchúiseach go leor nó go bhfuil sé de chineál suaibhreasach, cráiteach nó maslach, agus déanfar cinneadh den sórt sin a thuairisciú don Dáil;
- (b) má chinneann an Coiste iarraidh nó aighneacht a bhreithniú faoin mBuan-Ordú seo—
 - (i) féadfaidh an Coiste cuireadh a thabhairt don chomhalta a rinne an chaint agus do cibé comhaltaí eile a mheasfaidh an Coiste a bheith iomchuí láithriú os comhair an Choiste chun a chás nó a chás a chur,
 - (ii) le linn breithniú a dhéanamh ar iarraidh nó ar aighneacht agus tuairisciú a dhéanamh don Dáil, ní dhéanfaidh an Coiste aon bhreithniú ar fhírinne aon ráiteas a bheidh déanta sa Dáil ná ar fhírinne na haighneachta ná ní thabharfaidh sé breithiúnas ar na nithe sin;
- (c) beidh de rogha ag an gCoiste aighneacht a bheidh curtha faoina bhráid faoin mBuan-Ordú seo nó a chuid imeachtaí i ndáil leis an aighneacht sin a fhoilsiú, agus féadfaidh sé miontuairiscí ar a chuid imeachtaí agus an aighneacht sin go léir nó cuid di a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála.

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In any other case the Ceann Comhairle may—

- (i) require the member who made the utterance to make a personal explanation to the House in effect to withdraw without qualification the utterance made or to clarify otherwise the circumstances that gave rise to the utterance as may be deemed appropriate, provided that the member may claim that the matter be referred to the Committee on Procedure and Privileges in which case no further action shall be taken thereon by the Ceann Comhairle at that point, or
- (ii) refer the member's request or the submission to the Committee.

(4) Where the request or submission is referred to the Committee—

- (a) the Committee may decide not to consider the request or submission referred to it under this Standing Order if the Committee considers that the subject of the request or submission is not sufficiently serious or is frivolous, vexatious or offensive in character, and such a decision shall be reported to the Dáil;
- (b) if the Committee decides to consider a request or submission under this Standing Order—
 - (i) the Committee may invite the member who made the utterance and such other members as the Committee may deem appropriate to appear before the Committee to put his or her case,
 - (ii) in considering a request or submission and reporting to the Dáil the Committee shall not consider or judge the truth of any statements made in the Dáil or of the submission;
- (c) the Committee shall have discretion to publish a submission referred to it under this Standing Order or its proceedings in relation to such a submission, and may lay minutes of its proceedings and all or part of such submission before the Dáil.

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(5) In aon tuarascáil a thabharfaidh sé don Dáil faoi iarraidh nó aighneacht faoin mBuan-Ordú seo, féadfaidh an Coiste aon cheann de na moltaí seo a leanas a dhéanamh:

- (a) nár tharla, *prima facie*, aon mhí-úsáid phribhléide agus nach ndéanfaidh an Dáil nó an Coiste aon ghníomh eile i ndáil leis an aighneacht; nó
- (b) má chinneann an Coiste go bhfuil comhalta tar éis caint de chineál clúmhillteach a dhéanamh agus gur tharla, *prima facie*, mí-úsáid phribhléide—
 - (i) go bhfoilseofar freagra ón duine a mbeidh an aighneacht déanta aige nó aici, i dtéarmaí a bheidh sonraithe sa tuarascáil, tar éis dul i gcomhairle leis an duine sin, sa Tuairisc Oifigiúil nó go leagfar faoi bhráid na Dála é nó go ndéanfar é a thaifeadadh i cibé slí a mheasfaidh an Coiste a bheith iomchuí, nó
 - (ii) go gceanglófar ar an gcomhalta a rinne an chaint míniú pearsanta a thabhairt don Teach arb é is eifeacht dó ná an chaint a rinneadh a tharraingt siar gan cháilíocht nó soiléiriú a thabhairt ar shlí eile ar na himthosca ar dá mbarr a rinneadh an chaint sin, de réir mar a mheasfar a bheith iomchuí: Ar choinníoll, má dhiúltaíonn an comhalta míniú pearsanta a thabhairt de bhun an mholta sin, go ndéanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle i dtosach gnó an chéad lá suí ina dhiaidh sin nó a luaithe agus a bheidh deis chaoithiúil ann, agus an comhalta i láthair, an comhalta a iomardú ina áit nó ina háit.

(6) Beidh tacaíocht trí cheathrú de na comhaltaí a bheidh i láthair agus a dhéanfaidh vótáil ag teastáil i gcomhair aon chinnidh a ghlacfaidh an Coiste faoi mhír (5)(b) den Bhuan-Ordú seo.

(7) D'ainneoin fhorálacha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo (ach amháin forálacha mhír (6), a mbeidh feidhm acu i gcónaí), féadfaidh an Coiste, tar éis dó iarraidh nó aighneacht a bhreithniú faoin mBuan-Ordú seo, moltaí a dhéanamh a measfaidh sé gá a bheith leo ar mhaithe le gach duine lena mbaineann.

(8) Maidir le doiciméad a leagfar faoi bhráid na Dála faoin mBuan-Ordú seo—

- (a) i gcás freagra ó dhuine a mbeidh aighneacht déanta aige nó aici, beidh an doiciméad gonta agus beidh dlúthbhaint aige leis na saincheisteanna a bheidh i dtrácht agus ní bheidh aon ní de chineál maslach ann; agus

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(5) In any report which it may make to the Dáil on a request or submission under this Standing Order, the Committee may make any of the following recommendations:

- (a) that *prima facie* no abuse of privilege has occurred and that no further action be taken by the Dáil or by the Committee in relation to the submission; or
- (b) if the Committee decides that a member has made an utterance in the nature of being defamatory and that *prima facie* an abuse of privilege has occurred—
 - (i) that a response by the person who made the submission, in terms specified in the report, following consultation with such person, be published in the Official Report or be laid before the Dáil or recorded in such a manner as may be deemed appropriate by the Committee, or
 - (ii) that the member who made the utterance be required to make a personal explanation to the House in effect to withdraw without qualification the utterance made or to clarify otherwise the circumstances that gave rise to the utterance as may be deemed appropriate: Provided that, if the member refuses to make a personal explanation on foot of such recommendation, the Ceann Comhairle shall at the commencement of business on the next sitting day, or at the earliest convenient opportunity, on which the member is present, reprimand the member in his or her place.

(6) Any decision taken by the Committee under paragraph (5)(b) of this Standing Order shall require the support of three-quarters of the members present and voting.

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Standing Order (save the provisions of paragraph (6), which shall continue to apply), the Committee, following consideration of a request or submission under this Standing Order, may make such recommendations as appear to it to be required in the interests of all concerned.

(8) A document laid before the Dáil under this Standing Order—

- (a) in the case of a response by a person who made a submission, shall be succinct and strictly relevant to the questions at issue and shall not contain anything offensive in character; and

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(b) ní bheidh aon rud ann arbh é ab éifeacht dá fhoilsiú—

- (i) dochar nó díobháil míréasúnta a dhéanamh do dhuine, nó cur isteach go míréasúnta ar phríobháideacht duine, sa tslí dá dtagraítear i mír (11) den Bhuan-Ordú seo,
- (ii) cur go míréasúnta le cibé dochar, díobháil nó cur isteach ar phríobháideacht a bheidh bainte de dhuine nó na nithe sin a fhorthromú go míréasúnta.

(9) Le linn dó nó di ní a bhreithniú faoin mBuan-Ordú seo, cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle nó an Coiste, de réir mar a bheidh, an méid seo a leanas san áireamh:

- (a) an ndearna an comhalta, a rinne an chaint, ar bhealach freagrach í, an de mheon macánta a rinne sé nó sí í, agus ar chinntigh sé nó sí, a mhéid ab fhéidir, go raibh bonn maith faoin gcaint lenar caitheadh anuas ar dhuine,
- (b) iomláine an taifid pharlaiminte, ar a n-áirítear aon fhrisnéis ag comhaltaí eile ar an gcaint lena mbaineann,
- (c) gur thug an comhalta sin míniú pearsanta arbh é ab éifeacht dó ná cineál clúmhillteach na cainte a tharraingt siar, agus
- (d) a mhéid —
 - (i) a bhí ábhar na cainte ar eolas ag an bpobal trí bhíthin tuariscithe sna meáin; nó
 - (ii) a bhí leithscéal réasúnta nó eile ag an gcomhalta as an gcaint a dhéanamh.

(10) D'ainneoin fhorálacha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo—

- (a) aon chomhalta a mheasfaidh gurb é leas an phobail é caint a dhéanamh a d'fhéadfaí a fhorléiriú mar chaint de chineál clúmhillteach, féadfaidh sé nó sí réamhfhógra príobháideach a thabhairt don Cheann Comhairle go bhfuil sé i gceist aige nó aici caint den sórt sin a dhéanamh agus na cúiseanna atá léi; agus déanfar an fógra sin a chur san áireamh le linn feidhmiú fhorálacha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo a bheith á bhreithniú,
- (b) féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle am ar bith, dá thoil nó dá toil féin, caint de chineál clúmhillteach a chur faoi bhráid an Choiste.

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(b) shall not contain any matter the publication of which would have the effect of—

- (i) unreasonably adversely affecting or injuring a person, or unreasonably invading a person's privacy, in the manner referred to in paragraph (11) of this Standing Order,
- (ii) unreasonably adding to or aggravating any such adverse effect, injury or invasion of privacy suffered by a person.

(9) In considering a matter under this Standing Order the Ceann Comhairle or the Committee, as the case may be, shall take into account the following:

- (a) whether the member who made the utterance did so in a responsible manner, acted in good faith, and ensured, as far as is practicable, that the utterance reflecting adversely on a person was soundly based,
- (b) the totality of the parliamentary record, including any rebuttal of the utterance concerned by other members,
- (c) that the said member made a personal explanation in effect to withdraw the defamatory nature of the utterance, and
- (d) the extent to which—
 - (i) the substance of the utterance was already in the public domain by way of reports in the media; or
 - (ii) the member had reasonable excuse or otherwise for making the utterance.

(10) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Standing Order—

- (a) any member who considers that it is in the public interest for him or her to make an utterance which could be construed as being in the nature of defamatory, may give prior private notice to the Ceann Comhairle of his or her intention to make such an utterance and the reasons therefor; and such notice shall be taken into account in the consideration of the application of the provisions of this Standing Order,
- (b) the Ceann Comhairle may at any time on his or her own volition refer an utterance in the nature of being defamatory to the Committee.

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(11) Chun críocha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo—

Ciallóidh “caint de chineál clúmhillteach” caint a d’fhéadfaí, i dtuairim an Cheann Comhairle nó an Choiste, a fhorléiriú mar chaint chlúmhillteach dá ndéanfaí í ar bhealach eile seachas i rith imeachtaí parlaiminte agus ar caint í a dhéantar ar shlí ina mbeidh duine dá dtagraítear as a ainm nó as a hainm nó ar bhealach arbh fhurasta é nó í a aithint thíos leis ina cháil nó ina cáil nó ina bhaint nó ina baint nó ina phlé nó ina plé le daoine eile, nó go ndéantar dochar don duine ina shlí/slí bheatha, ina cheird/ceird, ina oifig/hoifig nó ina chreidmheas/creidmheas airgeadais, nó go mbeidh cur isteach míréasúnta déanta ar phríobháideacht an duine de bhíthin na tagartha a rinneadh dó nó di;

Ciallóidh “Coiste” Coiste na Dála um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí nó Fochoiste den Choiste sin;

Ciallóidh “imeachtaí” imeachtaí parlaiminte de chuid na Dála, Buan-Choiste Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta nó Fochoiste díobh sin.

Ord a choimeád sa Dáil agus i gCoistí.

60. Is é an Ceann Comhairle an breitheamh ar ord sa Dáil agus i gCoiste den Dáil uile agus tá údarás aige nó aici mí-ord a chosc agus iallach a chur ar chách géilleadh go tapaidh dá rialú. I mBuan-Choistí, i Roghchoistí nó i gCoistí Speisialta, is é an Cathaoirleach a choimeádfaidh ord, ach ní féidir mí-ord ná toirmeasc gnó i gCoistí a cháineadh ach amháin sa Dáil tar éis dí tuairisc air a fháil de réir Bhuan-Ordú 96(2).

Iompar mí-ordúil: caithfidh an comhalta imeacht as an Dáil.

61. (1) Ordóidh an Ceann Comhairle do chomhalta a bheidh á iompar nó á hiompar féin go han-mhí-ordúil imeacht as an Dáil láithreach agus fanacht aisti ar feadh an chuid eile de shuí an lae sin. Más rud é, áfach, gur dóigh leis an gCeann Comhairle, ar aon ócáid, nach leor na cumhachtaí a thugtar leis an mBuan-Ordú seo chun déileáil leis an gcion, féadfaidh sé nó sí, de réir an chéad Bhuan-Ordaithe ina dhiaidh seo, an comhalta sin a ainmniú mar gheall ar mhí-iompar, nó féadfaidh sé nó sí gloach ar an Dáil chun breith a thabhairt ar iompar an chomhalta. Comhaltaí a n-ordófar dóibh imeacht as an Dáil de bhun an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo, nó a chuirfear ar fionraí de bhun an chéad Bhuan-Ordaithe ina dhiaidh seo, imeoidh siad láithreach ó mhaighin na Dála.

(2) Ní fhéadfar comhalta a ainmniú ná ní fhéadfar gloach ar an Dáil chun breith a thabhairt ar a iompar nó ar a hiompar ach amháin nuair a bheidh an Ceann Comhairle i gceannas.

Comhalta a chur ar fionraí.

62. (1) Má ainmníonn an Ceann Comhairle aon chomhalta díreach tar éis dó nó di neamhaird a thabhairt ar údarás na Cathaoirleach, ansin, más sa Dáil, nó i gCoiste den Dáil uile, a rinne an comhalta sin an cion, déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle an cheist a thairiscint agus a chur láithreach ar

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(11) For the purposes of this Standing Order—

An “utterance in the nature of being defamatory” shall mean an utterance which, in the opinion of the Ceann Comhairle or of the Committee, could be construed as being defamatory if made other than in the course of parliamentary proceedings whereby a person who has been referred to by name or in such a way as to be readily identifiable has been adversely affected in reputation or in respect of dealings or associations with others, or injured in occupation, trade, office or financial credit, or that the person’s privacy has been unreasonably invaded, by reason of that reference to the person;

“Committee” shall mean either the Dáil Committee on Procedure and Privileges or a sub-Committee thereof;

“Proceedings” shall mean parliamentary proceedings of the Dáil, a Standing, Select or Special Committee or a sub-Committee thereof.

60. The Ceann Comhairle is the judge of order in the Dáil and in Committee of the whole Dáil and has authority to suppress disorder and to enforce prompt obedience to his or her ruling. In Standing, Select or Special Committees order shall be maintained by the Chairman, but disorder or obstruction in Committees can be censured only in the Dáil on receiving a report in accordance with Standing Order 96(2).

Maintenance of order in Dáil and Committees.

61. (1) The Ceann Comhairle shall order a member whose conduct is grossly disorderly to withdraw immediately from the Dáil for the remainder of that day’s sitting. If, however, on any occasion the Ceann Comhairle deems that the powers conferred under this Standing Order are inadequate to deal with the offence, he or she may, in accordance with the next succeeding Standing Order, name such member for misconduct, or he or she may call on the Dáil to adjudge upon his or her conduct. Members ordered to withdraw in pursuance of this Standing Order, or who are suspended in pursuance of the next succeeding Standing Order, shall forthwith withdraw from the precincts of the Dáil.

Disorderly conduct: member to withdraw from Dáil.

(2) A member may be named or the Dáil called on to adjudge upon his or her conduct only when the Ceann Comhairle is in the Chair.

62. (1) Whenever any member shall have been named by the Ceann Comhairle immediately after the commission of the offence of disregarding the authority of the Chair, then, if the offence has been committed by such member in the Dáil, or in Committee of the whole Dáil, the Ceann

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thairiscint — agus ní cheadófar aon leasú, cur ar athló, ná díospóireacht — “Go gcuirfear (*ainm an chomhalta*) ar fionraí ó sheirbhís na Dála”; agus ar fhógairt an toraidh beidh an comhalta ar fionraí agus, más amhlaidh a bheidh, imeoidh sé nó sí láithreach as an Dáil: Ar choinníoll, ar bhonn eisceachtúil, go bhféadfar vótáil a éileamh ar an gceist agus, faoi réir mhír (3), déanfar an vótáil sin gan mhoill roimh Riar na hOibre an chéad lá eile chun suí ina dhiaidh sin agus beidh an comhalta i dteideal vóta a chaitheamh in aon vótáil den sórt sin: Ar choinníoll thairis sin, go bhféadfar éileamh ar vótáil faoin mír seo a tharraingt siar aon tráth suas le 30 nóiméad roimh an Ord Gnó an chéad lá eile chun suí, ar fhógra i scríbhinn a fháil ag an gCeann Comhairle ón gcomhalta a cuireadh ar fionraí nó ón gcomhalta a d’éiligh an vótáil, agus cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle in iúl don Dáil amhlaidh ag an am a bheidh ceaptha chun an vótáil sin a dhéanamh, agus air sin beidh dearbhú an Cheann Comhairle ina chinneadh de chuid an Tí.

(2) Má dhéantar feasta aon chomhalta a chur ar fionraí faoin mBuan-Ordú seo, beidh sé nó sí ar fionraí ar an gcéad ócáid go dtí an dara lá, ar an dara hócáid go dtí an ceathrú lá, agus ar an tríú hócáid nó ar aon ócáid ina dhiaidh sin go dtí an t-ochtú lá, ar a suífidh an Dáil tar éis an lae a cuireadh ar fionraí é nó í.

(3) Déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, ar scríbhinn aiféala lena mbeifear sásta agus a bheidh le cur ar Chín Lae Imeachtaí na Dála, a fháil ón gcomhalta a bheidh curtha ar fionraí amhlaidh—

(a) an scríbhinn sin a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála, agus

(b) an tairiscint a dhéanamh roimh Riar na hOibre an chéad lá eile chun suí, gan fógra, leasú, cur ar athló ná díospóireacht, agus cuirfidh sé nó sí láithreach an cheist chun an tOrdú fionraíochta a chur ar ceal, agus leis sin, ar fhógairt an toraidh, beidh an tOrdú ar ceal agus ligfear an comhalta ar ais: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfar, ar bhonn eisceachtúil, vótáil a éileamh faoin gceist agus go ndéanfar an vótáil sin láithreach.

(4) Ní dhéanfaidh an fhionraí ó sheirbhís na Dála an comhalta a bheidh curtha ar fionraí amhlaidh a shaoradh ó fhónamh ar Bhuan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta den Dáil chun ar ceapadh é nó í sular cuireadh ar fionraí é nó í.

An Dáil a chur ar athló nó an suí a chur ar fionraí i gcás mí-oird mhóir.

63. I gcás mí-oird mhóir, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle an Dáil a chur ar athló gan an cheist a chur, nó aon suí a chur ar fionraí go ceann tréimhse a luafaidh sé nó sí.

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Comhairle shall move and forthwith put the question on a motion — no amendment, adjournment or debate being allowed — “That (*naming the member*) be suspended from the service of the Dáil”; and on the declaration of the result the member may stand suspended and, if so, shall withdraw from the Dáil forthwith: Provided, on an exceptional basis, a division may be claimed on the question and, subject to paragraph (3), shall take place immediately before the Order of Business the next sitting day thereafter and the member shall be entitled to vote in any such division: Provided further, that a claim for a division under this paragraph may be withdrawn at any time up to 30 minutes before the Order of Business the next sitting day, upon the receipt by the Ceann Comhairle of written notice from either the suspended member or the member who claimed the division, and the Ceann Comhairle shall so inform the Dáil at the time appointed for the taking of such division, whereupon the declaration of the Ceann Comhairle shall stand as a decision of the House.

(2) If any member hereafter be suspended under this Standing Order, his or her suspension on the first occasion shall continue until the second day, on the second occasion until the fourth day, and on the third or any subsequent occasion until the eighth day, on which the Dáil shall sit after the day on which he or she was suspended.

(3) The Ceann Comhairle on receiving from the member so suspended a written and approved expression of regret, to be entered in the Journal of the Proceedings of the Dáil, shall—

(a) lay the same before the Dáil, and

(b) move the motion without notice, amendment, adjournment or debate before the Order of Business the next sitting day, and forthwith put the question for the discharge of the Order of suspension, whereupon, on the declaration of the result, the Order shall be discharged, and the member re-admitted: Provided on an exceptional basis a division may be claimed on the question and shall take place forthwith.

(4) The suspension from the service of the Dáil shall not exempt the member so suspended from serving on a Standing, Select or Special Committee of the Dáil to which he or she may have been appointed previous to his or her suspension.

63. In the case of great disorder, the Ceann Comhairle may adjourn the Dáil without question put, or suspend any sitting for a time to be named by him or her.

Adjournment of Dáil or suspension of sitting in case of great disorder.

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Tagairtí do chomhaltaí.

64. Nuair a bheifear ag tagairt do chomhaltaí den Dáil, beidh feidhm ag na rialacha seo a leanas—

(a) Tagrófar (de réir mar is cuí sa chás) do chomhalta den Rialtas mar seo, an Taoiseach, an Tánaiste, nó Aire/an tAire; agus tagrófar d’Aire Stáit mar seo, an tAire Stáit ag.....

(b) Tagrófar do chomhalta príobháideach den Dáil mar seo, an Teachta.....

An Nós imeachta a bhaineann le Breitheamh a Chur as Oifig.

65. (1) Aon tairiscint (a dtabharfar “tairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1” mar thuirisc uirthi anseo ina dhiaidh seo) a chuirfear ar Riar na hOibre aon lá á éileamh Breitheamh a chur as oifig de dheasca mí-iompair nó míthreorach a luafar, de réir bhrí Airteagal 35.4.1 den Bhunreacht (nó, de réir mar a bheidh, de bhun alt 39 den Acht Cúirteanna Breithiúnais 1924 nó alt 20 den Acht Cúirteanna Breithiúnais (An Chúirt Dúiche) 1946), luafar inti na nithe ar dá réir a mhaíonn tairgtheoir na tairisceana sin gur ceart an Breitheamh arb é nó í is ábhar don tairiscint a chur as oifig de dheasca mí-iompair a luafar nó go bhfuil sé nó sí faoi mhíthreoir.

(2) I gcás ina ndéanfar tairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1 den sórt sin a chur ar Riar na hOibre aon lá, féadfaidh an Dáil an tairiscint sin a dhiúltú, nó ar thairiscint a dhéanfar chun an díospóireacht a chur ar athló féadfaidh an Dáil, trí thairiscint, Roghchoiste a cheapadh chun fianaise a ghlacadh i leith na tairisceana Airteagal 35.4.1 a dúradh, ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh an Roghchoiste aon chinntí fforais ná nach ndéanfaidh sé aon mholtaí i leith an chéanna ná nach léireoidh sé aon tuairimí i leith an chéanna.

(3) I gcás nach ndéanfaidh an Dáil Roghchoiste a cheapadh sa tslí dá bhforáiltear i mír (2) den Bhuan-Ordú seo laistigh de chúig lá suí ón tráth a chuirfear aon tairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1 ar Riar na hOibre, titfidh an tairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1 sin ar lár.

(4) Maidir leis an tairiscint lena gceapfar an Roghchoiste, déanfar téarmaí tagartha an Choiste a lua inti, míneofar inti na cumhachtaí a chineachtar chuige agus socrófar léi an líon comhaltaí a fhónfaidh air.

(5) Déanfaidh an Roghchoiste, gach tráth, aird chuí a thabhairt ar na príonsabail bhunreacht a bhaineann le cothroime bhunúsach nósanna imeachta agus ar riachtanais an cheartais aiceanta agus bunreacht.

(6) Déanfaidh an Roghchoiste gach beart lena chinntiú go ndéantar taifead cuí dá chuid imeachtaí.

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64. In making references to members of the Dáil, the following rules shall apply— References to members.

(a) A member of the Government shall (as the case may require) be referred to as the Taoiseach, the Tánaiste, or the Minister for and a Minister of State shall be referred to as the Minister of State at

(b) A private member of the Dáil shall be referred to as Deputy

65. (1) Any motion (hereafter described as “an Article 35.4.1 motion”) put on the Order Paper for any day calling for the removal of a Judge for stated misbehaviour or incapacity within the meaning of Article 35.4.1 of the Constitution (or, as the case may be, pursuant to section 39 of the Courts of Justice Act 1924 or section 20 of the Courts of Justice (District Court) Act 1946), shall state the matters upon which it is contended by the proposer of the said motion that the Judge who is the subject matter of the motion should be removed for stated misbehaviour or that he or she is incapacitated. Procedure relating to removal of Judge.

(2) Where such an Article 35.4.1 motion is put on the Order Paper for any day, the Dáil may either reject the said motion, or on a motion made to adjourn the debate may by motion appoint a Select Committee to take evidence in respect of the aforesaid Article 35.4.1 motion, provided that the Select Committee shall make no findings of fact nor make any recommendations in respect of same or express any opinions in respect of same.

(3) Where the Dáil does not appoint a Select Committee in the manner provided for in paragraph (2) of this Standing Order within five sitting days of any Article 35.4.1 motion being placed on the Order Paper, the said Article 35.4.1 motion shall lapse.

(4) The motion appointing the Select Committee shall state the terms of reference of the Committee, define the powers devolved upon it and fix the number of members to serve on it.

(5) The Select Committee shall at all times have due regard to the constitutional principles of basic fairness of procedures and the requirements of natural and constitutional justice.

(6) The Select Committee shall take all steps to ensure that an appropriate record is taken of its proceedings.

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(7) Déanfar imeachtaí an Roghchoiste a éisteacht go príobháideach ach amháin a mhéid a ordóidh an Coiste a mhalairt tar éis iarraidh a fháil chuige sin ó Bhreitheamh arb é nó í is ábhar do thairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1.

(8) Tar éis a chuid imeachtaí a chríochnú, déanfaidh an Roghchoiste tuarascáil ar na himeachtaí sin, mar aon le scríbhinní agus ábhar clos-amhairc cuí, a thabhairt don Dáil. Ar choinníoll go ndéanfaidh an Coiste a thuarascáil a chur chuig Cléireach na Dála ar dtús agus déanfaidh Cléireach na Dála socrú sa chéad ásc chun an tuarascáil a scaipeadh ar chomhaltaí na Dála agus a chur chuig an mBreitheamh arb é nó í is ábhar do thairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1. Ar choinníoll thairis sin go bhféadfaidh an Dáil, dá éis sin, a ordú go ndéanfar an tuarascáil a fhoilsiú agus a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála.

(9) Tar éis don Dáil an tuarascáil sin a fháil, féadfaidh sí, le hordú, socrú a dhéanamh le haghaidh na díospóireachta ar an tairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1 sin agus beidh na nithe seo a leanas san áireamh ann:

- fógra cuí faoi thógáil na díospóireachta atá le hatógáil ar cibé cuid den tairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1 á éileamh an Breitheamh lena mbaineann a chur as oifig;
- gach Comhalta do thabhairt urraim chuí do na prionsabail bhunreachta a bhaineann le nósanna imeachta cothroma;
- ceart a bheith ag an mBreitheamh agus ag a ionadaithe dlíthiúla nó a hionadaithe dlíthiúla chun éisteacht a fháil roimh aon vóta ar an tairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1 sin;
- cibé rialacha speisialta nós imeachta a mheasfar is cuí.

(10) Ní bheidh feidhm ag Buan-Ordú 59 i leith tairisceana Airteagal 35.4.1 agus ní ardófar ábhar tairisceana Airteagal 35.4.1 sa Dáil ach amháin mar a fhoráiltear a mhalairt leis an mBuan-Ordú seo.

(11) Ach amháin mar a fhoráiltear a mhalairt sa Bhuan-Ordú seo, ní bheidh feidhm ag Buan-Ordúithe 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 88, 90, 92, 93, 95, 104 ná 171(1) maidir le Roghchoiste arna cheapadh faoin mBuan-Ordú seo. Ar choinníoll, áfach, go mbeidh feidhm ag Buan-Ordú 104 más rud é go ndéanfaidh an Coiste, tar éis iarraidh a fháil chuige sin ón mBreitheamh arb é nó í is ábhar do thairiscint Airteagal 35.4.1, a chinneadh a chuid imeachtaí a sheoladh go poiblí de réir mhír (7) den Bhuan-Ordú seo.

(12) Maidir le Roghchoiste arna cheapadh faoin mBuan-Ordú seo, déanfar, le comhthoilíú Sheanad Éireann, é a chomhcheangal, le hordú ón Dáil, lena shamhail de Roghchoiste de chuid an tSeanaid arna cheapadh chun a fheidhmeanna a chomhlíonadh i leith tairisceana comhfhreagraí

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(7) The proceedings of the Select Committee shall be heard in private save insofar as otherwise directed by the Committee following a request in that behalf by a Judge who is the subject of an Article 35.4.1 motion.

(8) Following the completion of its proceedings, the Select Committee shall furnish a report of those proceedings to the Dáil, together with appropriate transcripts and associated audio-visual material. Provided that the Committee shall first send its report to the Clerk of the Dáil, who shall arrange in the first instance for the report to be circulated to the members of the Dáil and to the Judge who is the subject matter of an Article 35.4.1 motion. Provided further that the Dáil may subsequently order that the report be published and laid before the Dáil.

(9) Following receipt of the said report, the Dáil may by order make provision for the debate on the said Article 35.4.1 motion which shall include:

- due notice of the taking of the debate to be resumed on such part of the Article 35.4.1 motion calling for the removal of the Judge in question;
- due observance by each Member of the constitutional principles of fair procedures;
- the right of the Judge and his or her legal representatives to be heard prior to any vote on the said Article 35.4.1 motion;
- such special rules of procedure as may be deemed appropriate.

(10) Standing Order 59 shall not apply in respect of an Article 35.4.1 motion and the subject matter of an Article 35.4.1 motion shall not be raised in the Dáil save as otherwise provided by this Standing Order.

(11) Save as otherwise provided for in this Standing Order, Standing Orders 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 88, 90, 92, 93, 95, 104 and 171(1) shall not apply to a Select Committee appointed under this Standing Order. Provided, however, that if the Committee decides following a request in that behalf by the Judge, who is the subject matter of an Article 35.4.1 motion, to have its proceedings in public in accordance with paragraph (7) of this Standing Order, Standing Order 104 shall apply.

(12) A Select Committee appointed under this Standing Order shall, with the concurrence of Seanad Éireann, be joined by order of the Dáil with a similar Select Committee of that House appointed to perform its functions in respect of a corresponding Article 35.4.1 motion moved in that House in

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Airteagal 35.4.1 a thairgfear sa Teach sin i leith an Bhreithimh chéanna. Ar choinníoll gur comhalta de Dháil Éireann Cathaoirleach na Roghchoistí arna gcomhcheangal amhlaidh.

CLABHSÚR DÍOSPÓIREACHTA

An clabhsúr.

66. (1) Tar éis ceist (nach ceist ar coisceadh díospóireacht uirthi cheana faoi na Buan-Orduithe) a thairiscint ón gCathaoir, sa Dáil, i gCoiste den Dáil uile nó i mBuan-Choiste, i Roghchoiste nó i gCoiste Speisialta, féadfaidh comhalta cead a éileamh chun a thairiscint, “Go gcuirfear an cheist anois”, agus mura rud é go bhfeicfear don Ceann Comhairle, don Leas-Ceann Comhairle nó, i gcás Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta, don Chathaoirleach gur sárú ar chearta mionlaigh a leithéid sin de thairiscint, nó nach leor an plé a rinneadh ar an gceist, nó gur mí-úsáid, i slí eile, ar na Buan-Orduithe seo an tairiscint, cuirfear láithreach an cheist, “Go gcuirfear an cheist anois”, agus cinnfear í gan leasú ná díospóireacht.

(2) Nuair a bheidh glactha le tairiscint, “Go gcuirfear an cheist anois”, agus a bheifear tar éis an cheist lenar bhain sí a chinneadh, féadfar aon tairiscint eile a dhéanamh (má bhíonn an Ceann Comhairle, an Leas-Ceann Comhairle nó, i gcás Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta, an Cathaoirleach gan a chead nó a cead a dhiúltú, mar a dúradh) is gá chun aon cheist a chinneadh a tairgeadh cheana ón gCathaoir, agus cuirfear an tairiscint sin láithreach, agus cinnfear í gan leasú ná díospóireacht.

(3) Ar choinníoll i gcónaí nach bhféadfaidh aon chomhalta cead a éileamh chun a thairiscint “Go gcuirfear an cheist anois” mura mbeidh an Ceann Comhairle, an Leas-Ceann Comhairle nó, i gcás Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta, an Cathaoirleach i gceannas.

COMHALTAÍ DEN SEANAD A BHEITH I LÁTHAIR

Comhaltaí den Rialtas nó Airí Stáit ar comhaltaí den Seanad iad.

67. Féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit atá ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta den Seanad bheith i láthair agus éisteacht a fháil sa Dáil. [*Féach Airteagal 28.8 den Bhunreacht*].

VÓTÁLACHA

Vótáil a éileamh.

68. (1) Nuair a bheidh aon cheist le cur chun na Dála, nó chun Coiste den Dáil uile, éireoidh an Ceann Comhairle agus déarfaidh sé nó sí, “Is í an cheist í go”, agus ansin léifidh sé nó sí nó luafaidh sé nó sí an cheist, agus iarrfaidh ar na comhaltaí atá ar an tuairim sin “Tá” a rá, agus ar na

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respect of the same Judge. Provided that the Chairman of the Select Committees so joined shall be a member of Dáil Éireann.

CLOSURE OF DEBATE

66. (1) After a question (except a question already barred from debate under the Standing Orders) has been proposed from the Chair either in the Dáil, in a Committee of the whole Dáil, or in a Standing, Select or Special Committee, a member may claim to move, “That the question be now put”, and unless it shall appear to the Ceann Comhairle, the Leas-Cheann Comhairle or, in the case of a Standing, Select or Special Committee, the Chairman that such a motion is an infringement of the rights of a minority, or that the question has not been adequately discussed, or that the motion is otherwise an abuse of these Standing Orders, the question, “That the question be now put”, shall be put forthwith, and decided without amendment or debate. Closure.

(2) When a motion “That the question be now put”, has been carried, and the question consequent thereon has been decided, any further motion may be made (the assent of the Ceann Comhairle, the Leas-Cheann Comhairle or, in the case of a Standing, Select or Special Committee, the Chairman, as aforesaid, not having been withheld), which may be requisite to bring to a decision any question already proposed from the Chair, and such motion shall be put forthwith, and decided without amendment or debate.

(3) Provided always that no member may claim to move “That the question be now put” unless the Ceann Comhairle, the Leas-Cheann Comhairle or, in the case of a Standing, Select or Special Committee, the Chairman is in the Chair.

ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS OF SEANAD

67. A member of the Government or a Minister of State who is a member of the Seanad may attend and be heard in the Dáil. [*See Article 28.8 of the Constitution*]. Members of Government or Ministers of State who are members of the Seanad.

DIVISIONS

68. (1) When any question is to be put to the Dáil or to a Committee of the whole Dáil, the Ceann Comhairle shall rise and announce that “The question is that”, thereupon reading or stating the question, requiring that as many as are of that opinion shall say “Tá”, and as many as are of contrary Divisions may be demanded.

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comhaltaí atá ar a mhalairt de thuairim “Níl” a rá. De réir na bhfreagraí a thabharfar, measfaidh sé nó sí toradh na ceiste a chur, agus fógróidh sé nó sí cad é an toradh é, dar leis nó léi.

(2) Tar éis don Cheann Comhairle a fhógairt cad é an toradh a bhí, dar leis nó léi, ar aon cheist a chur, féadfaidh comhalta ar bith a easaontaíonn vótáil a éileamh ar an gceist sin, agus air sin déanfar vótáil, faoi réir Bhuan-Orduithe 70 agus 71.

Bualadh na gclog vótála agus an t-am chun glas a chur ar na doirse.

69. Nuair a éileofar vótáil, cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle faoi deara na cloig vótála a bhualadh aon uair amháin ar feadh seal nach lú ná ceithre nóiméad, agus cuirfear an glas ar na doirse chomh luath, i ndiaidh seal nach lú ná ceithre nóiméad, agus a ordóidh sé nó sí é: Ach—

- (i) i gcás go ndéanfar an cheist ar éilíodh an vótáil uirthi a chur láithreach tar éis an toradh ar vótáil roimhe sin a fhógairt, is é trí nóiméad ar a laghad agus dhá nóiméad ar a laghad faoi seach fad na tréimhse a mbeidh na cloig vótála á mbualadh lena linn agus fad an tseala idir na cloig a bhualadh agus an glas a chur ar na doirse, agus
- (ii) i gcás gur comhalta nach comhalta de ghrúpa arna shainmhíniú i mBuan-Ordú 116 (1) a d'éiligh an vótáil, is é dhá nóiméad ar a laghad fad an tseala idir na cloig a bhualadh agus an glas a chur ar na doirse.

Vótálacha.

70. Nuair a bheidh an glas curtha ar na doirse, agus gach aon duine imithe as na pasáistí vótála, ordóidh an Ceann Comhairle don Dáil nó don Choiste den Dáil uile, vótáil a dhéanamh, agus ceapfaidh sé nó sí beirt áiritheoir arna n-ainmniú go cuí do gach taobh: Ach, tar éis seal nach lú ná ceithre nóiméad nó dhá nóiméad, de réir mar a bheidh, mar a fhoráiltear i mBuan-Ordú 69, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle an cheist a chur arís, agus a fhógairt athuair cad é an toradh a bhí, dar leis nó léi, ar an gceist a chur, agus ní dhéanfar vótáil mura gcuirfear an t-athfhógra sin in amhras: Ar choinníoll, fairis sin, i gcás nach mbeidh áiritheoirí ainmnithe ag taobh amháin, go bhfógróidh an Ceann Comhairle cinneadh na Dála nó an Choiste i bhfabhar an taoibh eile: Ar choinníoll i gcónaí, más dóigh leis an gCeann Comhairle nach gá vótáil, go bhféadfaidh sé nó sí, tar éis seal nach lú ná na ceithre nóiméad nó an dá nóiméad sin, de réir mar a bheidh, a iarraidh ar na comhaltaí atá ag éileamh na vótála éirí ina n-áiteanna. Mura n-éireoidh deichniúr comhalta ar a laghad amhlaidh, fógróidh sé nó sí láithreach cinneadh na Dála nó an Choiste, agus cuirfear ar Chín Lae Imeachtaí na Dála ainmneacha na gcomhaltaí easaontacha a d'éirigh amhlaidh.

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opinion shall say “Níl”. He or she shall judge from the answers to his or her questions, and declare the result, in his or her opinion, of the putting of the question.

(2) After the Ceann Comhairle shall have declared the result, in his or her opinion, of the putting of any question, any member who dissents may demand a division upon that question, whereupon a division shall, subject to Standing Orders 70 and 71, be taken.

69. When a division is demanded the Ceann Comhairle shall cause the division bells to be rung once for a period of not less than four minutes, and the doors shall be locked so soon after the lapse of not less than four minutes as he or she shall direct: Provided that—

Division bells rung
and time for locking
doors.

(i) where the question on which the division has been demanded is put immediately after the result of an earlier division has been declared, the period for which the division bells are rung and the interval between the ringing of the bells and the locking of the doors shall be not less than three minutes and not less than two minutes respectively, and

(ii) where the division has been demanded by a member who is not a member of a group as defined in Standing Order 116 (1), the interval between the ringing of the bells and the locking of the doors shall be not less than two minutes.

70. When the doors have been locked, and the division lobbies have been cleared, the Ceann Comhairle shall order the Dáil or Committee of the whole Dáil to divide, and shall appoint two duly nominated tellers for each side: Provided that after the lapse of not less than four or two minutes, as the case may be, as provided in Standing Order 69, the Ceann Comhairle may again put the question and declare afresh the result, in his or her opinion, of the putting of the question, and a division shall take place only if such fresh declaration is challenged: Provided further that, where tellers are not nominated by one side, the Ceann Comhairle shall declare the determination of the Dáil or Committee in favour of the other side: Provided always that the Ceann Comhairle may, after the lapse of not less than the said four or two minutes, as the case may be, if in his or her opinion a division is unnecessary, call upon the members who claim the division to rise in their places. If fewer than ten members so rise, he or she shall forthwith declare the determination of the Dáil or Committee, and the names of the members who so rise shall be recorded as dissenting in the Journal of the Proceedings of the Dáil.

Divisions.

Vótálacha a dhéanamh trí mheán leictreonach.

71. (1) Mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt, féadfar vótálacha sa Dáil a dhéanamh trí mheán leictreonach ach amháin i gcás vótálacha ar aon cheann de na nithe seo a leanas:

- (a) an Ceann Comhairle a thoghadh,
- (b) an Taoiseach agus comhaltaí an Rialtais a ainmniú,
- (c) tairiscint mhuiníne sa Rialtas.

(2) I gcás go gcuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle in iúl don Dáil aon tráth nach féidir vótálacha a dhéanamh trí mheán leictreonach nó nach bhféadfar brath ar an toradh nó i gcás, ar aon chúis eile, gur dóigh leis nó léflár chóir vótálacha a dhéanamh amhlaidh, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle a ordú don Dáil vótáil a dhéanamh nó vótáil a dhéanamh arís, de réir mar a bheidh, ar an gceist, cibé acu trí mheán leictreonach nó ar shlí eile, de réir mar is cuí leis nó léi sna himthosca, nó féadfaidh sé nó sí tógáil na vótála a chur siar go dtí cibé tráth ina dhiaidh sin a ordóidh sé nó sí.

(3) Ar thoradh vótála arna déanamh trí mheán leictreonach a bheith fógartha ag an gCeann Comhairle, féadfaidh aon chomhalta a éileamh—

- (a) go ndéanfar an vótáil arís trí mheán leictreonach, nó
- (b) go ndéanfar an vótáil arís ar shlí seachas trí mheán leictreonach,

agus, mura áiritheoir arna ainmniú nó arna hainmniú chun críocha na vótála sin an comhalta a éilíonn amhlaidh, glaofaídh an Ceann Comhairle ar na comhaltaí atá ag tacú leis an éileamh éirí ina n-áiteanna agus

- (i) mura n-éireoidh fiche comhalta ar a laghad amhlaidh, fógróidh an Ceann Comhairle láithreach cinneadh na Dála nó cinneadh an Choiste den Dáil uile, agus cuirfear ar Chín Lae Imeachtaí na Dála ainmneacha na gcomhaltaí easaontacha a d'éirigh amhlaidh,
- (ii) má éiríonn fiche comhalta ar a laghad amhlaidh nó más áiritheoir arna ainmniú nó arna hainmniú chun críocha na vótála sin an comhalta a éilíonn amhlaidh, ordóidh an Ceann Comhairle don Dáil vótáil a dhéanamh arís ar an gceist sa tslí inar éilíodh amhlaidh.

(4) Maidir le vótálacha trí mheán leictreonach, i gcás go ndéanfar an cheist ar éilíodh vótáil uirthi a chur láithreach tar éis an toradh ar vótáil roimhe sin a fhógairt, is é dhá nóiméad ar a laghad agus nóiméad amháin ar a laghad faoi seach fad na tréimhse a mbeidh na cloig vótála á mbualadh lena linn agus fad an tseala idir na cloig a bhualadh agus an glas a chur ar na doirse.

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71. (1) Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, divisions in the Dáil may be conducted by electronic means save in the case of divisions on any of the following matters: Divisions: Conduct of by electronic means.

- (a) election of Ceann Comhairle,
- (b) nomination of the Taoiseach and members of the Government,
- (c) motion of confidence in the Government.

(2) Where the Ceann Comhairle informs the Dáil at any time that it is not possible to conduct divisions by electronic means or that the result may be unreliable or where, for any other reason, he or she considers that divisions should not be so conducted, the Ceann Comhairle may order the Dáil to divide or to divide again, as the case may be, on the question, whether by electronic means or otherwise, as he or she considers appropriate in the circumstances, or may postpone the taking of the division to such later time as he or she shall direct.

(3) On the announcement by the Ceann Comhairle of the result of a division which has been taken by electronic means, any member may demand—

- (a) that the division be taken again by electronic means, or
- (b) that the division be taken again otherwise than by electronic means,

and the Ceann Comhairle shall, unless the member who so demands is a teller nominated for the purposes of that division, call upon the members who support the demand to rise in their places and

- (i) if fewer than twenty members so rise, the Ceann Comhairle shall forthwith declare the determination of the Dáil or Committee of the whole Dáil, and the names of the members who so rise shall be recorded as dissenting in the Journal of the Proceedings of the Dáil,
- (ii) if twenty or more members so rise or if the member who so demands is a teller nominated for the purposes of that division, the Ceann Comhairle shall order the Dáil to divide again on the question in the manner so demanded.

(4) In respect of divisions by electronic means, where the question on which a division has been demanded is put immediately after the result of an earlier division has been declared, the period for which the division bells are rung and the interval between the ringing of the bells and the locking of the doors shall be not less than two minutes and not less than one minute respectively.

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An vótáil a chur ar atráth i gcás bearta slándála speisialta a bheith i bhfeidhm.

72. Déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, más rud é, le linn imeachtaí faoi Bhuan-Orduithe 69, 70 agus 71, i gcás aon vótála, gur deimhin leis nó léi gur cuireadh bac ar chomhaltaí an Seomra a shroicheadh mar is gnách mar gheall ar bhearta slándála speisialta a bheith i bhfeidhm i dTeach Laighean, na himeachtaí sin a stopadh agus tógáil na vótála sin a chur ar atráth go dtí cibé uair nó dáta ina dhiaidh sin a ordóidh sé nó sí.

Toradh na vótála a fhógairt.

73. Ar chríochnú an chomhairimh, síneoidh na háiritheoirí páipéar vótála agus sínfear é chuig an gCeann Comhairle, agus craolfaidh seisean nó sise na huimhreacha agus fógróidh an cinneadh. Athosclófar na doirse ansin.

Neamhréireachtaí maidir le vótálacha nó toirmeasc ar vótálacha.

74. Más rud é, le linn imeachtaí faoi Bhuan-Orduithe 69, 70, 71 agus 73, gur deimhin leis an gCeann Comhairle—

- (i) gur tharla neamhréireacht nár réitigh na háiritheoirí, féadfaidh sé nó sí a ordú go dtógfar an vótáil athuair (mura rud é gur deimhin leis nó léi nach ndéanann an neamhréireacht difear ábhartha do na huimhreacha a bheidh taifeadta sa vótáil agus sa chás sin fógróidh sé nó sí cinneadh na Dála nó an Choiste); nó féadfaidh sé nó sí an fógra nó tógáil na vótála a chur siar go cibé uair nó dáta ina dhiaidh sin a ordóidh sé nó sí;
- (ii) gur cuireadh toirmeasc ar thógáil na vótála agus go ndiúltaíonn áiritheoirí taoibh amháin, gan cúis mhaith, Buan-Ordú 73 a chomhlíonadh, féadfaidh sé nó sí cinneadh na Dála nó an Choiste a fhógairt i bhfabhar an taoibh eile nó an fógra a chur siar go cibé uair nó dáta ina dhiaidh sin a ordóidh sé nó sí.

Vóta cinniúna.

75. Taobh amuigh de chás dá bhforáiltear a mhalairt leis an mBunreacht, is é slí ina gcinnfear ceisteanna sa Dáil nó i gCoiste den Dáil uile ná le tromlach vótaí na gcomhaltaí a bheidh i láthair agus a dhéanfaidh vótáil, ach gan an Ceann Comhairle, nó an comhalta a bheidh i gceannas, a áireamh, agus beidh vóta cinniúna aige nó aici sin nach foláir dó nó di a thabhairt más ionann líon na vótaí ar an dá thaobh [*Féach Airteagal 15.11 den Bhunreacht*].

COISTÍ

Dul i gCoiste.

76. Rachaidh an Dáil i gCoiste aon uair a shroichfear gnó ar Riar na hOibre a bheidh le breithniú i gCoiste.

An córam i gCoiste den Dáil uile.

77. Is é is córam i gCoiste den Dáil uile ná an líon céanna comhaltaí is gá chun córam den Dáil a dhéanamh. [*Féach B.O. 19.*]

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72. If, in the course of proceedings under Standing Orders 69, 70 and 71, in the case of any division, the Ceann Comhairle is satisfied that normal access by members to the Chamber has been impeded by the implementation of special security measures at Leinster House, he or she shall interrupt such proceedings and shall postpone the taking of such division to such later time or date as he or she shall direct.

Postponement of taking of division in case of special security measures.

73. On the completion of the count, the tellers shall sign a division paper which shall be handed to the Ceann Comhairle who shall announce the numbers and declare the decision. The doors shall then be re-opened.

Declaration of result of division.

74. If, in the course of proceedings under Standing Orders 69, 70, 71 and 73, the Ceann Comhairle is satisfied that—

Irregularities in, or obstruction of, divisions.

(i) an irregularity has occurred which has not been resolved by the tellers, he or she may order that the division be taken afresh (unless he or she is satisfied that the irregularity does not materially affect the numbers recorded in the division whereupon he or she shall declare the determination of the Dáil or the Committee); or he or she may postpone the declaration or the taking of the division to such later time or date as he or she shall direct;

(ii) the taking of the division has been obstructed and the tellers of one side refuse to comply with Standing Order 73 without good reason, he or she may declare the determination of the Dáil or the Committee in favour of the other side or postpone the declaration to such later time or date as he or she may direct.

75. Questions in the Dáil or in a Committee of the whole Dáil, shall, save as otherwise provided by the Constitution, be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting, other than the Ceann Comhairle, or presiding member, who shall have and exercise a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes [*See Article 15.11 of the Constitution*].

Casting vote.

COMMITTEES

76. The Dáil shall go into Committee whenever it reaches business on the Order Paper which is to be considered in Committee.

Going into Committee.

77. The quorum in Committee of the whole Dáil shall consist of the same number of members as shall be requisite to form a quorum of the Dáil. [*See S.O. 19.*]

Quorum in Committee of the whole Dáil.

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Easpa córaim i gCoiste den Dáil uile.

78. Más rud é le linn suí de Choiste den Dáil uile, ar ócáid seachas le linn Bille comhalta phríobháidigh a bheith faoi bhreithniú, go gcuirfidh comhalta in iúl don Chathaoir nach bhfuil córam i láthair, nó más léir sin ó thuirisc vótála, buailfear na cloig vótála ar feadh seal nach lú ná trí nóiméad agus más rud é, i gceann seal nach lú ná trí nóiméad, go mbeifear fós gan chóram, athchromfaidh an Dáil ar a gnó agus tuairisceofar nach raibh córam i láthair. I gceann seal nach lú ná trí nóiméad, comhairfidh an Ceann Comhairle an Dáil (tar éis bhualadh na gclog), agus má bhítear fós gan chóram cuirfidh sé nó sí an suí ar fionraí go dtí uair is déanaí ná sin agus a luafaidh sé nó sí, nó cuirfidh sé nó sí an Dáil ar athló go dtí an chéad lá eile chun suí gan ceist a chur; agus ní mheasfar aon chinneadh a bheith déanta leis an vótáil sin; agus déanfar an t-am a cuireadh an Dáil ar athló amhlaidh, mar aon le hainmneacha na gcomhaltaí a bhí i láthair, a chur síos ar Chín Lae Imeachtaí na Dála; ach má bhíonn córam i láthair rachaidh an Dáil i gCoiste arís. [Féach B.O. 20.]

An nós imeachta i gCoiste.

79. (1) Bainfidh na rialacha i dtaobh nós imeachta sa Dáil leis an nós imeachta i gCoiste den Dáil uile, agus i mBuan-Choistí, i Roghchoistí nó i gCoistí Speisialta, ach amháin go bhféadfaidh comhalta labhairt níos mó ná uair amháin ar an gceist chéanna.

(2) Bainfidh na rialacha i dtaobh nós imeachta i Roghchoistí agus i mBuan-Choistí, de réir mar is cuí, le nós imeachta i gComhchoistí.

An chéad Chruinniú de Bhuan-Choiste, de Roghchoiste nó de Choiste

80. (1) Is é Cléireach an Choiste a chomórfaidh an chéad chruinniú de Bhuan-Choiste, de Roghchoiste nó de Choiste Speisialta mura mbeidh an Dáil tar éis a mhalairt a ordú.

Speisialta: cruinnithe a chur siar nó a thabhairt ar aghaidh.

(2) Féadfaidh Cathaoirleach Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta, le comhaontú dhá thrian ar a laghad de chomhaltaí an Choiste—

(a) cruinniú den Choiste a chomóradh le haghaidh dáta is luaithe ná an dáta a socraíodh ar an athló,

(b) cruinniú den Choiste a chur siar go dtí dáta nach déanaí ná trí seachtaine tar éis an dáta a socraíodh ar an athló.

Cruinnithe Coiste a Chur ar Fionraí.

81. Féadfar tairiscint go gcuirfear cruinniú de Bhuan-Choiste, de Roghchoiste nó de Choiste Speisialta ar fionraí go dtí tráth is déanaí an lá céanna a dhéanamh, le cead ó Chathaoirleach an Choiste, agus gan fógra. Ceapfar leis an tairiscint sin an tráth a atosóidh an cruinniú. Ní ghlacfar le haon tairiscint den sórt sin más dóigh le Cathaoirleach an Choiste í a bheith á déanamh chun moill nó toirmeasc a chur ar an ngnó.

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78. If during a sitting of a Committee of the whole Dáil, other than while a private member's Bill is under consideration, a member calls the attention of the Chair to the fact that a quorum is not present, or if on the report of a division such fact shall appear, the division bells shall be rung for a period of not less than three minutes, and if after an interval of not less than three minutes a quorum is still not present, the Dáil shall resume and a report shall be made that a quorum was not present. The Ceann Comhairle shall, at the expiration of not less than three minutes (the bells having been rung) count the Dáil, and if a quorum is still not present he or she shall suspend the sitting to a later hour to be named by him or her, or shall adjourn the Dáil without question put until the next sitting day; and no decision shall be considered to have been arrived at by such division; and the hour of such adjournment, as also the names of the members present, shall be entered in the Journal of the Proceedings of the Dáil; but if a quorum is present the Dáil shall again go into Committee. [See S.O. 20.]

Absence of a quorum in Committee of the whole Dáil.

79. (1) The rules as to procedure in the Dáil shall apply to procedure in Committee of the whole Dáil, and in Standing, Select or Special Committees, except that a member may speak more than once on the same question.

Procedure in Committees.

(2) The rules as to procedure in Select and Standing Committees shall apply, as appropriate, to procedure in Joint Committees.

80. (1) The first meeting of a Standing, Select or Special Committee shall be summoned by the Clerk to the Committee unless the Dáil has otherwise ordered.

First meeting of Standing, Select or Special Committee: postponement or bringing forward of meetings.

(2) The Chairman of a Standing, Select or Special Committee may, with the agreement of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Committee—

(a) summon a meeting of the Committee for a date earlier than that fixed on the adjournment,

(b) postpone a meeting of the Committee to a date not later than three weeks from that fixed on the adjournment.

81. A motion that a meeting of a Standing, Select or Special Committee be suspended until a later time on the same day may be made, by permission of the Chairman of the Committee, and without notice. Such motion shall fix the time of the resumption of the meeting. Any such motion which is deemed by the Chairman of the Committee to be dilatory or obstructive shall not be accepted.

Suspension of Committee Meetings.

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Scóip agus
Comhthéacs
Gníomhaíochtaí
Roghchoistí.

82. (1) Féadfaidh an Dáil Roghchoiste a cheapadh chun breithniú a dhéanamh agus, má cheadaítear sin, fianaise a ghlacadh ar aon Bhille, Meastachán nó ní, agus a thuairim a thuairisciú mar eolas agus mar chabhair don Dáil. Sa tairiscint sin, luafar go sonrath téarmaí tagartha an Choiste, míneofar na cumhachtaí a thugtar dó, socrófar an líon comhaltaí atá le fónamh air, luafar an córam agus féadfar dáta a cheapadh ar a ndéanfaidh an Coiste tuairisciú don Dáil.

(2) Beidh sé ina threoir do gach Roghchoiste—

- (a) nach bhféadfaidh sé ach na nithe sin a bhreithniú, gabháil do na gníomhaíochtaí sin, na cumhachtaí sin a fheidhmiú agus na feidhmeanna sin a urscaoileadh a údarófar go sonrath faoina orduithe tagartha agus faoi na Buan-Orduithe; agus
- (b) go mbainfidh na nithe, na gníomhaíochtaí, na cumhachtaí agus na feidhmeanna sin le hullmhú tuarascála don Dáil agus nach n-éireoidh siad ach i gcomhthéacs ullmhú tuarascála den sórt sin.

(3) Beidh sé ina threoir do gach Roghchoiste a gcuirtear Billí faoina mbráid go gcinnteoidh siad nach súfidh níos mó ná dhá Roghchoiste chun Bille a bhreithniú ar aon lá áirithe, mura rud é go ndéanfaidh an Dáil, tar éis do Chathaoirleach an Roghchoiste fógra cuí a thabhairt, an treoir sin a tharscaoileadh ar thairiscint arna déanamh ag an Taoiseach de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 26. Beidh Cathaoirligh Roghchoistí freagrath as an treoir sin a chomhlíonadh.

Cumhachtaí
Roghchoistí.

83. Gan dochar do ghinearáltacht Bhuan-Ordú 82, féadfaidh an Dáil aon cheann nó gach ceann de na cumhachtaí seo a leanas a thabhairt do Roghchoiste:

(1) an chumhacht fianaise béil agus fianaise scríofa a ghlacadh agus miontuairiscí ar an bhfianaise sin a ghlacadh go poiblí os comhair an Roghchoiste mar aon le haon doiciméid ghaolmhara is cuí leis an Roghchoiste, a chlóbhualadh agus a fhoilsiú ó am go ham;

(2) an chumhacht aighneachtaí scríofa ó dhaoine nó ó chomhlachtaí leasmhara a iarraidh agus ghlacadh leo;

(3) an chumhacht Fochoistí a cheapadh agus aon ní a chuimsítear lena orduithe tagartha a tharchur chuig na Fochoistí sin agus aon cheann dá chumhachtaí a tharmligean chun na bhFochoistí sin, lena n-áirítear an chumhacht tuairisciú go díreach don Dáil;

(4) an chumhacht moltaí a dhréachtú maidir le hathrú reachtaíochta agus maidir le reachtaíocht nua agus breithniú agus tuairisciú don Dáil ar cibé

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82. (1) The Dáil may appoint a Select Committee to consider and, if so permitted, to take evidence upon any Bill, Estimate or matter, and to report its opinion for the information and assistance of the Dáil. Such motion shall specifically state the orders of reference of the Committee, define the powers devolved upon it, fix the number of members to serve on it, state the quorum, and may appoint a date upon which the Committee shall report back to the Dáil.

Scope and Context
of Activities of
Select Committees.

(2) It shall be an instruction to each Select Committee that—

(a) it may only consider such matters, engage in such activities, exercise such powers and discharge such functions as are specifically authorised under its orders of reference and under Standing Orders; and

(b) such matters, activities, powers and functions shall be relevant to, and shall arise only in the context of, the preparation of a report to the Dáil.

(3) It shall be an instruction to all Select Committees to which Bills are referred that they shall ensure that not more than two Select Committees shall meet to consider a Bill on any given day, unless the Dáil, after due notice given by the Chairman of the Select Committee, waives this instruction on motion made by the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 26. The Chairmen of Select Committees shall have responsibility for compliance with this instruction.

83. Without prejudice to the generality of Standing Order 82, the Dáil may confer any or all of the following powers on a Select Committee:

Powers of Select
Committees.

(1) power to take oral and written evidence and to print and publish from time to time minutes of such evidence taken in public before the Select Committee together with such related documents as the Select Committee thinks fit;

(2) power to invite and accept written submissions from interested persons or bodies;

(3) power to appoint sub-Committees and to refer to such sub-Committees any matter comprehended by its orders of reference and to delegate any of its powers to such sub-Committees, including power to report directly to the Dáil;

(4) power to draft recommendations for legislative change and for new legislation and to consider and report to the Dáil on such proposals for EU

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tograí le haghaidh reachtaíocht AE a tharchuirfear chuige ó am go ham ag aon Choiste arna bhunú ag an Dáil (ag gníomhú dó i gcomhar leis an Seanad nó ar shlí eile) chun tograí den sórt sin a bhreithniú agus ar tugadh an chumhacht dó tograí den sórt sin a tharchur chuig Roghchoiste eile;

(5) an chumhacht ceangal a chur ar chomhalta den Rialtas nó ar Aire Stáit a bheith i láthair os comhair an Roghchoiste chun beartas a bhfuil sé nó sí freagrach ann go hoifigiúil a phlé: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit diúltú a bheith i láthair ar chúiseanna a shonrófar agus a thabharfar i scríbhinn don Roghchoiste, agus féadfaidh an Roghchoiste tuairisciú don Dáil ina leith sin: agus ar choinníoll fairis sin go bhféadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit a iarraidh a bheith i láthair ag cruinniú den Roghchoiste, lena chumasú dó nó di an beartas sin a phlé;

(6) an chumhacht ceangal a chur ar chomhalta den Rialtas nó ar Aire Stáit a bheith i láthair os comhair an Roghchoiste chun reachtaíocht bheartaithe phríomha nó thánaisteach a phlé (sula bhfoilseofar an reachtaíocht sin) a bhfuil sé nó sí freagrach inti go hoifigiúil: ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit diúltú a bheith i láthair ar chúiseanna a shonrófar agus a thabharfar i scríbhinn don Roghchoiste, agus féadfaidh an Roghchoiste tuairisciú don Dáil ina leith sin: agus ar choinníoll fairis sin go bhféadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit a iarraidh a bheith i láthair ag cruinniú den Roghchoiste, lena chumasú dó nó di an reachtaíocht bheartaithe sin a phlé;

(7) faoi réir aon srianta a bheidh forordaithe thairis sin le dlí, an chumhacht ceangal a chur ar shealbhóirí príomhoifigí i gcomhlachtaí sa Stát atá á maoiniú go páirteach nó go hiomlán ag an Stát nó atá bunaithe nó ceaptha ag comhaltaí den Rialtas nó ag an Oireachtas a bheith i láthair ag cruinnithe den Roghchoiste, de réir mar is cuí, chun saincheisteanna a phlé a bhfuil siad freagrach iontu go hoifigiúil: ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh sealbhóir oifige den sórt sin diúltú a bheith i láthair ar chúiseanna a shonrófar agus a thabharfar i scríbhinn don Roghchoiste, agus féadfaidh an Roghchoiste tuairisciú don Dáil ina leith sin;

(8) an chumhacht seirbhísí daoine ag a bhfuil saineolas nó eolas teicniúil a fhostú, faoi réir thoiliú Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais, chun cabhrú leis nó le haon cheann dá Fhochoistí nithe áirithe a bhreithniú; agus

(9) an chumhacht tabhairt faoi thaisteal—

(a) faoi réir cibé moltaí a dhéanfaidh an Gasra Oibre de Chathaoirligh Coistí faoi Bhuan-Ordú 100 (2)(a); agus

(b) faoi réir thoiliú Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais, agus gnáthnósanna imeachta cuntasáíochta.

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legislation as may be referred to it from time to time by any Committee established by the Dáil (whether acting jointly with the Seanad or otherwise) to consider such proposals and upon which has been conferred the power to refer such proposals to another Select Committee;

(5) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State shall attend before the Select Committee to discuss policy for which he or she is officially responsible: Provided that a member of the Government or Minister of State may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Dáil: and provided further that a member of the Government or Minister of State may request to attend a meeting of the Select Committee to enable him or her to discuss such policy;

(6) power to require that a member of the Government or Minister of State shall attend before the Select Committee to discuss proposed primary or secondary legislation (prior to such legislation being published) for which he or she is officially responsible: Provided that a member of the Government or Minister of State may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Dáil: and provided further that a member of the Government or Minister of State may request to attend a meeting of the Select Committee to enable him or her to discuss such proposed legislation;

(7) subject to any constraints otherwise prescribed by law, power to require that principal office holders in bodies in the State which are partly or wholly funded by the State or which are established or appointed by members of the Government or by the Oireachtas shall attend meetings of the Select Committee, as appropriate, to discuss issues for which they are officially responsible: Provided that such an office holder may decline to attend for stated reasons given in writing to the Select Committee, which may report thereon to the Dáil;

(8) power to engage, subject to the consent of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission, the services of persons with specialist or technical knowledge, to assist it or any of its sub-Committees in considering particular matters; and

(9) power to undertake travel, subject to—

(a) such recommendations as may be made by the Working Group of Committee Chairmen under Standing Order 100(2)(a); and

(b) the consent of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission, and normal accounting procedures.

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Comhchruinnithe de Roghchoistí.

84. Beidh de chumhacht ag gach Roghchoiste a iarraidh ar Roghchoiste eile go dtionólfar comhchruinniú den dá Choiste chun ní sonrath nó nithe sonracha comhghníomhaíochta a bhreithniú agus, i gcás aon chomhchruinnithe den sórt sin—

- (a) gníomhóidh Cathaoirleach an Choiste iarrthaigh mar Chathaoirleach agus, mura féidir don Chathaoirleach a bheith i láthair, beidh feidhm ag forálacha Bhuan-Ordú 90(2) agus (3);
- (b) beidh feidhm ag forálacha an dá Choiste i dtaobh córaim fara an modhnú go laghdófar gach córam den sórt sin de leath agus ansin go gcothromófar é suas go dtí an chéad slánuimhir eile is gaire; agus
- (c) ní bheidh feidhm ag orduithe tagartha an dá Choiste ach amháin a mhéid is orduithe iad a bhaineann leis an dá Choiste.

Cumhacht Roghchoiste chun a thuairim a thuairisciú, agus chun tuairisc speisialta a thabhairt.

85. Féadfaidh Roghchoiste, dár tugadh cumhacht chun fios a chur ar dhaoine, ar pháipéir, agus ar thaifid, a thuairimí agus a thagairtí, mar aon le miontuairiscí na fianaise a glacadh os a chomhair, a thuairisciú don Dáil, agus fós tuairisc speisialta a thabhairt ar nithe ar bith is cuí leis a chur faoi bhráid na Dála.

Tuarascálacha Roghchoistí a Chlóbhualadh agus a Fhoilsiú, Cláir Oibre agus Tuarascálacha Bliantúla Roghchoistí.

86. (1) Faoi réir mhír (2), déanfar gach tuarascáil a bheartóidh Roghchoiste a thabhairt, arna glacadh ag an Roghchoiste, a leagan faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann láithreach, mar aon le haon doiciméad a bhaineann leis an gcéanna a bheartaíonn an Roghchoiste a fhoilsiú, agus as a aithle sin beidh cumhacht ag an Roghchoiste an tuarascáil sin agus an doiciméad nó na doiciméid sin, de réir mar a bheidh, a chlóbhualadh agus a fhoilsiú: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh Roghchoiste cumhachtaí faoin mír seo a tharmligean go sainráite chun aon cheann dá Fhochoistí, i ndáil le tuarascálacha i gcoitinne nó i ndáil le tuarascáil ar leithligh.

(2) D'ainneoin ghinearáltacht mhír (1), measfar gurb ionann Cléireach na Dála d'fháil Teachtaireachta, de réir Bhuan-Ordú 87, agus an Roghchoiste do thabhairt tuarascála ar an mBille nó ar an Meastachán, de réir mar a bheidh.

(3) Faoi réir Bhuan-Ordú 99, déanfaidh gach Roghchoiste a nósanna imeachta, agus a ról i gcoitinne, a athbhreithniú go leanúnach, agus tabharfaidh sé tuarascáil faoi na nithe sin don Choiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí uair amháin ar a laghad gach bliain.

(4) A luaithe is féidir i ndiaidh a cheaptha agus uair in aghaidh na bliana ina dhiaidh sin, ullmhóidh gach Roghchoiste clár oibre agus leagfaidh sé an clár sin faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann.

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84. Each Select Committee shall have power to request of another Select Committee that a joint meeting of both Committees be held to consider a specific matter or matters of common activity and, in the case of any such joint meeting—

Joint Meetings of
Select Committees.

- (a) the Chairman of the requesting Committee shall act as Chairman and, in the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, the provisions of Standing Order 90(2) and (3) shall apply;
- (b) the quorum provisions of both Committees shall apply with the modification that each such quorum shall be halved and then rounded up to the next nearest whole number; and
- (c) the orders of reference of the two Committees shall apply only insofar as they are common to both.

85. A Select Committee, empowered to send for persons, papers, and records, may report its opinions and observations, together with the minutes of evidence taken before it, to the Dáil, and also make a special report of any matters which it may think fit to bring to the notice of the Dáil.

Power of a Select
Committee to report
opinion and make
special report.

86. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), every report which a Select Committee proposes to make shall, on adoption by the Select Committee, be laid before Dáil Éireann forthwith, together with any document relating thereto which the Select Committee proposes to publish, whereupon the Select Committee shall be empowered to print and publish such report and the said document or documents, as the case may be: Provided that a Select Committee may expressly delegate powers under this paragraph to any of its sub-Committees, in respect of reports generally or in respect of an individual report.

Printing and
Publication of Select
Committee Reports,
Work Programmes
and Annual Reports
of Select
Committees.

(2) Notwithstanding the generality of paragraph (1), the receipt by the Clerk of the Dáil of a Message, in accordance with Standing Order 87, shall be deemed to be the report of the Select Committee on the Bill or Estimate as the case may be.

(3) Subject to Standing Order 99, each Select Committee shall review its procedures, and its role generally, on an ongoing basis, and shall report at least once in each year to the Committee on Procedure and Privileges on these matters.

(4) As soon as may be following its appointment and thereafter at annual intervals, each Select Committee shall prepare a work programme and shall lay such programme before Dáil Éireann.

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(5) Déanfaidh gach Roghchoiste, ó am go ham de réir mar is cú leis an Roghchoiste, miontuairiscí ar a chuid imeachtaí a leagan faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann.

(6) I gcás—

(a) go mbeidh dáta ceaptha ag Dáil Éireann don Roghchoiste chun tuairisciú don Dáil agus gur mó ná bliain amháin an seal idir an dáta sin a cheapadh agus an dáta chun tuairisciú, nó

(b) nach mbeidh aon dáta ceaptha ag Dáil Éireann chun tuairisciú,

déanfaidh an Roghchoiste sin, ar chothrom dháta a cheaptha gach bliain tar éis bhliain an cheaptha sin, tuarascáil bhliantúil a thabhairt do Dháil Éireann ina mbeidh mionsonraí—

(i) faoin obair a bheidh curtha i gcrích ag an Roghchoiste, agus

(ii) faoin obair a bheidh ar siúl ag an Roghchoiste,

agus féadfar, má mheasann an Roghchoiste gur cú é, an tuarascáil i dtaobh a nósanna imeachta, agus i dtaobh a róil, (agus sa chás sin cuirfear cóip den tuarascáil bhliantúil ar aghaidh chuig an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí), an clár oibre agus miontuairiscí ar a chuid imeachtaí dá dtagraítear i míreanna (3), (4), agus (5) faoi seach den Bhuan-Ordú seo a bheith ar áireamh sa tuarascáil bhliantúil.

Teachtaireachtaí ó Roghchoistí i nDáil le Billí nó Meastacháin.

87. I gcás go mbeidh Roghchoiste tar éis a bhreithniú a chríochnú ar Bhille nó ar Mheastachán a bhí curtha faoina bhráid ag an Dáil, cuirfidh an Coiste Teachtaireacht á rá sin chuig an Dáil. Is i scríbhinn agus arna síniú ag Cléireach an Choiste a bheidh Teachtaireachtaí den sórt sin agus díreofar chuig Cleireach na Dála iad. Is é Cléireach na Dála a ghlacfaidh Teachtaireachtaí ó Roghchoistí. Cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle aon Teachtaireacht den sórt sin in iúl don Dáil a luaithe is caoithiúil [Féach freisin Buan-Orduithe 86(2) agus 128].

Díospóireacht ar thuarascálacha ó Choistí.

88. Más rud é go ndéanfaidh Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste, Coiste Speisialta nó Comhchoiste, de réir mar a bheidh, tuarascáil a thabhairt ina bhfuil iarraidh go ndéanfaidh an Dáil díospóireacht ar an tuarascáil, déanfar tairiscint go ndéanfaidh an Dáil an tuarascáil a thabhairt dá haire a chur ar Riar na hOibre a luaithe is indéanta tar éis don Choiste an tuarascáil a ghlacadh: Ar choinníoll go measfar aon tairiscint den sórt sin nach ndéanfar laistigh de thrí mhí ón dáta ar cuireadh ar Riar na hOibre i dtosach í a bheith tite ar lár.

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(5) Each Select Committee shall, from time to time as the Select Committee sees fit, lay minutes of its proceedings before Dáil Éireann.

(6) Where—

(a) Dáil Éireann has appointed a date upon which a Select Committee shall report back to the Dáil and the interval between the appointment of such date and the date for reporting back exceeds one year, or

(b) no date for reporting back has been appointed by Dáil Éireann,

such Select Committee shall, on the anniversary of its appointment in each year following the year of such appointment, make an annual report to Dáil Éireann which shall detail—

(i) the work carried out by the Select Committee, and

(ii) the work in progress by the Select Committee,

and may include, if the Select Committee deems appropriate, the report on its procedures and its role (in which case, a copy of the annual report shall be forwarded to the Committee on Procedure and Privileges), the work programme and minutes of proceedings referred to in paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) respectively of this Standing Order.

87. Where a Select Committee shall have completed its consideration of a Bill or Estimate referred to it by the Dáil, the Committee shall send a Message to this effect to the Dáil. Such Messages shall be in writing, signed by the Clerk to the Committee, and shall be addressed to the Clerk of the Dáil. Messages from Select Committees shall be received by the Clerk of the Dáil. The Ceann Comhairle shall, at the first convenient opportunity, communicate any such Message to the Dáil [See also Standing Orders 86(2) and 128].

Messages from
Select Committees
in relation to Bills or
Estimates.

88. Where a Standing, Select, Special or Joint Committee, as the case may be, makes a report containing a request that the report be debated by the Dáil, a motion to take note of the report shall, as soon as practicable after the adoption of the report by the Committee, be placed on the Order Paper: Provided that any such motion which is not moved within three months from the date on which it was first placed on the Order Paper shall be deemed to have lapsed.

Debating of reports
from Committees.

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Féadfar dáta a cheapadh don Choiste Speisialta chun tuairisciú don Dáil.

89. Déanfar, más gá sin, leis an Ordú ón Dáil ag cur Coiste Speisialta ar bun chun Bille a bhreithniú [B.O. 114 agus 122] dáta a cheapadh don Choiste chun tuairisciú don Dáil.

Cathaoirleach, leas-Chathaoirleach agus Cathaoirligh shealadacha a Thoghadh.

90. (1) Roimh thosú ar a ghnó dó, toghfaidh gach Coiste duine dá chomhaltaí chun bheith ina C(h)athaoirleach, agus ní bheidh aige nó aici sin ach aon vóta amháin. I gcás Comhchoistí, féadfaidh comhalta de cheachtar Teach a bheith ina C(h)athaoirleach.

(2) A luaithe is féidir tar éis Cathaoirleach a thoghadh, féadfaidh gach Coiste duine dá chomhaltaí a thoghadh chun bheith ina Leas-Chathaoirleach. Mura féidir don Chathaoirleach a bheith i láthair, déanfaidh an Leas-Chathaoirleach na dualgais a chomhlíonadh a chuirtear ar an gCathaoirleach leis na Buan-Orduithe, agus an t-údarás a fheidhmiú a thugtar dó nó di leis na Buan-Orduithe.

(3) I gcás nach féidir do Chathaoirleach Coiste (ná don Leas-Chathaoirleach má bhíonn sé nó sí ceaptha) a bheith i láthair, cromfaidh an Coiste láithreach ar dhuine dá chomhaltaí a bheidh i láthair a thoghadh chun na dualgais a chomhlíonadh a chuirtear ar an gCathaoirleach leis na Buan-Orduithe, agus an t-údarás a fheidhmiú a thugtar dó nó di leis na Buan-Orduithe, fad a bheidh an Cathaoirleach nó an Leas-Chathaoirleach as láthair amhlaidh.

Freagracht Cathaoirleach maidir le comhlíonadh rialacha.

91. Beidh freagracht ar Chathaoirleach gach Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta a áirithiú go gcomhlíonfaidh a Choiste nó a Coiste cibé rialacha, lena rialófar caiteachas a bheidh beartaithe, a chinnfidh Coimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais ó am go ham.

Comhaltas *Ex-Officio* de Roghchoistí, Ionadú iontu, agus Freastal orthu.

92. (1) An comhalta den Rialtas atá i mbun na Roinne lena mbaineann an dlí reachtúil a bheidh i dtrácht i mBille, nó i mbun Meastacháin i gcomhair Seirbhísí Poiblí, a bheidh curtha faoi bhráid Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta, beidh sé nó sí ina c(h)omhalta *ex officio* den Choiste sin (nó den Fhochoiste sin de réir mar is cuí) chun an Bille nó an Meastachán a bhreithniú: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh an comhalta sin den Rialtas comhalta eile den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit a ainmniú chun gníomhú ina ionad nó ina hionad féin chun na críche sin.

(2) I gcás comhalta a bheidh ainmnithe chun fónamh ar Roghchoiste nó ar Choiste Speisialta a bheith as láthair, féadfar ionadaí a ainmniú chun páirt a ghlacadh sna himeachtaí de réir na bhfhorálacha sin ina dhiaidh seo den mhír seo agus beidh sé nó sí i dteideal vótáil in ionad an chomhalta a bheidh as láthair agus tairiscintí a dhéanamh agus leasuithe a thairiscint ina ainm nó ina hainm féin:

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89. The Order of the Dáil setting up a Special Committee to consider a Bill [S.O.s 114 and 122] shall if necessary fix a date upon which the Committee shall report back to the Dáil.

Date may be fixed for reporting back by Special Committee.

90. (1) Every Committee shall, previous to the commencement of its business, elect one of its members to be Chairman, who shall have only one vote. In the case of Joint Committees, the Chairman may be a member of either House.

Election of Chairman, vice-Chairman and temporary Chairmen.

(2) As soon as may be following the election of Chairman, every Committee may elect one of its members to be vice-Chairman. In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman, the vice-Chairman shall perform the duties devolved upon, and exercise the authority conferred upon the Chairman by Standing Orders.

(3) Where the Chairman of a Committee (and the vice-Chairman, if appointed) is unavoidably absent, the Committee shall at once proceed to elect one of its members present to perform the duties devolved upon, and exercise the authority conferred upon, the Chairman by Standing Orders for the duration of such absence.

91. The Chairman of every Standing, Select or Special Committee shall have responsibility for ensuring compliance by his or her Committee with such rules governing proposed expenditure as may be determined from time to time by the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission.

Responsibility of Chairmen for compliance with rules.

92. (1) The member of the Government in charge of the Department the statute law in respect of which is dealt with in a Bill or in charge of an Estimate for Public Services which has been referred to a Select or Special Committee, shall be an *ex officio* member of that Committee (or sub-Committee as appropriate) for the purpose of consideration of the Bill or Estimate: Provided that such member of the Government may nominate another member of the Government or a Minister of State to act in his or her stead for that purpose.

Ex Officio Membership of, Substitution in, and Attendance at Select Committees.

(2) In the absence of a member nominated to serve on a Select or Special Committee, a substitute may be nominated to take part in the proceedings in accordance with the following provisions of this paragraph and shall be entitled to vote in the absent member's stead and to move motions and amendments in his or her own name:

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- (a) i gcás gur comhalta de pháirtí Rialtais an comhalta a bheidh as láthair, féadfaidh an páirtí sin ionadaí a ainmniú ó aon pháirtí Rialtais,
- (b) i gcás gur comhalta de pháirtí nó de ghrúpa (de réir bhrí Bhuan-Ordú 116) sa Fhreasúra an comhalta a bheidh as láthair, féadfaidh an páirtí nó an grúpa sin ionadaí a ainmniú ó aon pháirtí nó grúpa sa Fhreasúra,
- (c) i gcás nach comhalta de pháirtí nó de ghrúpa (de réir bhrí Bhuan-Ordú 116) an comhalta a bheidh as láthair, féadfaidh an comhalta sin comhalta eile nach comhalta de pháirtí nó de ghrúpa a ainmniú.

Chun críocha na mBuan-Orduithe seo, ciallóidh páirtí aon pháirtí ag a raibh beirt chomhalta ar a laghad a toghadh don Dáil san Olltoghchán roimhe sin nó, má bhí níos lú ná beirt aige, a ghnóthaigh an líon sin de thoradh corrthoghcháin ina dhiaidh sin. Scoirfidh páirtí de bheith ina pháirtí de réir bhrí an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo ar feadh aon tréimhse a dtitfidh a chomhaltas faoi bhun beirt chomhalta.

(3) Féadfaidh comhaltaí de Dháil Éireann, nach comhaltaí de Roghchoiste, a bheith i láthair agus páirt a ghlacadh in imeachtaí aon Roghchoiste nó Fochoiste gan ceart vótála a bheith acu ná an ceart tairiscintí a dhéanamh nó leasuithe a thairiscint.

Cruinnithe
Príobháideacha
Coistí.

93. (1) Faoi réir mhír (2) den Bhuan-Ordú seo, féadfaidh comhaltaí de Dháil Éireann cuairteoirí agus ionadaithe údaraithe Nuachtán a thabhairt isteach chuig cruinnithe de Bhuan-Choistí, de Roghchoistí nó de Choistí Speisialta.

(2) Féadfaidh Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta tráth ar bith, le hordú, teacht le chéile go príobháideach agus déanfar gach cuairteoir agus ionadaí údaraithe Nuachtán a dhúnadh amach as an Seomra fad a bheidh an t-ordú sin i bhfeidhm.

Vótáil a dhéanamh i
mBuan-Choistí, i
Roghchoistí nó i
gCoistí Speisialta:
comhionannas vótaí.

94. (1) Déanfar vótáil i mBuan-Choistí, i Roghchoistí nó i gCoistí Speisialta tríd an gCléireach a bheidh ag freastal ar an gCoiste do ghlaoch ainmneacha na gcomhaltaí agus, más ionann líon na vótaí ar an dá thaobh, cinnfear gur freagra diúltach a tugadh ar an gceist.

(2) Má éilítear vótáil i Roghchoiste nó i gCoiste Speisialta, cuirfear an glas ar na doirse agus déanfar an vótáil i ndiaidh seal ocht nóiméad nó a luaithe a bheidh comhaltaí uile an Choiste (nó na hionadaithe uile a bheidh ainmnithe go cuí, de réir mar a bheidh) i láthair, cibé acu is luaithe: ar choinníoll, i gcás go mbeifear tar éis vótáil a éileamh i Roghchoiste nó i gCoiste Speisialta agus go n-éileofar vótáil dá éis sin sa Dáil sula mbeidh cromtha ag an gCléireach a bheidh ag freastal ar an gCoiste ar an vótáil a

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- (a) where the absent member is a member of a Government party, that party may nominate a substitute from any Government party,
- (b) where the absent member is a member of an Opposition party or group (within the meaning of Standing Order 116), that party or group may nominate a substitute from any Opposition party or group,
- (c) where the absent member is not a member of a party or group (within the meaning of Standing Order 116), that member may nominate another member who is not a member of a party or group.

For the purposes of these Standing Orders, a party shall mean any party which had not less than two members elected to the Dáil at the previous General Election or which, if it had less than two, attained that number as a result of a subsequent bye-election. A party shall cease to be a party within the meaning of these Standing Orders for any period in which its membership falls below two members.

(3) Members of Dáil Éireann, not being members of a Select Committee, may attend and take part in proceedings of any Select Committee or sub-Committee without having a right to vote or to move motions and amendments.

93. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this Standing Order, visitors and authorised representatives of the Press may be introduced by members of Dáil Éireann to meetings of Standing, Select or Special Committees. Private Meetings of Committees.

(2) A Standing, Select or Special Committee may at any time, by order, meet in private and all visitors and authorised representatives of the Press shall be excluded for the duration of such order.

94. (1) Divisions in Standing, Select or Special Committees shall be taken by the Clerk attending the Committee calling the names of the members and, in the event of there being an equality of votes, the question shall be decided in the negative. Taking of divisions in Standing, Select or Special Committees: equality of votes.

(2) When a division is demanded in a Select or Special Committee, the doors shall be locked and the division taken after the lapse of eight minutes or as soon as all members of the Committee (or duly nominated substitutes, as the case may be) are present, whichever is the earlier: Provided that, where a division has been demanded in Select or Special Committee and a division is subsequently demanded in the Dáil before the Clerk attending the Committee has commenced taking the division by calling the names of

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dhéanamh trí ainmneacha chomhaltaí an Choiste a ghlaoch, go ndéanfar an vótáil sin i Roghchoiste nó i gCoiste Speisialta a chur siar go dtí tar éis chríochnú na vótála sa Dáil agus chríochnú aon vótálacha eile sa Dáil a éileofar láithreach dá éis sin, mura rud é go gcinnfidh an Coiste a mhalairt i dtosach an chruinnithe.

Easpa córaim i mBuan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó i gCoiste Speisialta.

95. (1) Más rud é, laistigh de sheal ceathrú uaire an chloig tar éis an ama a bheidh ceaptha le haghaidh an chruinnithe de Bhuan-Choiste, de Roghchoiste nó de Choiste Speisialta, nach mbeidh córam i láthair, beidh an Coiste ar athló agus déanfaidh an Cléireach a bheidh ag freastal ar an gCoiste, tar éis ainmneacha na gcomhaltaí a d'fhreastail a chur síos i miontuairiscí imeachtaí an Choiste nó na hainmneacha a thaifeadadh ar cibé slí a ordóidh Cléireach an Choiste lena mbaineann, cruinniú a chomóradh le haghaidh lae dá éis sin nó le haghaidh trátha ina dhiaidh sin an lá céanna.

(2) Más rud é, aon tráth le linn cruinnithe de Bhuan-Choiste, de Roghchoiste nó de Choiste Speisialta, go gcuirfidh aon chomhalta in iúl don Chathaoirleach nach bhfuil córam i láthair, nó más léir sin ó thuairisc vótála, agus más rud é i gceann seal nach lú ná ocht nóiméad go mbeifear fós gan chóram, cuirfidh an Cathaoirleach an cruinniú ar fionraí go dtí uair is déanaí ná sin agus a luafaidh sé nó sí, nó cuirfidh sé nó sí an cruinniú ar athló go dtí lá ina dhiaidh sin gan ceist a chur; agus ní mheasfar aon chinneadh a bheith déanta leis an vótáil sin; agus déanfar an uair a cuireadh an cruinniú ar athló amhlaidh, mar aon le hainmneacha na gcomhaltaí a bhí i láthair, a chur síos i miontuairiscí imeachtaí an Choiste nó a thaifeadadh ar cibé slí a ordóidh Cléireach an Choiste lena mbaineann.

Iompar mí-ordúil i gCoistí.

96. (1) Ordóidh Cathaoirleach Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta—

(a) do chomhalta den Choiste,

(b) do chomhalta de Dháil Éireann a bheidh i láthair de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 92, nó,

(c) do dhuine a n-údaraitear dó nó di ar shlí eile a bheith i láthair leis na Buan-Orduithe seo nó le horduithe tagartha an Choiste,

a bheidh á iompar nó á hiompar féin go han-mhí-ordúil imeacht láithreach ón gcrúinniú den Choiste agus fanacht as ar feadh an chuid eile den chruinniú sin. An comhalta nó an duine eile a n-ordófar dó nó di imeacht de bhun an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo, imeoidh sé nó sí láithreach ón gcrúinniú.

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the members of the Committee, such division in Select or Special Committee shall be postponed until after the conclusion of the division in the Dáil and the conclusion of any other divisions in the Dáil demanded immediately thereafter, unless the Committee shall decide otherwise at the commencement of the meeting.

95. (1) If, within the lapse of a quarter of an hour after the time appointed for the meeting of a Standing, Select or Special Committee, a quorum is not present, the Committee shall stand adjourned and the Clerk attending the Committee, after entering the names of the members who attended in the minutes of proceedings of the Committee or recording the names in such manner as the Clerk to the Committee concerned may direct, shall convene a meeting for a subsequent day or for a later time on the same day.

Absence of quorum in Standing, Select or Special Committee.

(2) If at any stage during a meeting of a Standing, Select or Special Committee, any member calls the attention of the Chairman to the fact that a quorum is not present, or if on the report of a division, such fact shall appear, and if after a lapse of time of not less than eight minutes, a quorum is still not present, the Chairman shall suspend the meeting to a later hour to be named by him or her, or shall adjourn the meeting without question put to a subsequent day; and no decision shall be considered to have been arrived at by such division; and the hour of such adjournment, as also the names of the members present, shall be entered in the minutes of proceedings of the Committee or recorded in such manner as the Clerk to the Committee concerned may direct.

96. (1) The Chairman of a Standing, Select or Special Committee shall order—

Disorderly conduct in Committees.

- (a) a member of the Committee,
- (b) a member of Dáil Éireann attending pursuant to Standing Order 92, or
- (c) a person whose attendance is otherwise authorised by these Standing Orders or by the Committee's orders of reference,

whose conduct is grossly disorderly to withdraw immediately from the meeting of the Committee for the remainder of that meeting. The member or other person ordered to withdraw in pursuance of this Standing Order shall forthwith withdraw from the meeting.

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(2) Más rud é, gur dóigh le Cathaoirleach Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta, ar aon ócáid, nach leor na cumhachtaí a thugtar faoi mhír (1) den Bhuan-Ordú seo chun déileáil leis an gcion, féadfaidh sé nó sí a mholadh go dtabharfaidh an Coiste tuarascáil don Dáil i ndáil leis an ní.

Cruinniú Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta a chur ar athló nó ar fionraí i gcás mí-oird mhóir.

97. I gcás mí-oird mhóir, féadfaidh Cathaoirleach Buan-Choiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta an cruinniú a chur ar athló gan ceist a chur, nó an cruinniú a chur ar fionraí go ceann tréimhse a luafaidh sé nó sí.

Cléireach Coiste do Scaipeadh Doiciméad.

98. Ní dhéanfar aon doiciméad a gheobhaidh Cléireach Buan-Choiste nó Roghchoiste nó Fochoiste de a choimeád siar, a tharraingt siar nó a athrú gan fhios don Choiste, nó don Fhochoiste, de réir mar is cuí, nó gan ceadú uaidh. Chun críocha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo, féadfar a chur in iúl do Chomhaltaí go bhfuarthas doiciméid den sórt sin, le toiliú an Choiste nó an Fhochoiste lena mbaineann, trí liosta de dhoiciméid den sórt sin a scaipeadh ó am go ham, de réir mar a chinnfidh an Coiste nó an Fochoiste.

An Coiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí.

99. (1) I ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, beidh Buan-Choiste arna bhunú dá ngairfear an Coiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí—

- (a) chun cúrsaí nós imeachta i gcoitinne a bhreithniú agus chun aon bhreisiú nó leasú a mheasfar is gá a mholadh ar na Buan-Orduithe,
- (b) gan dochar do ghinearáltacht mhír (a), chun maoirseacht a dhéanamh ar an nós imeachta i mBuan-Choistí, i Roghchoistí, agus i gCoistí Speisialta (de réir mar a bheidh), cibé acu ar iarratas ón gCoiste iomchuí nó ar shlí eile, agus chun scrúdú a dhéanamh, más cuí, ar ról na gCoistí de réir mar a bheidh siad ag forbairt,
- (c) chun breithniú agus tuairisciú a dhéanamh, de réir mar a iarrfar agus nuair a iarrfar sin air, maidir le pribhléidí comhaltaí,
- (d) chun breithniú a dhéanamh, má mheasann sé gurb inmholta é, ar aon ní a bhaineann leis na dálaí, nó na háitribh, ina mbíonn a ndualgais á ndéanamh ag comhaltaí agus nach gcuirtear go sonrach faoi bhráid aon Choiste eile, agus

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(2) If, on any occasion, the Chairman of a Standing, Select or Special Committee deems that the powers conferred under paragraph (1) of this Standing Order are inadequate to deal with the offence, he or she may propose that a report of the Committee be made to the Dáil in relation to the matter.

97. In the case of great disorder, the Chairman of a Standing, Select or Special Committee may adjourn the meeting without question put or may suspend the meeting for a time to be named by him or her.

Adjournment or suspension of meeting of Standing, Select or Special Committee in case of great disorder.

98. No document received by the Clerk to a Standing or Select Committee or a sub-Committee thereof shall be withheld, withdrawn or altered without the knowledge and approval of the Committee or sub-Committee, as may be appropriate. For the purposes of this Standing Order, the receipt of such documents may, with the consent of the Committee or sub-Committee concerned, be brought to the attention of members by the circulation, from time to time as the Committee or sub-Committee may decide, of a list of such documents.

Circulation of Documents by Clerk to Committee.

99. (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Standing Committee, to be known as the Committee on Procedure and Privileges, to—

Committee on Procedure and Privileges.

- (a) consider matters of procedure generally and to recommend any additions or amendments to Standing Orders that may be deemed necessary,
- (b) without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (a), oversee the procedure in Standing, Select and Special Committees (as the case may be), whether by request from the relevant Committee or otherwise, and to examine, where appropriate, the role of Committees as they evolve,
- (c) consider and report, as and when requested to do so, as to the privileges attaching to members,
- (d) consider, if it deems it advisable, any matter relating to the conditions or premises in which members carry out their duties and which are not specifically referred to any other Committee, and

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(e) chun moltaí a dhéanamh, cibé acu ar iarratas nó ar shlí eile, chun an Chomhchoiste Craolacháin agus Faisnéise Parlaiminte ar na rialacha tuairiscithe do theilifísiú imeachtaí Dháil Éireann agus a Coistí [Féach Buan-Ordú 103 (1)(b)].

(2) Beidh na cumhachtaí seo a leanas ag an gCoiste:

(a) an chumhacht chun Fochoistí a cheapadh mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(3);

(b) an chumhacht chun sainchomhairleoirí a fhostú mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(8);

(c) an chumhacht chun taisteal mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(9) (seachas fomhír (a) den mhír sin);

(d) an chumhacht chun tuarascálacha a chlóbhualadh agus a fhoilsiú agus chun a údarú do Fhochoistí tuairisciú díreach don Dáil mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 86(1); agus

(e) an chumhacht chun gníomhú thar ceann Dháil Éireann agus chomhaltaí Dháil Éireann i ndáil le haon imeachtaí dlíthiúla nó éisteacht phoiblí nó fiosrúchán poiblí eile.

(3) I ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, beidh Fochoiste arna bhunú dá ngairfear an Fochoiste ar Athleasú na Dála, agus is iad a bheidh ar an bhFochoiste ná Aoirí na bPáirtithe is comhaltaí den Choiste (nó más lú ná cúigear a líon sin, Aoirí na bPáirtithe agus cibé comhaltaí eile den Choiste a chinnfidh an Coiste nach mó ná cúigear comhalta) agus is córam triúr. Déanfaidh an Fochoiste na feidhmeanna atá leagtha amach i míreanna (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c) agus (1)(e) den Bhuan-Ordú seo a chomhlíonadh, agus féadfaidh sé tuairisciú díreach don Dáil.

(4) (a) I ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, beidh Fochoiste arna bhunú dá ngairfear an Fochoiste um Sheirbhísí Comhaltaí, chun na feidhmeanna atá leagtha amach i mír (1)(d) den Bhuan-Ordú seo a chomhlíonadh agus féadfaidh sé tuairisciú díreach don Dáil.

(b) Ochtar comhalta a bheidh ar an bhFochoiste, ar comhalta den Choiste duine díobh ar a laghad, agus triúr is córam don Fhochoiste. Comhalta den Choiste a bheidh ina C(h)athaoirleach ar an bhFochoiste.

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(e) make recommendations, whether by request or otherwise, to the Joint Committee on Broadcasting and Parliamentary Information on the rules of coverage for the televising of proceedings of Dáil Éireann and its Committees [See Standing Order 103(1)(b)].

(2) The Committee shall have the following powers:

(a) power to appoint sub-Committees as defined in Standing Order 83(3);

(b) power to engage consultants as defined in Standing Order 83(8);

(c) power to travel as defined in Standing Order 83(9) (other than subparagraph (a) thereof);

(d) power to print and publish reports and to authorise sub-Committees to report directly to the Dáil as defined in Standing Order 86(1); and

(e) power to act on behalf of Dáil Éireann and members of Dáil Éireann in relation to any legal proceedings or other public hearing or inquiry.

(3) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a sub-Committee, which shall be called the sub-Committee on Dáil Reform, and shall consist of the Party Whips who are members of the Committee (or if they number less than five, the Party Whips and such other members of the Committee as the Committee may decide, up to a maximum of five members) and three shall constitute a quorum. The sub-Committee shall perform the functions set out at paragraphs (1)(a), (1)(b), (1)(c) and (1)(e) of this Standing Order and may report directly to the Dáil.

(4) (a) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a sub-Committee, which shall be called the sub-Committee on Members' Services, to perform the functions set out at paragraph (1)(d) of this Standing Order and which may report directly to the Dáil.

(b) The sub-Committee shall consist of eight members, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Committee, and the quorum of the sub-Committee shall be three. The Chairman of the sub-Committee shall be a member of the Committee.

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- (c) Féadfaidh comhalta den Fhochoiste nach mbeidh in ann a bheith i láthair ag cruinniú áirithe den Fhochoiste comhalta eile a ainmniú chun páirt a ghlacadh sna himeachtaí agus vótáil ina ionad nó ina hionad.

(5) Is iad a bheidh ar an gCoiste an Ceann Comhairle, arb é nó í an Cathaoirleach é nó í, *ex officio*, agus gan aige nó aici ach vóta amháin agus seacht gcomhalta dhéag eile; agus ochtar is córam don Choiste. Mura féidir don Cheann Comhairle a bheith i láthair, féadfaidh an Leas-Cheann Comhairle gníomhú mar Chathaoirleach ina ionad nó ina hionad. Beidh an Coiste comhdhéanta ar chuma go ndéanfaidh sé ionadaíocht chothrom don Dáil.

Gasra Oibre de
Chathaoirligh Coistí.

100. (1) Beidh arna bhunú Gasra Oibre de Chathaoirligh Coistí arb iad a bheidh air Cathaoirleach gach Buan-Choiste, gach Roghchoiste, gach Coiste Speisialta agus gach Comhchoiste, seachas an Coiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí, chun na feidhmeanna atá leagtha amach sa Bhuan-Ordú seo a chomhlíonadh.

(2) Féadfaidh an Gasra Oibre breithniú a dhéanamh ar nithe a fhearann ar sheirbhísí do Choistí i gcoitinne, féadfaidh sé idirchaidreamh a dhéanamh agus dul i gcomhairle maidir le hábhair comhleasa do Chathaoirligh Coistí, agus déanfaidh sé moltaí—

- (a) i dtaca le cionroinnt airgid a bheidh ar fáil do Choistí le haghaidh comhairleachta agus taistil, ach sin faoi réir thoiliú Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais;
- (b) i dtaca le leithroinnt na cóiríochta a bheidh ar fáil i gcomhair cruinnithe Coistí; agus
- (c) i dtaca le haon ní eile a chuirfear faoi bhráid an Ghasra Oibre ó am go ham:

Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfar aon mholadh den sórt sin i ndáil leis an gCoiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí d'fheidhmiú a chumhachtaí faoi Bhuan-Ordú 99.

(3) Féadfaidh an Gasra Oibre freisin, faoi réir fhorálacha an Achta um Fhoireann Thithe an Oireachtais 1959, agus faoi réir thoiliú Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais, moltaí a dhéanamh faoi aon ní a bhaineann le soláthar seirbhísí do Choistí atá faoina chúram.

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- (c) A member of the sub-Committee who is unable to attend a particular meeting of the sub-Committee may nominate another member to take part in the proceedings and vote in his or her stead.

(5) The Committee shall consist of the Ceann Comhairle, who *ex officio* shall be Chairman and who shall have only one vote, and seventeen other members; and eight shall constitute a quorum. In the unavoidable absence of the Ceann Comhairle, the Leas-Cheann Comhairle may act as Chairman in his or her stead. The Committee shall be constituted so as to be impartially representative of the Dáil.

100. (1) There shall stand established a Working Group of Committee Chairmen consisting of the Chairman of each Standing, Select, Special and Joint Committee, other than the Committee on Procedure and Privileges, to perform the functions set out in this Standing Order.

Working Group of
Committee
Chairmen.

(2) The Working Group may consider matters affecting services to Committees generally, may liaise and consult on matters of common interest to Committee Chairmen, and shall make recommendations in relation to—

- (a) apportionment of monies available to Committees for consultancy and travel, subject to the consent of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission;
- (b) allocation of accommodation available for Committee meetings; and
- (c) any other matter which may be referred to the Working Group from time to time:

Provided that no such recommendation shall be made in relation to the exercise by the Committee on Procedure and Privileges of its powers under Standing Order 99.

(3) The Working Group may, subject to the provisions of the Staff of the Houses of the Oireachtas Act 1959, and the consent of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission, also make recommendations on any matter relevant to the provision of services to Committees falling within its remit.

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An Coiste um
Leasanna
Chomhaltaí Dháil
Éireann.

101. (1) I ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, beidh Roghchoiste arna bhunú dá ngairfear an Coiste um Leasanna Chomhaltaí Dháil Éireann chun na feidhmeanna a thugtar dó leis na hAchtanna um Eitic in Oifigí Poiblí 1995 agus 2001 a chomhlíonadh.

(2) Cúigear comhalta a bheidh ar an gCoiste ar córam triúr díobh.

(3) Déanfar gach tuarascáil a bheartaíonn an Coiste a dhéanamh, ar an gCoiste do ghlacadh léi, a leagan láithreach faoi bhráid Dháil Éireann.

(4) Beidh na cumhachtaí seo a leanas ag an gCoiste:

(a) an chumhacht sainchomhairleoirí a fhostú mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(8); agus

(b) an chumhacht taisteal mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(9).

(5) D'ainneoin aon ní dá mhalairt atá i bhfomhír (1), beidh feidhm ag na Buan-Orduithe seo maidir leis an gCoiste ar gach slí eile amhail is dá mba Bhuan-Choiste é.

An Comhchoiste um
Sheirbhísí an Tí.

102. (1) I ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, beidh Buan-Choiste arna bhunú a bheidh le comhcheangal lena shamhail de Choiste den Seanad chun an Comhchoiste um Sheirbhísí an Tí a chomhdhéanamh,

(a) chun beáir, siopa agus bialann an Oireachtais a stiúradh agus a rialú;

(b) chun cúnaimh agus comhairle a thabhairt do Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais i stiúradh agus rialú Leabharlann an Oireachtais;

(c) chun oibriú na seirbhíse taighde do chomhaltaí a rialáil agus a mhaoirsiú agus feabhas ar bith ar oibriú na seirbhíse is dóigh leis a bheith inmhianaithe ó am go ham a mholadh do Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais;

(d) chun cibé nithe eile, a chuirfidh ceachtar Teach nó an Coiste um Nós Imeachta agus Pribhléidí de cheachtar Teach faoi bhráid an Choiste, a bhreithniú agus, más gá, tuairisc a thabhairt orthu.

(2) Naonúr comhalta a bheidh ar an mBuan-Choiste. Cúigear is córam don Chomhchoiste ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin ar a laghad díobh agus ar comhalta de Sheanad Éireann duine amháin ar a laghad díobh.

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101. (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Select Committee, which shall be called the Committee on Members' Interests of Dáil Éireann, to perform the functions conferred on it by the Ethics in Public Office Acts 1995 and 2001.

Committee on
Members' Interests
of Dáil Éireann.

(2) The Committee shall consist of five members of whom three shall constitute a quorum.

(3) Every report which the Committee proposes to make shall, on adoption by the Committee, be laid before Dáil Éireann forthwith.

(4) The Committee shall have the following powers:

(a) power to engage consultants as defined in Standing Order 83(8);
and

(b) power to travel as defined in Standing Order 83(9).

(5) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in paragraph (1), these Standing Orders shall otherwise apply to the Committee in all respects as though it were a Standing Committee.

102. (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Standing Committee which shall be joined with a similar Committee of the Seanad to constitute the Joint House Services Committee, to—

Joint House Services
Committee.

(a) direct and control the Oireachtas bars, shop and restaurant;

(b) assist and advise the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission in the direction and control of the Oireachtas Library;

(c) regulate and supervise the operation of the research service for members and to recommend to the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission any improvements in the operation of the service which may appear to it to be desirable from time to time;

(d) consider and, if necessary, report on such other matters as may be referred to the Committee by either House or by the Committee on Procedure and Privileges of either House.

(2) The Standing Committee shall consist of nine members. The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be five, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.

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(3) Beidh na cumhachtaí seo a leanas ag an gComhchoiste:

- (a) an chumhacht chun Fochoistí a cheapadh mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(3);
- (b) an chumhacht chun sainchomhairleoirí a fhostú mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(8); agus
- (c) an chumhacht chun taisteal mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(9).

(4) Déanfar gach tuarascáil a bheartaíonn an Comhchoiste a thabhairt, arna glacadh ag an gComhchoiste, a leagan láithreach faoi bhráid an dá Theach.

An Comhchoiste
Craolacháin agus
Faisnéise
Parlaiminte.

103. (1) Go mbeidh arna bhunú, tar éis don Dáil ationól i ndiaidh Olltoghcháin, Roghchoiste, a bheidh le comhcheangal lena shamhail de Roghchoiste den Seanad chun an Comhchoiste Craolacháin agus Faisnéise Parlaiminte a chomhdhéanamh, chun—

- (a) na socrúithe riachtanacha faireacháin agus riaracháin a chomhall maidir le teilifísiú sa Teach agus maidir le craoladh fuaime agus teilifísithe Dháil Éireann agus a Coistí;
- (b) na rialacha tuairiscithe do theilifísiú imeachtaí Dháil Éireann agus a Coistí a athbhreithniú agus a mhodhnú, cibé acu faoi réir aon mholtaí arna ndéanamh ag an bhFochoiste um Athleasú na Dála faoi Bhuan-Ordú 99(1)(e) nó ar shlí eile;
- (c) na rialacha rochtana a chinneadh i leith chartlann imeachtaí Dháil Éireann agus a Coistí; agus
- (d) na táillí is iníoctha i leith chraoladh imeachtaí Dháil Éireann agus a Coistí a chinneadh ó am go ham, faoi réir thoiliú Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais.

(2) Beidh an Comhchoiste freagrach as:—

- (a) saoráidí a fhorbairt chun a chumasú don phobal i gcoitinne rochtain a bheith acu ar thuairisciú beo imeachtaí na parlaiminte; agus
- (b) saoráidí raidió a fhorbairt.

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(3) The Joint Committee shall have the following powers:

- (a) power to appoint sub-Committees as defined in Standing Order 83(3);
- (b) power to engage consultants as defined in Standing Order 83(8);
and
- (c) power to travel as defined in Standing Order 83(9).

(4) Every report which the Joint Committee proposes to make shall, on adoption by the Joint Committee, be laid before both Houses forthwith.

103. (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Select Committee, which shall be joined with a similar Select Committee of the Seanad to constitute the Joint Committee on Broadcasting and Parliamentary Information, to—

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Parliamentary
Information.

- (a) discharge the necessary monitoring and administrative arrangements for in-House televising and for sound and televised broadcasting of Dáil Éireann and its Committees;
- (b) review and modify, whether subject to any recommendations made by the sub-Committee on Dáil Reform under Standing Order 99(1)(e) or otherwise, the rules of coverage for the televising of proceedings of Dáil Éireann and its Committees;
- (c) determine rules of access in respect of the archive of proceedings of Dáil Éireann and its Committees; and
- (d) determine, subject to the consent of the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission, from time to time the fees to be payable in respect of broadcasting of proceedings of Dáil Éireann and its Committees.

(2) The Joint Committee shall be responsible for:—

- (a) developing facilities to enable the general public to access live coverage of parliamentary proceedings; and
- (b) the development of radio facilities.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

(3) Déanfaidh an Comhchoiste faireachán ar oibriú na seirbhíse Faisnéise agus Caidrimh Phoiblí, ag an Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoiblí, do Thithe an Oireachtais agus dá gcomhaltaí i dteannta a chéile agus déanfaidh sé aon fheabhsuithe in oibriú na seirbhíse is dealraitheach dó a bheith inmhianaithe ó am go ham a mholadh do Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais.

(4) Is é a bheidh ar an gCoiste cúigear comhaltaí de Dháil Éireann. Triúr is córam don Chomhchoiste, a mbeidh duine amháin acu ar a laghad ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de Dháil Éireann agus duine amháin acu ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta de Sheanad Éireann.

(5) Beidh na cumhachtaí seo a leanas ag an gComhchoiste:

(a) cumhacht Fochoistí a cheapadh mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(3);

(b) cumhacht sainchomhairleoirí a fhostú mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(8); agus

(c) cumhacht taisteal mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(9).

(6) Beidh cumhacht ag an gComhchoiste daoine a ainmniú chun cabhrú leis ina phléití; agus freastalóidh na daoine sin ar cibé cruinnithe a chinnfidh an Comhchoiste.

(7) Déanfar gach tuarascáil a bheartóidh an Comhchoiste a thabhairt, arna glacadh ag an gComhchoiste, a leagan faoi bhráid an dá Theach láithreach.

CUAIRTEOIRÍ

Tabhairt isteach cuairteoirí ag comhaltaí Ionadaithe Nuachtáin.

104. Féadfaidh comhaltaí cuairteoirí a thabhairt isteach chun cibé áiteanna a choimeádfaidh an Ceann Comhairle in áirithe dóibh, agus féadfaidh ionadaithe údaraithe Nuachtán a bheith i láthair ag suíonna na Dála nó ag suíonna Coiste den Dáil uile.

Cuairteoirí agus ionadaithe Nuachtáin a dhúnadh amach i gcás éigeandála.

105. I gcás éigeandáil speisialta a bheith ann, féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas a thairiscint, gan fógra a thabhairt, go ndúnfar gach cuairteoir agus ionadaí Nuachtán amach as an Seomra, agus déanfar amhlaidh le hordú ón gCeann Comhairle, má thoilíonn dhá thrian de na comhaltaí a bheidh i láthair leis an tairiscint sin. [*Féach Airteagal 15.8.2° den Bhunreacht.*]

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(3) The Joint Committee shall monitor the operation, by the Public Relations Officer, of the Information and Public Relations service for the Houses of the Oireachtas and their members collectively and shall recommend to the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission any improvements in the operation of the service which may appear to it to be desirable from time to time.

(4) The Committee shall consist of five members of Dáil Éireann. The quorum of the Joint Committee shall be three, at least one of whom shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.

(5) The Joint Committee shall have the following powers:

(a) power to appoint sub-Committees as defined in Standing Order 83(3);

(b) power to engage consultants as defined in Standing Order 83(8);
and

(c) power to travel as defined in Standing Order 83(9).

(6) The Joint Committee shall have power to nominate persons to assist it in its deliberations; and such persons shall attend such meetings as the Joint Committee may determine.

(7) Every report which the Joint Committee proposes to make shall, on adoption by the Joint Committee, be laid before both Houses forthwith.

VISITORS

104. Visitors may be introduced by members to such places as may be reserved for them by the Ceann Comhairle, and authorised representatives of the Press may be present at sittings of the Dáil, or of a Committee of the whole Dáil.

Introduction of visitors by members: Press.

105. In case of special emergency, a member of the Government may move, without notice, that all visitors and Press representatives be excluded from the Chamber, and this shall be done by direction of the Ceann Comhairle, with the assent of two-thirds of the members present. [*See Article 15.8.2° of the Constitution.*]

Exclusion of visitors and Press representatives in emergency.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

OIFIG AN CHLÉIRIGH AGUS TAIFID NA DÁLA

Cín Lae na Dála.

106. Coimeádfaidh an Cléireach cuntas ar imeachtaí uile na Dála, nó an Choiste den Dáil uile, agus nuair a bheidh miontuairiscí na n-imeachtaí léite agus sínithe ag an gCeann Comhairle beidh siad ina gCín Lae ar Imeachtaí na Dála agus clóbhuailfear ansin iad.

Taifid agus scríbhinní a choimeád.

107. Coimeádfaidh an Cléireach gach Cín Lae ar Imeachtaí, agus gach taifead nó scríbhinn eile leis an Dáil, agus ní dhéanfaidh sé nó sí ná ní cheadóidh sé nó sí aon Chín Lae ar na hImeachtaí ná aon taifid ná scríbhinní den sórt sin a thabhairt amach as an Seomra nó na hoifigí, gan cead nó ordú sainráite ón Dáil: Ach má bhíonn an Dáil curtha ar athló go ceann aon tréimhse is faide ná seachtain, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle an cead sin a thabhairt agus tuairisceoidh sé nó sí é sin don Dáil ar theacht le chéile arís di.

Ceannas ar fhoireann na Parlaiminte.

108. Is ag an gCléireach a bheidh stiúradh agus rialú na n-oifigeach agus na comhfhoirne uile, faoi réir cibé orduithe a gheobhaidh sé nó sí, ó am go ham, ón gCeann Comhairle, nó ón Dáil.

An Cléireach as láthair.

109. Nuair a bheidh an Cléireach as láthair comhlíonfaidh nó oibreoidh an Leas-Chléireach, a mhéid a cheadaítear sin leis an dlí, gach dualgas a chuirtear ar an gCléireach, agus gach cumhacht a thugtar dó nó di, leis na Buan-Orduithe seo nó leis an dlí.

An Cléireach agus an Leas-Chléireach as láthair.

110. Má bhíonn an Cléireach agus an Leas-Chléireach as láthair, féadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle duine de chomhfhoireann Thithe an Oireachtais a cheapadh, de thuras na huaire, chun na dualgais a chomhlíonadh agus na cumhachtaí a oibriú a chuirtear ar an gCléireach agus a thugtar dó nó di leis na Buan-Orduithe seo.

TUAIRISC OIFIGIÚIL NA nDÍOSPÓIREACHTAÍ

Eisiúint faoi mhaoirseacht an Cheann Comhairle.

111. (1) Déanfar Tuairisc Oifigiúil ar Dhíospóireachtaí na Dála do gach suí a eisiúint faoi mhaoirseacht an Cheann Comhairle.

(2) I gcás ina n-iarrfaidh comhalta amhlaidh, ordóidh an Ceann Comhairle ráiteas táblach achomair ina mbeidh eolas staitistiúil a bhainfidh go díreach le hóráid an chomhalta a thabhairt i dTuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí: Ar choinníoll—

- (a) go sroichfidh gach ráiteas den sórt sin Eagarthóir na nDíospóireachtaí sula ndéanfar an óráid lena mbaineann sé agus go ndéanfar tagairt dó i gcúrsa na hóráide sin, agus
- (b) nach faide an ráiteas nó na ráitis sin ná an tríú cuid d'óráid an chomhalta.

STANDING ORDERS

OFFICE OF CLERK AND RECORDS OF THE DÁIL

106. All proceedings of the Dáil, or of the Committee of the whole Dáil, shall be noted by the Clerk, and the minutes of proceedings after being perused and signed by the Ceann Comhairle shall constitute the Journal of the Proceedings of the Dáil which shall then be printed. Journal of the Dáil.

107. The Clerk shall have custody of all Journals of Proceedings, records, or other documents belonging to the Dáil, and he or she shall neither take nor permit to be taken any such Journals of Proceedings, records or documents from the Chamber or offices, without the express leave or order of the Dáil: Provided, however, that in the event of the Dáil being adjourned for any period longer than a week, such leave may be given by the Ceann Comhairle who shall report the same to the Dáil upon its reassembling. Custody of records and documents.

108. The Clerk shall have the direction and control over all the officers and joint staff, subject to such orders as he or she may, from time to time, receive from the Ceann Comhairle, or the Dáil. Control over Parliamentary staff.

109. All the duties devolved upon, and all the powers conferred upon, the Clerk by these Standing Orders or by law, shall in his or her absence and to the extent permitted by law, be performed or exercised by the Clerk-Assistant. Absence of Clerk.

110. If both the Clerk and the Clerk-Assistant be absent, the Ceann Comhairle may appoint, for the time being, a member of the joint staff of the Houses of the Oireachtas to perform the duties devolved upon, and exercise the powers conferred upon the Clerk by these Standing Orders. Absence of Clerk and Clerk-Assistant.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF DEBATES

111. (1) An Official Report of the Debates of the Dáil for each sitting shall be issued under the supervision of the Ceann Comhairle. Issue under supervision of the Ceann Comhairle.

(2) Where a member so requests, the Ceann Comhairle shall direct that a concise tabular statement containing statistical information which is directly relevant to the member's speech be furnished in the Official Report of the Debates: Provided that—

- (a) each such statement reaches the Editor of Debates prior to the making of the speech to which it relates and is referred to in the course of such speech, and
- (b) such statement or statements do not exceed one-third of the member's speech in length.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

(3) Cuirfear ar fáil do gach comhalta cóip de Thuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí, agus fós de gach foilseachán eile de chuid na Dála.

(4) Déanfar eagrán ceartaithe de Thuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí a ullmhú i bhfoirm imleabhar ceangailte ó am go ham de réir mar a chinneadh an Ceann Comhairle.

(5) Beidh an ceart eisiach ag an gCeann Comhairle a údarú, más gá, Tuairisc Oifigiúil na nDíospóireachtaí a atáirgeadh i bhfoirm ar bith: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, más iomchuí, a ordú agus a údarú do Chléireach na Dála dul i mbun na socrúithe is gá agus na socrúithe is gá a dhéanamh le tríú páirtithe chun iad a atáirgeadh.

IMEACHTAÍ A CHRAOLADH

Coinníollacha maidir le craoladh imeachtaí.

112. Go n-údarófar do chraoltóirí náisiúnta, áitiúla agus coigríche craoladh fuaime agus físe a dhéanamh ar imeachtaí na Dála agus a cuid Coistí, ach sin faoi réir na gcoinníollacha seo a leanas:

- (a) nach ndéanfar taifeadtaí ná sleachta de na himeachtaí a úsáid i gcláir siamsaíochta, i gcláir aoire polaitiúla, i gcraoltaí páirtithe polaitíochta ná in aon chineál fógraíochta ná poiblíochta, seachas i bhfoirm tréiléar do chláir nuachta agus cúrsaí reatha;
- (b) go gcinnteoidh craoltóirí go mbainfidh cothromaíocht pholaitíochta leis an ábhar a úsáideann siad;
- (c) go gceadófar do chraoltóirí, faoi réir cheadú an Chomhchoiste Craolacháin agus Faisnéise Parlaiminte nó Fochoiste de, tuairisciú beo a dhéanamh ar aon mhír gnó ach sin faoi réir na gcoinníollacha seo a leanas:
 - (i) nach gcuirfear isteach ar an mír sin le tráchtairacht, anailísiú ná agaí tráchtála, agus
 - (ii) nach ndéanfar an mhír sin a athchraoladh go hiomlán ná go páirteach ach amháin mar a cheadaítear sa Bhuan-Ordú seo agus faoi réir a théarmaí;

agus

- (d) go ndéanfar an cóipcheart sa chlosábhar agus san ábhar teilifísithe go léir a dhílsiú don Cheann Comhairle thar ceann Dháil Éireann agus a cuid Coistí.

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(3) A copy of the Official Report of the Debates, as well as of every other publication of the Dáil, shall be made available for every member.

(4) A revised edition of the Official Report of the Debates shall be prepared in bound volumes, at such periods as the Ceann Comhairle shall determine.

(5) The Ceann Comhairle shall have the exclusive right to authorise, where necessary, the reproduction, in any form, of the Official Report of the Debates: Provided that the Ceann Comhairle may, where appropriate, direct and authorise the Clerk of the Dáil to enter into and make the necessary arrangements with third parties for their reproduction.

BROADCASTING OF PROCEEDINGS

112. That the broadcasting on sound and vision of the proceedings of the Dáil and its Committees by national, local and foreign broadcasters shall be authorised subject to the following conditions: Conditions on broadcasting of proceedings.

- (a) that recordings or extracts of the proceedings shall not be used in programmes of light entertainment, political satire, party political broadcasts or in any form of advertising or publicity, other than in the form of news and current affairs programme trailers;
- (b) that broadcasters shall ensure political balance in the material they use;
- (c) that, subject to the approval of the Joint Committee on Broadcasting and Parliamentary Information or a sub-Committee thereof, broadcasters may be permitted to carry live coverage of any item of business subject to the following provisos:
 - (i) that such item shall not be interrupted by commentary, analysis or commercial breaks, and
 - (ii) that such item may not be re-broadcast in whole or in part except as permitted in and subject to the terms of this Standing Order;

and

- (d) that copyright of all audio and televised material shall be vested in the Ceann Comhairle on behalf of Dáil Éireann and its Committees.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

GNÓ COMHALTAÍ PRÍOBHÁIDEACHA

Roinnt an ama idir gnó Rialtais agus gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha.

113. Ní bheidh ar Riar na hOibre ach Ceisteanna, gnó Príobháideach agus gnó Rialtais ar an Déardaoin. Ar an Máirt agus ar an gCéadaoin, stopfar gnó Rialtais nó gnó Príobháideach, de réir mar a bheidh, idir 7 p.m. agus 8.30 p.m. chun gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha a thógáil: Ar choinníoll, i gcás go mbeidh cead tugtha tairiscint a dhéanamh faoi Bhuan-Ordú 32, go mbeidh tosach ag an tairiscint sin: Ar choinníoll fairis sin go bhféadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas a thairiscint, gan fógra a thabhairt, i dtosach gnó phoiblí ar aon Máirt nó Céadaoin, nach stopfar, an lá sin ná le linn na tréimhse a shonrófar sa tairiscint, gnó Rialtais, nó gnó Príobháideach, de réir mar a bheidh, a shonrófar, má bhíonn sé faoi bhreithniú an uair a bheidh socraithe chun gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha a thógáil. Cinnfear tairiscint den sórt sin gan leasú.

Bille comhalta phríobháidigh a chur chun Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta.

114. Má ritheann Bille comhalta phríobháidigh an dara léamh, cuirfear chun Roghchoiste nó chun Coiste Speisialta é. [Féach B.O. 122.]

Gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha a chuirfear ar athló.

115. Má chuirtear ar athló an díospóireacht ar aon tairiscint nó Bille a thairg comhalta príobháideach, ansin, ar an gcéad ócáid eile a bheidh ceaptha chun gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha a bhreithniú, mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt, tabharfar do na himeachtaí a bhainfidh leis an tairiscint nó leis an mBille sin agus a cuireadh ar athló tosach ar ghnó nua a bheidh tugtha isteach ag comhalta príobháideach, agus ar ghnó comhaltaí príobháideacha a bheidh curtha siar faoi fhorálacha Bhuan-Ordú 168.

Grúpaí.

116. (1) Faor réir mhír (2), ciallóidh grúpa chun críche an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo—

- (a) aon Pháirtí ag a raibh seachtar comhalta ar a laghad a toghadh don Dáil san Olltoghchán roimhe sin nó, má bhí níos lú ná seachtar aige, a ghnóthaigh líon seachtar comhalta de thoradh corrthoghcháin ina dhiaidh sin, nó
- (b) tromlach de chomhaltaí na Dála nach comhaltaí de ghrúpa mar a mhínítear i mír (1) (a), nach lú ná seachtar a líon, a iarrfaidh aitheantas foirmiúil mar ghrúpa ar an gCeann Comhairle i scríbhinn: Ar choinníoll go mbeidh an iarraidh sin sínithe ag gach comhalta den sórt sin. Deonóidh an Ceann Comhairle aitheantas foirmiúil mar ghrúpa do na comhaltaí sin a luaithe is féidir dá éis sin.

STANDING ORDERS

PRIVATE MEMBERS' BUSINESS

113. The Order Paper shall be confined to Questions, Private business and Government business on Thursdays. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Government business or Private business, as the case may be, shall be interrupted between 7 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. to take private members' business: Provided that, where leave has been given to make a motion under Standing Order 32, such motion shall have priority: Provided further that a member of the Government may move, without notice, at the commencement of public business on any Tuesday or Wednesday that, on that day or during the period specified in the motion, specified Government business, or Private business, as the case may be, shall not be interrupted if under consideration at the time fixed for taking private members' business. Such motion shall be decided without amendment.

Allocation of time between Government business and private members' business.

114. Should a private member's Bill pass its second reading, it shall be referred to a Select or Special Committee. [See S.O. 122.]

Reference of private member's Bill to Select or Special Committee.

115. Should the debate on any motion or Bill moved by a private member be adjourned, the adjourned proceedings on such motion or Bill shall, unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, be given priority over new business introduced by a private member, and over private members' business postponed under the provisions of Standing Order 168, on the next ensuing occasion set apart for the consideration of private members' business.

Adjourned business of private members.

116. (1) Subject to paragraph (2), for the purpose of this Standing Order a group shall mean—

Groups.

(a) any Party which had not less than seven members elected to the Dáil at the previous General Election or which, if it had less than seven, attained the number of seven members as a result of a subsequent bye-election, or

(b) a majority of the members of the Dáil who are not members of a group as defined in paragraph (1) (a), being not less than seven in number, who request formal recognition as a group in writing to the Ceann Comhairle: Provided that such request shall be signed by all such members. The Ceann Comhairle shall grant formal recognition as a group to such members as soon as possible thereafter.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

(2) Scoirfidh grúpa de bheith ina ghrúpa de réir bhrí mhír (1) ar feadh aon tréimhse a dtitfidh a chomhaltas faoi bhun seachtar comhalta, (nó faoi bhun tromlaigh, i gcás grúpa de réir bhrí mhír (1) (b)), ach, i gcás ina dtitfidh an comhaltas sin de bharr folúntas i gcomhaltas na Dála, ní bheidh feidhm ag forálacha na míre seo go dtí cibé tráth a líontar an folúntas sin.

(3) Gan dochar do ghinearáltacht mhír (2)—

(a) más rud é, tráth ar bith, go bhfeicfear don Cheann Comhairle, i gcás grúpa de réir bhrí mhír (1)(b), go bhfuil comhaltas an ghrúpa tite faoi bhun seacht gcomhalta nó faoi bhun tromlaigh a shonraítear sa mhír sin, scríobhfaidh sé nó sí chuig gach comhalta den ghrúpa ag lorg deimhniú gur comhalta den ghrúpa é nó í i gcónaí. Mura ndéanfaidh seacht gcomhalta ar a laghad arb iad an tromlach sin iad a gcomhaltas a dheimhniú i scríbhinn laistigh de dhá sheachtain tar éis dháta eisiúna litir an Cheann Comhairle, scoirfidh an grúpa de bheith ina ghrúpa de réir bhrí mhír (1)(b); nó

(b) i gcás ina dtabharfaidh comhalta de ghrúpa de réir bhrí mhír (1)(b) fógra i scríbhinn don Cheann Comhairle nach mian leis an gcomhalta sin a thuilleadh go n-áireofaí mar chomhalta den ghrúpa sin é nó í, agus go dtitfidh comhaltas an ghrúpa faoi bhun seacht gcomhalta nó faoi bhun tromlaigh a shonraítear sa mhír sin dá bharr, scoirfidh an grúpa de bheith ina ghrúpa de réir bhrí mhír (1)(b).

Ar choinníoll nach ndéanfaidh aon ní sa mhír seo dochar do cheart comhaltaí aitheantas foirmiúil mar ghrúpa a lorg faoi mhír (1)(b).

(4) Beidh de cheart ag gach grúpa comhalta príobháideach den ghrúpa a ainmniú chun Bille a thíolacadh ar choinníoll nach mbeidh os comhair na Dála Bille eile arna thíolacadh ag comhalta a bheidh ainmnithe ag an ngrúpa.

(5) Beidh de cheart ag gach grúpa de réir uainíochta comhalta príobháideach den ghrúpa a ainmniú chun tairiscint ina ainm nó ina hainm a dhéanamh nó dul ar aghaidh le Céim de Bhille sa Dáil. Déanfar an t-ord ina bhféadfaidh na grúpaí éagsúla leas a bhaint as an gceart a chinneadh de réir an líon comhaltaí atá sna grúpaí, ag tabhairt tosaíochta do ghrúpa mór ar ghrúpa níos lú. I gcás comhlíon comhaltaí cinnfear an tosaíocht le crannchur. Ar choinníoll go mbeidh tosach labhartha ag páirtí is grúpa faoi mhír (1)(a) ar ghrúpa arna aithint faoi mhír (1)(b).

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(2) A group shall cease to be a group within the meaning of paragraph (1) for any period in which its membership falls below seven members, (or below a majority, in the case of a group within the meaning of paragraph (1)(b)), save where such membership falls by reason of a vacancy in the membership of the Dáil, the provisions of this paragraph shall not take effect until such time as the said vacancy has been filled.

(3) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (2)—

(a) if at any time, it appears to the Ceann Comhairle that, in the case of a group within the meaning of paragraph (1)(b), the membership of the group has fallen below seven members or a majority specified therein, he or she shall write to each member of the group seeking confirmation of their continued membership of the group. Unless at least seven members forming the said majority confirm their membership in writing within two weeks of the date of issue of the Ceann Comhairle's letter, the group shall cease to be a group within the meaning of paragraph (1)(b); or

(b) where the Ceann Comhairle is notified in writing by a member of a group within the meaning of paragraph (1)(b) that such member no longer wishes to be considered a member of such group, and the membership of the group falls below seven members or a majority specified therein as a consequence, the group shall cease to be a group within the meaning of paragraph (1)(b).

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall prejudice the right of members to seek formal recognition as a group under paragraph (1)(b).

(4) Each group shall have the right to nominate a private member of the group to present a Bill provided that there is not before the Dáil another Bill presented by a member nominated by the group.

(5) Each group shall have the right in rotation to nominate a private member of the group either to move a motion standing in his or her name or to proceed with a Stage of a Bill in the Dáil. The order in which the right may be exercised by the various groups shall be determined on the basis of the numbers of members in the groups, a larger group having precedence over a smaller one. In the case of an equality of numbers precedence shall be determined by lot. Provided that a party which is a group under paragraph (1)(a) shall have precedence over a group recognised under paragraph (1)(b).

BUAN-ORDUITHE

Teorainn ama le díospóireacht.

117. (1) Ní thabharfar thar trí huaire an chloig ar fad le haghaidh na díospóireachta ar thairiscint ó chomhalta príobháideach, seachas tairiscint a bhainfidh le céim ar bith de Bhille. Nuair a bheidh an tréimhse sin caite, agus mura mbeidh na himeachtaí críochnaithe roimhe sin, cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle, láithreach, an cheist nó na ceisteanna is gá chun na himeachtaí ar an tairiscint agus ar aon leasú uirthi a chríochnú.

(2) Ní thabharfar thar sé huaire an chloig ar fad le haghaidh na díospóireachta ar an tairiscint don Dara Céim de Bhille a thionscnóidh comhalta príobháideach. Nuair a bheidh an tréimhse sin caite, agus mura mbeidh na himeachtaí críochnaithe, cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle, láithreach, an cheist nó na ceisteanna is gá chun na himeachtaí ar an tairiscint agus aon leasú uirthi a chríochnú.

(3) I gcás vótáil a bheith ar siúl ag an am a bheidh socraithe chun gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha a thógáil faoi Bhuan-Ordú 113, déanfar aon am a chaithefear chun an vótáil sin a thógáil a bhaint as na teorainneacha ama atá leagtha amach i míreanna (1) agus (2) den Bhuan-Ordú seo.

(4) I gcás tairisceana lena mbaineann aon teorainn ama, ní rachaidh óráid an chomhalta a mholfaidh í thar daichead nóiméad, agus beidh an comhalta a rinne an tairiscint, nó cibé comhalta eile, nach mbeidh labhartha cheana aige nó aici, a údaróidh sé nó sí chuige sin, i dteideal cúig nóiméad déag ar a laghad le haghaidh óráide freagartha; ní rachaidh óráid aon chomhalta eile sa díospóireacht thar tríocha nóiméad.

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Nithe a ndéileálfar leo trí Rún nó Ordú a thairiscint, nó trí Bhille.

118. (1) Aon ní a bheidh le cinneadh ag an Dáil, is trí Rún simplí nó Ordú a thairiscint, nó trí Bhille a thionscnamh, a thabharfar os comhair na Dála é.

(2) Ar na nithe a bhféadfar déileáil leo le Rún áirítear Buan-Orduithe, an Dáil a chur ar athló, an Ceann Comhairle nó an Leas-Cheann Comhairle a cheapadh nó a chur as oifig, comhbhrón, cáineadh, buíochas agus tuairim a chur in iúl, agus aon ní eile a fhéadfaidh an Dáil, de réir dlí, a chinneadh le Rún simplí.

Féadfaidh an Taoiseach, nó comhalta den Rialtas, ag gníomhú dó nó di thar ceann an Taoisigh, vóta comhbhróin a thairiscint, gan fógra a thabhairt.

(3) Ar na nithe a bhféadfar déileáil leo le hOrdú áirítear comhaltaí a chur ar fionraí, Coistí a cheapadh, comhaltaí a cheapadh chun Coistí agus comhaltaí a bhaint de Choistí Billí agus scríbhinní a chlóbhualadh, agus ceisteanna nós imeachta i gcoitinne.

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117. (1) The time allowed for the debate on a motion proposed by a private member, other than a motion relating to any stage of a Bill, shall not exceed a period of three hours in the aggregate. At the expiration of the said period, if the proceedings have not previously been concluded, the Ceann Comhairle shall put forthwith the question or questions necessary to bring to a conclusion the proceedings on the motion and on any amendment thereto.

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debate.

(2) The time allowed for the debate on the motion for the Second Stage of a Bill initiated by a private member shall not exceed a period of six hours in the aggregate. At the expiration of the said period, if the proceedings have not been concluded, the Ceann Comhairle shall put forthwith the question or questions necessary to bring to a conclusion the proceedings on the motion and any amendment thereto.

(3) Where a division is in progress at the time fixed for taking private members' business under Standing Order 113, any time which elapses in order to take such division shall be deducted from the time limits set out in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Standing Order.

(4) The speech of a member proposing a motion to which any time limit applies shall not exceed forty minutes and the member proposing, or such other member who has not already spoken as he or she may authorise in that behalf, shall be entitled to not less than fifteen minutes for a speech in reply; the speech of any other member in the course of the debate shall not exceed thirty minutes.

BILLS, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

118. (1) Any matter for decision by the Dáil shall be brought before it by motion for a simple Resolution or Order, or by the initiation of a Bill.

Matters dealt with
by motion for
Resolution or Order,
or by Bill.

(2) The matters that may be dealt with by Resolution shall include Standing Orders, adjournments of the Dáil, appointment or removal of the Ceann Comhairle or the Leas-Cheann Comhairle, expressions of condolence, censure, thanks, and opinion, and any other matter which, by law, the Dáil may decide by simple Resolution.

A vote of condolence may be moved, without notice, by the Taoiseach, or a member of the Government acting for him or her.

(3) The matters that may be dealt with by Order shall include the suspension of members, appointment of Committees, appointment of members to, and removal of members from, Committees, the printing of Bills and documents, and questions of procedure generally.

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(4) Ar na nithe a ndéileálfar leo le Billí áirítear gach togra reachtaíochta.

RÁITIS CHOMHBHRÓIN

Ráitis Chomhbhróin. **119.** Ag suí den Dáil tar éis d'iarchomhalta den Dáil, do chomhalta den Dáil, do Cheann Stáit, do Phríomh-Aire nó do dhuine eile de stádas comhchosúil d'fháil bháis, féadfar éisteacht a thabhairt do ráitis chomhbhróin de réir socruithe a chomhaontófar ar an ngnó a bheith fógartha ag an Taoiseach de bhun Bhuan-Ordú 26.

BILLÍ A RITH

An Chéad Chéim

Billí a thionscnamh. **120.** (1) Déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle téacs gach Bille a thíolacfar nó a bheidh le tabhairt isteach a scrúdú le go mbeidh sé de réir na mBuan-Orduithe agus déanfar teideal an Bhille mar aon le gearrthuairisc ar a chuspóir, a d'ullmhaigh tairgtheoir an Bhille agus lenar ghlac an Ceann Comhairle, a chur ar Riar na hOibre.

(2) Féadfaidh comhalta ar bith a thairiscint go dtabharfar cead chun Bille a thabhairt isteach. Má chuirtear i gcoinne na tairisceana sin ceadóidh an Ceann Comhairle ráiteas mínitheach nach faide ná cúig nóiméad ar fad ón gcomhalta a rinne an tairiscint agus ó chomhalta atá ag cur i gcoinne na tairisceana sula gcuirfidh sé nó sí an cheist uirthi. Má thugtar cead an Bille a thabhairt isteach, déanfar Ordú don dara léamh agus clóbhuailfear an Bille.

(3) Féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas, Aire Stáit nó comhalta príobháideach a ainmneofar chuige sin faoi Bhuan-Ordú 116 (4) Bille a thíolacadh gan cead roimh ré a fháil ón Teach agus clóbhuailfear aon Bhille a thíolacfar amhlaidh agus déanfar Ordú don dara léamh.

(4) Má chuirtear i gcoinne tairiscint ó chomhalta príobháideach go dtabharfar cead chun Bille a thabhairt isteach, cuirfear an díospóireacht uirthi ar athló go dtí an chéad lá eile a bheidh gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha le tógáil.

An Dara Céim

An Dara Léamh. **121.** (1) Sa díospóireacht ar an tairiscint, go léifear an Bille an dara huair anois, ní thráchtfar ach ar bhunbhrí an Bhille. Féadfar leasuithe a dhéanamh ar an tairiscint sin—

(i) tríd an bhfocal “anois” a ligean ar lár agus na focail “ráithe ó inniu”, nó “sé mhí ó inniu”, nó dáta éigin eile, a chur i ndeireadh na tairisceana;

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(4) The matters which shall be dealt with by Bills shall include all proposals for legislation.

EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

119. At a sitting of the Dáil following the death of a former member of the Dáil, a member of the Dáil, a Head of State, Prime Minister or other person of similar status, expressions of sympathy may be heard in accordance with the arrangements agreed to on the announcement of business by the Taoiseach pursuant to Standing Order 26. Expressions of sympathy.

PASSING OF BILLS

First Stage

120. (1) The text of every Bill presented or to be introduced shall be examined by the Ceann Comhairle for compliance with Standing Orders and the title of the Bill and a short description of its purpose, prepared by the proposer and accepted by the Ceann Comhairle, shall appear on the Order Paper. Initiation of Bills.

(2) Any member may move for leave to introduce a Bill. If such motion be opposed the Ceann Comhairle shall permit an explanatory statement not exceeding five minutes in length from the member who moves and from a member who opposes the motion before he or she puts the question thereon. If leave to introduce the Bill is given, an Order shall be made for its second reading and the Bill shall be printed.

(3) A member of the Government, Minister of State or a private member nominated for the purpose under Standing Order 116 (4) may present a Bill without previously obtaining leave of the House and any Bill so presented shall be printed and an Order for its second reading shall be made.

(4) If a motion of a private member for leave to introduce a Bill be opposed the debate thereon shall be adjourned to the next day on which private members' business is to be taken.

Second Stage

121. (1) The debate on the motion, that the Bill be now read a second time, shall be confined to the general principle of the Bill. Amendments may be made to this motion— Second Reading.

- (i) by omitting the word “now” and adding at the end of the motion the words “this day three months”, or “this day six months”, or some other date;

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(ii) trí na focail go léir nó cuid de na focail i ndiaidh “Go” a scriosadh agus focail a chur ina n-ionad ag lua cúis éigin speisialta i gcoinne an Bille a léamh an dara huair.

(2) (i) Is í an cheist a chuirfear ar leasú ar thairiscint don dara léamh ar Bhille arna thionscnamh ag comhalta den Rialtas nó ag Aire Stáit ná “Go bhfanfaidh na focail a bheartaítear a scriosadh mar chuid den Phríomhcheist” agus má ghlactar leis an gceist sin fógrófar láithreach an Bille a bheith léite an dara huair;

(ii) is í an cheist a chuirfear ar leasú ar thairiscint don dara léamh ar Bhillí eile ná “Go ndéanfar an leasú”.

(3) Mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt, ní rachaidh óráid an chomhalta den Rialtas nó an Aire Stáit a thairgfídh an tairiscint don dara léamh ar an mBille, ná an phríomhurlabhraí a ainmneoidh gach ceann de na grúpaí, mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 116, thar tríocha nóiméad i ngach cás, agus an comhalta den Rialtas nó an tAire Stáit a bheidh á tairiscint nó cibé comhalta eile a údaróidh sé nó sí chuige sin, beidh sé nó sí i dteideal tréimhse nach lú ná cúig nóiméad déag le haghaidh óráide freagartha; agus ní rachaidh óráid aon chomhalta eile sa díospóireacht thar fiche nóiméad. Ar choinníoll go mbeidh tosach labhartha, chun críocha an Bhuan-Ordaithe seo, ag páirtí is grúpa faoi Buan-Ordú 116(1)(a) ar ghrúpa arna aithint faoi mhír (1)(b) den Bhuan-Ordú sin.

An Trú Céim

Bille a chur chun Coiste.

122. (1) Tar éis Bille, nach Bille comhalta phríobháidigh, a bheith léite an dara huair, féadfar a ordú go mbeidh sé le breithniú i gCoiste den Dáil uile lá a ainmneofar an tráth sin, nó féadfar é a chur faoi bhráid Coiste éigin eile. Má ordaítear Bille a chur faoi bhráid Coiste Speisialta, ceapfar leis an ordú sin an dáta a thosóidh céim an Choiste, an líon comhaltaí a bheidh ar an gCoiste agus a chóram agus beidh feidhm ag Buan-Ordaithe 89 agus 90 ar gach slí eile. [Féach B.O. 114.]

(2) Ach féadfaidh an Dáil, ar thairiscint ón gcomhalta a bheidh i mbun an Bhille, an Bille a chur chun Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta maidir le cuid dá fhorálacha, agus faoi bhráid Coiste den Dáil uile maidir le forálacha eile, agus má chuirtear i gcoinne na tairisceana sin ceadóidh an Ceann Comhairle ráiteas mínitheach ón gcomhalta a rinne an tairiscint, agus ó chomhalta atá ag cur i gcoinne na tairisceana, sula gcuirfidh sé nó sí an cheist uirthi.

Fógra maidir le leasuithe agus ord na leasuithe.

123. Nuair a bheidh Bille le breithniú i gCoiste nó ar Thuarascáil,

(a) is i scríbhinn arna síniú ag an gcomhalta a bheidh leasuithe a bheidh le tairiscint agus sroichfidh siad an Cléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. ar an gceathrú lá roimh an lá sin ar a mbeidh an Bille nó,

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- (ii) by deleting all or some of the words after “That” and substituting words which state some special reason against the second reading of the Bill.
- (2) (i) The question on an amendment to a motion for the second reading of a Bill initiated by a member of the Government or Minister of State shall be “That the words proposed to be deleted stand part of the main Question” and if that question is carried the Bill shall forthwith be declared to be read a second time;
- (ii) the question on an amendment to a motion for the second reading of other Bills shall be “That the amendment be made”.
- (3) Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, the speech of the member of the Government or Minister of State proposing the motion for the second reading of the Bill, and the main spokesperson nominated by each of the groups, as defined in Standing Order 116, shall not exceed thirty minutes in each case and the member of the Government or Minister of State proposing, or such other member as he or she may authorise in that behalf, shall be entitled to not less than fifteen minutes for a speech in reply; and the speech of any other member in the course of the debate shall not exceed twenty minutes. Provided that for the purposes of this Standing Order a party which is a group under Standing Order 116(1)(a) shall have precedence over a group recognised under paragraph (1)(b) of that Standing Order.

Third Stage

122. (1) When a Bill, other than a private member’s Bill, has been read a second time, it may either be ordered to be considered in Committee of the whole Dáil on a day then named, or be referred to some other Committee. Should a Bill be ordered to be referred to a Special Committee, such order shall fix the date for the commencement of the Committee Stage, the number of members to serve on the Committee, the quorum of it, and Standing Orders 89 and 90 shall otherwise apply. [See S.O. 114.]

Bill referred to
Committee.

(2) Provided that the Dáil may, on motion made by the member in charge of the Bill, commit the Bill to a Select or Special Committee in respect of some of its provisions, and to a Committee of the whole Dáil in respect of other provisions, and that if such a motion is opposed, the Ceann Comhairle shall permit an explanatory statement from the member who moves, and from a member who opposes the motion before he or she puts the question thereon.

123. When a Bill is to be considered in Committee or on Report,

Notice and
arrangement of
amendments.

- (a) proposed amendments shall be in writing signed by the member and shall reach the Clerk not later than 11 a.m. on the fourth day preceding that on which the Bill or, if appropriate, the part thereof

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más cuí, an chuid de a mbeidh siad dírithe uirthi, le breithniú agus cuirfear in ord ceart iad,

- (b) is i scríbhinn arna síniú ag an gcomhalta a bheidh leasuithe ar leasuithe a bheidh le tairiscint agus sroichfidh siad an Cléireach tráth nach déanaí ná 11 a.m. ar an dara lá roimh an lá sin ar a mbeidh an Bille nó, más cuí, an leasú atá le tairiscint ar an mBille a mbeidh siad dírithe air, le breithniú agus cuirfear in ord ceart iad:

Ar choinníoll, dá ainneoin sin, ar bhonn eisceachtúil, nó in imthosca ina bhfágfaí, de bharr sceideal níos giorra a bheith ann do ghnó Bille, go mbeadh feidhmiú praiticiúil an sprioc-ama dodhéanta, go bhféadfar leasuithe, nó leasuithe ar leasuithe, a thairiscint ar fhógra níos giorra de rogha an Cheann Comhairle amháin, nó le cead roimh ré ón gCathaoir gan fógra.

Bille a bhreithniú alt ar alt.

124. Nuair a bheidh Bille i gCoiste, ní foláir é a bhreithniú alt ar alt. Beidh sé in ordú, áfach, sula dtosófar ar alt nó ailt a bhreithniú, a thairiscint go gcuirfear an t-alt nó na hailt siar go dtí go mbeifear réidh le halt nó le hailt eile nó le sceidil. Féadfar aon alt de Bhille a leasú i gCoiste agus féadfar ailt nua a chur isteach ann.

Leasuithe a thairiscint agus déileáil leo: breithniú an réamhrá agus an teidil.

125. (1) Nuair a bheidh leasú le tairiscint i gCoiste á mholadh go gcuirfear alt nua isteach i mBille, féadfar an leasú sin a thairiscint nuair a léifear amach ón gCathaoir uimhir an ailt a mbeidh an t-alt nua le cur isteach roimhe, agus is í an cheist ar an leasú sin is tuisce a chinnfear.

(2) Nuair a bheifear réidh leis na leasuithe (más ann) a tairgeadh ar alt, tairgfear an cheist, “Go bhfanfaidh an t-alt sin (nó an t-alt sin mar a leasaíodh é) ina chuid den Bhille”.

(3) Déanfar an breithniú ar réamhrá agus ar theideal Bille i gCoiste a chur siar go dtí go mbeidh breithniú déanta ar na hailt agus ar na sceidil (más ann).

Buan-Choistí, Roghchoistí nó Coistí Speisialta a chur ar athló: tuairisc ar a ndearnadh ó Choiste den Dáil uile.

126. Le linn dó Bille a bhreithniú, féadfaidh Buanchoiste, Roghchoiste nó Coiste Speisialta dul ar athló tráth ar bith, agus féadfaidh Coiste den Dáil uile, tráth ar bith, tuairisc a thabhairt ar a ndearnadh, má ritear an tairiscint is gá chuige sin. Ní ghlacfar aon tairiscint den sórt sin más dóigh le Cathaoirleach an Choiste í a bheith á déanamh chun moill nó toirmeasc a chur ar an ngnó.

Cumhacht Coiste chun Billí a leasú: treoir do Choiste: teideal a leasú.

127. (1) Beidh sé ina threoir do na Coistí uile chun a gcuirfear Billí go mbeidh sé de chumhacht acu cibé leasuithe is cuí leo a dhéanamh iontu ach baint a bheith ag na leasuithe sin le forálacha an Bhille agus gan iad a bheith bunoscionn le bunbhrí an Bhille mar a léadh é an dara huair.

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to which they are addressed, is to be considered and shall be arranged in the proper order,

- (b) proposed amendments to amendments shall be in writing signed by the member and shall reach the Clerk not later than 11 a.m. on the second day preceding that on which the Bill or, if appropriate, the proposed amendment to the Bill to which they are addressed, is to be considered and shall be arranged in the proper order:

Provided, nevertheless, that on an exceptional basis, or in circumstances where shorter scheduling of business of a Bill makes practical application of the deadline impossible, amendments, or amendments to amendments, may be moved on shorter notice at the sole discretion of the Ceann Comhairle, or with the prior permission of the Chair without notice.

124. In Committee, a Bill must be considered section by section. It shall be in order, however, before consideration of a section or sections is entered upon, to move the postponement of the section or sections until another section, other sections or schedules have been disposed of. Any section of a Bill may be amended in Committee, and new sections may be inserted.

Consideration of a Bill section by section.

125. (1) In Committee, when an amendment is offered proposing to insert a new section in a Bill, such amendment may be moved when the number of the section, before which it is proposed to insert the new section, is read from the Chair, and the question on such amendment shall be first decided.

Offering and disposal of amendments: consideration of preamble and title.

(2) When the amendments (if any) offered to a section have been disposed of, the question shall be proposed, "That such section (or such section as amended) stand part of the Bill".

(3) The consideration of the preamble and title of a Bill in Committee shall be deferred until the sections and schedules (if any) have been considered.

126. In considering a Bill, a Standing, Select or Special Committee may at any time adjourn, and a Committee of the whole Dáil may at any time report progress, provided that the necessary motion to this effect has been carried. Any such motion which is deemed by the Chair to be dilatory or obstructive shall not be accepted.

Adjournment of Standing, Select or Special Committees: report of progress by Committee of the whole Dáil.

127. (1) It shall be an instruction to all Committees to which Bills may be committed that they have power to make such amendments therein as they shall think fit, provided that such amendments be relevant to the provisions of the Bill and are not in conflict with the principle of the Bill as read a second time.

Power of Committee to amend Bills: instruction to Committee: amendments of title.

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(2) Féadfaidh an Dáil, tar éis díospóireachta nach lú ná 60 nóiméad, de réir mar a ordóidh an Teach, ar thairiscint ón gcomhalta a bheidh i mbun Bille, treoir a thabhairt do Choiste chun ar cuireadh Bille á chumhachtú dó leasuithe a dhéanamh, de chineál a shonrófar, ach baint a bheith ag na leasuithe leis an ábhar ginearálta agus gan iad a bheith bunoscinn le bunbhrí an Bhille.

(3) Má bhíonn aon leasú a dhéanfar ar Bhille taobh amuigh de theideal an Bhille, leasóidh an Coiste an teideal dá réir sin agus tabharfaidh sé tuairisc speisialta air sin don Dáil.

Roghchoistí nó Coistí Speisialta do chlóbhualadh Billí agus Ordú don Thuarascáil.

128. Tar éis réamhrá (más ann) agus teideal Bille a bhreithniú i gCoiste den Dáil uile nó i Roghchoiste nó i gCoiste Speisialta—

(a) clóbhuaifear an Bille, má leasaítear é, agus

(b) déanfaidh an Dáil ordú chun é a bhreithniú ar Thuarascáil [Féach freisin Buan-Orduithe 86(2) agus 87.]

An Ceathrú Céim (Tuarascáil)

Bille a bhreithniú ar Thuarascáil.

129. (1) Murar tairgeadh aon leasuithe ar Bhille ar Thuarascáil déanfar Ordú ag ceapadh lá dá Chúigiú Céim.

(2) Má tairgeadh leasuithe ar Bhille ar Thuarascáil cromfaidh an Dáil ar iad a bhreithniú.

(3) Féadfaidh comhaltaí labhairt faoi dhó ar leasú a thairgfear ar Bhille ar Thuarascáil ach ní rachaidh an dara hóráid thar dhá nóiméad, ach amháin go mbeidh ceart freisin ag an gcomhalta a thairgfídh an leasú freagra a thabhairt.

Tairiscint le haghaidh athchúrsa i gCoiste.

130. (1) Féadfar tairiscint a dhéanamh go gcuirfear Bille ar athchúrsa i gCoiste ina iomláine nó maidir le hailt nó leasuithe áirithe. Féadfar an tairiscint a dhéanamh maidir leis an mBille iomlán nuair a thosófar ar é a bhreithniú ar Thuarascáil agus maidir le hailt nó leasuithe áirithe sula mbeidh an breithniú ar an alt nó ar an leasú, de réir mar a bheidh, críochnaithe ar Thuarascáil.

(2) Má chuirtear i gcoinne tairisceana chun Bille a chur faoi athchúrsa i gCoiste, ceadóidh an Ceann Comhairle ráiteas mínitheach ón gcomhalta a rinne an tairiscint ar na cúiseanna chun é a chur faoi athchúrsa i gCoiste agus ráiteas ó chomhalta atá ag cur i gcoinne na tairisceana sula gcuirfidh sé nó sí an cheist uirthi.

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(2) The Dáil may, following debate of not less than 60 minutes as the House may order on motion made by the member in charge of a Bill, give an instruction to a Committee to which a Bill has been committed empowering it to make amendments, the nature of which shall be specified, provided that the amendments be relevant to the general subject matter and not in conflict with the principle of the Bill.

(3) If any amendment made to a Bill be not within the title of the Bill the Committee shall amend the title accordingly and report the same specially to the Dáil.

128. When the preamble (if any), and the title of a Bill shall have been considered in Committee of the whole Dáil or in Select or Special Committee— Printing of Bills by
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Order for Report.

(a) the Bill, if amended, shall be printed; and

(b) an order shall be made by the Dáil for its consideration on Report.
[See also Standing Orders 86(2) and 87.]

Fourth (Report) Stage

129. (1) If no amendments have been offered to a Bill on Report an Order appointing a day for its Fifth Stage shall be made. Consideration of Bill
on Report.

(2) If amendments have been offered to a Bill on Report the Dáil shall proceed to consider them.

(3) Members may speak twice on an amendment offered to a Bill on Report but the second contribution shall not exceed two minutes, save that the member who moved the amendment shall also have a right of reply.

130. (1) A motion may be made to recommit a Bill either wholly or in respect of certain sections or amendments. The motion may be made in respect of the whole Bill at the commencement of its consideration on Report and in respect of certain sections or amendments before consideration of the section or amendment as the case may be has been completed on Report. Motion for
recommittal.

(2) If a motion to recommit a Bill be opposed the Ceann Comhairle shall permit an explanatory statement of the reasons for such recommittal from the member who moves and a statement from a member who opposes the motion before he or she puts the question thereon.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

Leasuithe ar an gCeathrú Céim.

131. Féadfar leasuithe a thairiscint ar an gCeathrú Céim, ach ní bheidh aon leasú in ordú má diúltaíodh dó roimhe sin i gCoiste den Dáil uile.

Leasuithe a bhunódh muirir ar an ioncam poiblí nó ar an bpobal.

132. Ar an gCeathrú Céim, ní cead aon alt nua ná aon leasú eile a thairiscint a bhunódh muirear ar an ioncam poiblí nó ar an bpobal ach féadfar an Bille a chur faoi athchúrsa i gCoiste maidir le haon alt nó leasú den sórt sin.

Ordú don Chúigiú Céim.

133. Nuair a bheifear réidh le haon leasuithe déanfar Ordú ag ceapadh lá dá Chúigiú Céim.

An Cúigiú Céim

Tairiscint chun Bille a rith: leasuithe focal.

134. Nuair a thiofadh Bille ar aghaidh chun an breithniú deiridh a dhéanamh air, tairgfear “Go rithfear an Bille anois”. Ní dhéanfar aon leasú ar aon Bhille ar an gCéim seo ach amháin leasú focal.

ORDUITHE AG SOCRÚ DÁTA DON CHÉAD CHÉIM EILE DE BHILLÍ

Orduithe ag socrú dáta don chéad chéim eile de Bhillí.

135. Déanfar déanamh Ordaithe ag socrú an dáta don chéad chéim eile de Bhillie a chinneadh gan leasú: Ar choinníoll, i gcás nach ndéanfar an t-ordú, go bhfanfaidh an Bille ar Riar na hOibre.

CEARTUITHE I MBILLÍ

Ceartuithe i mBillí.

136. Le linn Bille a bheith ag dul ar aghaidh, féadfaidh an Cléireach ceartuithe focal nó ceartuithe foirmiúla a dhéanamh air tráth ar bith, faoi threorú an Cheann Comhairle. Is trí thairiscint a dhéanfar ceartú ar leaganacha, agus gach ceartú eile, agus déileálfar leo mar a dhéileáiltear le haon leasú eile.

BILLÍ A THIT AR LÁR A CHUR AR AIS AR RIAR NA HOIBRE

Billí a thit ar lár a chur ar ais ar Riar na hOibre.

137. (1) Aon Bhille a thitfidh ar lár, toisc an Dáil a lánscor, roimh theacht chun a chéime deiridh dó, féadfar dul ar aghaidh leis ar ationól na Dála ag an gcéim a bhí sroichte aige roimh an lánscor, má ritear Rún á chur ar ais ar Riar na hOibre.

(2) Mura n-ordaítear a mhalairt leis an Rún trína gcuirfear an Bille ar ais ar Riar na hOibre, rachfar ar aghaidh leis an mBille ó thosach na céime áirithe a bhí sroichte aige roimh lánscor na Dála.

STANDING ORDERS

131. Amendments may be moved on the Fourth Stage, but no amendments previously rejected in Committee of the whole Dáil shall be in order. Amendments on Fourth Stage.

132. On the Fourth Stage, no new section or other amendment may be proposed which creates a charge on the public revenue or upon the people but the Bill may be recommitted in respect of any such section or amendment. Amendments creating charges on the public revenue or upon the people.

133. When any amendments have been disposed of an Order appointing a day for its Fifth Stage shall be made. Order for Fifth Stage.

Fifth Stage

134. When a Bill shall come forward for final consideration, it shall be moved, "That the Bill do now pass". No amendment, not being merely verbal, shall be made to any Bill on this Stage. Motion for passage of Bill: verbal amendments.

ORDERS FIXING DATE FOR NEXT STAGE OF BILLS

135. The making of an Order fixing the date for the next Stage of a Bill shall be decided without amendment: Provided that, in a case where the Order is not made, the Bill shall remain on the Order Paper. Orders fixing date for next Stage of Bills.

CORRECTIONS IN BILLS

136. During the progress of a Bill, corrections of a verbal or formal nature may at any time be made in a Bill by the Clerk, under the direction of the Ceann Comhairle. Verbal, and all other corrections, shall be made by way of motion, and dealt with as any other amendment. Corrections in Bills.

RESTORATION OF LAPSED BILLS TO ORDER PAPER

137. (1) Any Bill, which lapses by reason of the dissolution of the Dáil, before it has reached its final stage, may be proceeded with on the reassembly of the Dáil at the stage it had reached prior to the dissolution, upon a Resolution restoring it to the Order Paper. Restoration of lapsed Bills to Order Paper.

(2) Unless the Resolution restoring the Bill to the Order Paper directs otherwise, the Bill shall be proceeded with at the commencement of the particular stage which it had reached prior to the dissolution of the Dáil.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

BILLÍ CROSCHINEÁLACHA

Míniú. **138.** Bille poiblí (nach Bille chun Ordú Sealadach a dhaingniú) a bhaineann le leasanna príobháideacha i slí, dá mba Bhille príobháideach é, gur ghá, faoi na Buan-Orduithe i dtaobh Gnó Phríobháidigh, réamhfhógraí ina thaobh a thabhairt sula dtabharfaí isteach é, gairtear Bille croschineálach de agus beidh sé faoi réir fhorálacha Bhuan-Ordú 60 de na Buan-Orduithe i dtaobh Gnó Phríobháidigh.

BILLÍ COMHDHLÚITE

Míniú agus tabhairt isteach. **139.** (1) Bille a mbeidh sé ráite sa teideal fada gurb é is cuspóir dó an Dlí Reachtúil maidir le hábhar áirithe a chomhdhlúthú, agus a mbeidh sin deimhnithe ina thaobh ag an Ard-Aighne i ndeimhniú a bheidh ag gabháil leis an mBille ar é a thabhairt isteach, gairfear Bille Comhdhlúite de.

(2) Déanfar an Deimhniú dá bhforáiltear sa mhír sin roimhe seo den Bhuan-Ordú seo a chlóbhualadh ar Riar na hOibre ar a dtabharfar fógra go bhfuiltear chun an Bille sin a thabhairt isteach.

(3) I dtosach gach Bille Chomhdhlúite beidh Meabhrán arna ullmhú ag an Ard-Aighne ina sonrú na hachtacháin a aisghairtear leis an mBille, na hailt den Bhille ina bhfuil macasamhail na n-achtachán a aisghairtear, mar aon le nótaí an Ard-Aighne ar aon leasuithe a rinneadh sa téacs.

(4) Má thugtar cead Bille Comhdhlúite a thabhairt isteach, déanfar Ordú don Dara Céim le haghaidh dáta nach luaithe ná ocht lá is fiche tar éis é a thabhairt isteach agus clóbhuailfear an Bille agus an Meabhrán.

An Dara Céim. **140.** (1) Ar an Dara Céim de Bhille Comhdhlúite ní ghlacfar le haon leasú a thairgfear a dhéanamh ar an tairiscint, “Go léifear an Bille an dara huair anois”, ach amháin leasú á thairiscint go ndéanfar na focail go léir i ndiaidh an fhocail “Go” a fhágáil ar lár d’fhonn focail a chur ina n-ionad ag lua cúise nó cúiseanna in aghaidh Dheimhniú an Ard-Aighne.

(2) Más rud é i gcás an leasaithe ar an gceist, “Go léifear an Bille an dara huair anois”, go gcinnefar go bhfanfaidh mar chuid den cheist na focail a tairgeadh a ligean ar lár, faisnéisfear láithreach an Bille a bheith léite an dara huair.

An Bille a chur faoi bhráid Buan-Chomhchoiste. **141.** Céim de Bhille Comhdhlúite a bheith rite, déanfar, le comhthoil an dá Theach, é a chur faoi bhráid Buan-Chomhchoiste a bheidh comhdhéanta de Choistí ón dá Theach arna gcomhcheangal chun Billí den sórt sin a bhreithniú [B.O. 144]. Mura gcomhthoileofar amhlaidh féadfar an Bille a chur faoi bhráid Buan-Choiste den Dáil.

STANDING ORDERS

HYBRID BILLS

138. A public Bill (not being a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order) affecting private interests in such a way that, if it were a private Bill, it would, under the Standing Orders relative to Private Business, require preliminary notices before its introduction, is known as a hybrid Bill and shall be subject to the provisions of Standing Order 60 of the Standing Orders relative to Private Business. Definition.

CONSOLIDATION BILLS

139. (1) A Bill the purpose of which as expressed in the long title is to consolidate existing Statute Law on a particular subject matter, and is so certified by the Attorney General in a certificate which shall accompany the Bill on introduction, shall be known as a Consolidation Bill. Definition and introduction.

(2) The Certificate provided for in the preceding paragraph of this Standing Order shall be printed on the Order Paper on which notice is given of intention to introduce such Bill.

(3) Every Consolidation Bill shall have prefixed to it a memorandum prepared by the Attorney General in which shall be specified the enactments repealed by the Bill, the sections of the Bill in which the repealed enactments are reproduced, together with the remarks of the Attorney General on any textual amendments made.

(4) If leave to introduce a Consolidation Bill be given, an Order for its Second Stage shall be made for a date not earlier than twenty-eight days after its introduction and the Bill and the Memorandum shall be printed.

140. (1) On the Second Stage of a Consolidation Bill the only amendment which may be moved to the motion, “That the Bill be now read a second time”, is one proposing the omission of all words after the word “That” in order to substitute words stating a reason or reasons in challenge of the Certificate of the Attorney General. Second Stage.

(2) If on the amendment to the question, “That the Bill be now read a second time”, it is decided that the words proposed to be omitted stand part of the question the Bill shall forthwith be declared to be read a second time.

141. Every Consolidation Bill after having passed its Second Stage shall, with the concurrence of both Houses, be referred to a Standing Joint Committee consisting of Committees of each House joined together for the purpose of consideration of such Bills [S.O. 144]. In the absence of such concurrence the Bill may be referred to a Standing Committee of the Dáil. Bill referred to Standing Joint Committee.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

Leasú a cheadaítear ar thairiscint chun comhthoiliú leis an mBille a chur faoi bhráid an Bhuan-Chomhchoiste.

142. Ar thairiscint a dhéanamh sa Dáil, i gcás Bille Chomhdhlúite a tionscnaíodh sa Seanad, chun comhthoiliú leis an Seanad i dtaobh é a bheith oiriúnach an Bille a chur faoi bhráid an Bhuan-Chomhchoiste, ní fhéadfar aon leasú a thairiscint ach amháin leasú ag lua cúise nó cúiseanna in aghaidh Dheimhniú an Ard-Aighne.

Bille a chur faoi bhráid an Chomhchoiste.

143. Ar Bhille Comhdhlúite a bheith léite an dara huair sa Teach tionscnaimh, agus ar rún ag comhthoiliú leis an mBille a chur faoi bhráid an Bhuan-Chomhchoiste a bheith rite ag an Teach eile, déanfaidh an dá Theach orduithe chun an Bille a chur faoi bhráid an Bhuan-Chomhchoiste ar dháta nach luaithe ná ceithre lá dhéag tar éis an Rún comhthoilithe a rith.

An Buan-Chomhchoiste um Billí Comhdhlúite.

144. (1) Beidh arna bhunú, i ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, Buan-Choiste a bheidh le comhcheangal lena shamhail de Choiste den Seanad chun an Buan-Chomhchoiste um Billí Comhdhlúite a chomhdhéanamh. Faoi réir fhorálacha mhír (3), triúr comhalta a bheidh ar an mBuan-Choiste ar beirt is córam dó. Ceathrar is córam don Bhuan-Chomhchoiste ar comhalta de Dháil Éireann duine amháin ar a laghad díobh agus ar comhalta de Sheanad Éireann duine amháin ar a laghad díobh.

(2) An comhalta den Rialtas atá i mbun na Roinne lena mbaineann an dlí reachtúil a bheidh i dtrácht i mBille a bheidh curtha faoi bhráid an Bhuan-Chomhchoiste, beidh sé nó sí ina c(h)omhalta *ex officio* den Bhuan-Chomhchoiste chun an Bille a bhreithniú: ar choinníoll go bhféadfaidh an comhalta sin den Rialtas comhalta eile den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit a ainmniú chun gníomhú ina ionad nó ina hionad chun na críche sin.

(3) Féadfar cibé líon comhaltaí, nach mó ná triúr, a chur leis an mBuan-Choiste um Billí Comhdhlúite chun aon Bhille áirithe a bhreithniú a bheidh curtha chun an Bhuan-Chomhchoiste.

(4) Beidh na cumhachtaí seo a leanas ag an mBuan-Chomhchoiste:

(a) an chumhacht chun fios a chur ar dhaoine, ar pháipéir agus ar thaifid mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 85;

(b) an chumhacht chun fianaise béil agus fianaise scríofa a ghlacadh mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(1); agus

(c) an chumhacht chun tuarascálacha mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 86(1) a chlóbhualadh agus a fhoilsiú.

(5) Déanfaidh an Buan-Chomhchoiste, ó am go ham de réir mar is cúí leis an mBuan-Chomhchoiste, miontuairiscí ar a chuid imeachtaí a leagan faoi bhráid gach Tí.

STANDING ORDERS

142. On motion made in the Dáil, in the case of a Consolidation Bill originating in the Seanad, to concur with the Seanad as to the expediency of referring the Bill to the Standing Joint Committee, the only amendment which may be moved is one stating a reason or reasons in challenge of the Certificate of the Attorney General.

Permissible amendment to motion concurring in reference to Standing Joint Committee.

143. When a Consolidation Bill has been read a second time in the originating House and a Resolution of concurrence in the reference of the Bill to the Standing Joint Committee has been passed by the other House, orders for the committal of the Bill to the Standing Joint Committee shall be made by both Houses for a date not earlier than fourteen days after the passage of the Resolution of concurrence.

Committal of Bill to Committee.

144. (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Standing Committee which shall be joined with a similar Committee of the Seanad to constitute the Standing Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills. The Standing Committee shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (3), consist of three members, two of whom shall constitute a quorum. The quorum of the Standing Joint Committee shall be four, of whom at least one shall be a member of Dáil Éireann and one a member of Seanad Éireann.

Standing Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills.

(2) The member of the Government in charge of the Department the statute law of which is dealt with in a Bill which has been referred to the Standing Joint Committee shall be an *ex officio* member of the Standing Joint Committee for the purpose of consideration of the Bill: Provided that such member of the Government may nominate another member of the Government or a Minister of State to act in his or her stead for that purpose.

(3) Such number of members, not exceeding three, may be added to the Standing Committee on a Consolidation Bill for the purpose of considering any particular Bill committed to the Standing Joint Committee.

(4) The Standing Joint Committee shall have the following powers:

- (a) power to send for persons, papers and records as defined in Standing Order 85;
- (b) power to take oral and written evidence as defined in Standing Order 83(1); and
- (c) power to print and publish reports as defined in Standing Order 86(1).

(5) The Standing Joint Committee shall, from time to time as the Standing Joint Committee sees fit, lay minutes of its proceedings before each House.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

Leasuithe a
cheadaítear sa
Choiste.

145. Sa Bhuan-Chomhchoiste um Bille Comhdhlúite ní cead aon leasuithe ach amháin leasuithe chun athbhríonna agus neamhréireachtaí a dhíchur, chun sásra nua a chur in ionad sean-sásra nó sásra neamhchaoithiúil nó chun comhréireacht cainte a áirithiú nó nithe a chur in oiriúint don dlí agus don chleachtas mar atá. Ní bheidh aon leasuithe in ordú más cinn iad de shaghas a leasódh substaint an dlí reachtúil.

Teachtaireachtaí ón
mBuan-
Chomhchoiste um
Billí Comhdhlúite.

146. Nuair a bheidh breithniú déanta ar réamhrá (más ann) agus ar theideal Bille Comhdhlúite sa Bhuan-Chomhchoiste—

- (a) cuirfidh an Buan-Chomhchoiste Teachtaireacht chuig gach Teach ar an modh dá bhforáiltear i mBuan-Ordú 87. D’ainneoin ghinearáltacht Bhuan-Ordú 144(4), measfar gurb ionann Cléireach na Dála d’fháil Teachtaireachta den sórt sin agus an Buan-Chomhchoiste do thabhairt tuarascála ar an mBille;
- (b) clóbhuailfear an Bille, má leasaítear é; agus
- (c) cuirfear an Bille síos do Chéim na Tuarascála sa Teach tionscnaimh ar dháta nach luaithe ná ocht lá is fiche ina dhiaidh sin.

An Ceathrú Céim.

147. Ar Chéim na Tuarascála beidh srian le leasuithe amhail mar atá sa Bhuan-Chomhchoiste [B.O.145] agus socrófar an Cúigiú Céim do dháta nach luaithe ná ceithre lá dhéag ina dhiaidh sin.

Gabháil thar
Céimeanna.

148. I gcás Bille Comhdhlúite a tionscnaíodh sa Seanad déanfar, ar an mBille a fháil sa Dáil tar éis a rite ag an Seanad, é a chur síos do Chéim na Tuarascála agus gabhfar thar an gCéad, an Dara, agus an Tríú Céim.

NÓS IMEACHTA AIRGEADAIS

Meastacháin agus
Rúin Airgeadais le
breithniú i gCoiste.

149. Mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt, déanfar gach tairiscint, chun muirear ar an bpobal a mhéadú, a laghdú nó a athrú ar shlí eile, agus gach Meastachán i gcomhair na Seirbhíse Poiblí, a bhreithniú i gCoiste.

Billí a tharraingeodh
muirir ar an bpobal.

150. (1) Ní thionscnoídh aon chomhalta, seachas comhalta den Rialtas, Bille a tharraingeodh muirear ar an bpobal, seachas muirear teagmhasach.

(2) Ní thógfar Céim an Choiste de Bhille a tharraingeodh muirear ar an bpobal, lena n-áirítear muirear teagmhasach, mura mbeidh an Dáil tar éis tairiscint a rith ag ceadú an mhuirir. Ní fhéadfaidh aon chomhalta nach comhalta den Rialtas aon tairiscint den sórt réamhráite a dhéanamh, ná aon leasú uirthi a thairiscint chun an tsuim a luaitear inti a mhéadú.

STANDING ORDERS

145. In the Standing Joint Committee on a Consolidation Bill the only permissible amendments shall be amendments designed to be for the removal of ambiguities and inconsistencies, the substitution of modern for obsolete or inconvenient machinery or the achievement of uniformity of expression or adaptation to existing law and practice. Amendments of the nature of substantive amendment of the statute law shall not be in order.

Permissible amendments in the Committee.

146. When the preamble (if any), and the title of a Consolidation Bill shall have been considered in the Standing Joint Committee—

Messages from Standing Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills.

- (a) the Standing Joint Committee shall send a Message to each House in the manner provided for in Standing Order 87. Notwithstanding the generality of Standing Order 144(4), the receipt by the Clerk of the Dáil of such a Message shall be deemed to be the report of the Standing Joint Committee on the Bill;
- (b) the Bill, if amended, shall be printed; and
- (c) the Bill shall be set down for Report Stage in the originating House on a date not earlier than twenty-eight days thereafter.

147. On the Report Stage, amendments shall be restricted similarly as in the Standing Joint Committee [S.O. 145] and the Fifth Stage shall be fixed for a date not earlier than fourteen days thereafter.

Fourth Stage.

148. In the case of a Consolidation Bill originating in the Seanad, the Bill shall on its receipt in the Dáil after being passed by the Seanad be set down for Report Stage, the First, Second and Third Stages being waived.

Waiver of Stages.

FINANCIAL PROCEDURE

149. Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, every motion to increase, reduce or otherwise vary, a charge upon the people and every Estimate for the Public Service shall be considered in Committee.

Estimates and Financial Resolutions to be considered in Committee.

150. (1) A Bill which involves the imposition of a charge upon the people, other than an incidental charge, shall not be initiated by any member, save a member of the Government.

Bills involving the imposition of charges upon the people.

(2) The Committee Stage of a Bill which involves a charge upon the people, including an incidental charge, shall not be taken unless a motion approving of the charge has been passed by the Dáil. No such motion as aforesaid nor any amendment thereto proposing to increase the amount stated in any such motion may be made by any member, save a member of the Government.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

(3) Ní fhéadfaidh aon chomhalta nach comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit leasú a thairiscint ar Bhille a bhféadfadh go mbeadh d'éifeacht leis go gcuirfí nó go méadófaí muirear ar an bpobal.

Billí a tharraingeodh leithreasú ioncain nó airgid phoiblí eile.

151. (1) Ní thionscnóidh aon chomhalta nach comhalta den Rialtas Bille a tharraingeodh leithreasú ioncain nó airgid phoiblí eile, seachas caiteachais theagmhasacha.

(2) Ní thógfar Céim an Choiste de Bhille a tharraingeodh leithreasú ioncain nó airgid phoiblí eile, lena n-áirítear caiteachais theagmhasacha, mura mbeidh Teachtaireacht ag an Dáil ón Rialtas ag moladh chuspóir an leithreasaithe di. Clóbhuailfear téacs aon Teachtaireachta ar Riar na hOibre [*Féach Airteagal 17.2 den Bhunreacht*].

(3) Ní fhéadfaidh aon chomhalta nach comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit leasú a thairiscint ar Bhille a bhféadfadh go mbeadh d'éifeacht leis go gcuirfí nó go méadófaí muirear ar an ioncam.

Deontais le haghaidh na seirbhíse poiblí.

152. Déanfaidh an Dáil gach deontas airgid a bheartófar le haghaidh na seirbhíse poiblí a bhreithniú ar thairiscint a gcinnfear í gan leasú agus ina luafar an tsuim a bheidh le deonú agus an tseirbhís áirithe dá mbeifear ag iarraidh na suime. Ní fhéadfaidh aon chomhalta nach comhalta den Rialtas aon tairiscint den sórt sin a dúradh a dhéanamh.

Billí a thionscnamh ag tabhairt feidhme do Rúin lena vótáiltear airgead nó lena bhforchuirtear cánachas.

153. Nuair a bheidh an Dáil réidh le breithniú aon Rúin, nó aon sraith Rúin, lena vótáiltear airgead do sheirbhísí poiblí, nó lena bhforchuirtear cánachas, déanfaidh an comhalta den Rialtas atá i mbun na Roinne Airgeadais, nó comhalta eile den Rialtas ag gníomhú thar a cheann nó thar a ceann, Bille a ullmhú agus a thionscnamh.

Meastacháin a Thíolacadh don Dáil agus a Chur faoi bhráid Roghchoistí.

154. (1) Déanfar na gnáth-Mheastacháin bhliantúla i gcomhair na Seirbhísí Poiblí a thíolacadh don Dáil agus a scaipeadh ar na comhaltaí de réir na dtréimhsí ama atá leagtha amach i mír (2) den Bhuan-Ordú seo: Ar choinníoll go bhféadfar Meastacháin fhorlíontacha nó bhreise, nach mbeidh sna gnáth-Mheastacháin bhliantúla, a thabhairt isteach, le cead ón Dáil, tar éis tairiscint a dhéanamh.

(2) Is iad na tréimhsí ama dá dtagraítear i mír (1), mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt, ná tráth nach déanaí ná seacht lá roimh bhreithniú na ngnáthtrún bliantúil lena bhforchuirtear cánachas agus tráth nach déanaí ná an tríochadú lá den bhliain airgeadais.

STANDING ORDERS

(3) An amendment to a Bill which could have the effect of imposing or increasing a charge upon the people may not be moved by any member, save a member of the Government or Minister of State.

151. (1) A Bill which involves the appropriation of revenue or other public moneys, other than incidental expenses, shall not be initiated by any member, save a member of the Government.

Bills involving the appropriation of revenue or other public moneys.

(2) The Committee Stage of a Bill which involves the appropriation of revenue or other public moneys, including incidental expenses, shall not be taken unless the purpose of the appropriation has been recommended to the Dáil by a Message from the Government. The text of any Message shall be printed on the Order Paper [*See Article 17.2 of the Constitution*].

(3) An amendment to a Bill which could have the effect of imposing or increasing a charge upon the revenue may not be moved by any member, save a member of the Government or Minister of State.

152. Every grant of money proposed for the public service shall be considered by the Dáil on a motion, which shall be decided without amendment, stating the amount to be granted and the particular service for which the sum is demanded. No such motion as aforesaid may be made by any member, save a member of the Government.

Grants for public service.

153. On the completion by the Dáil of the consideration of any Resolution, or series of Resolutions, voting money for public services, or imposing taxation, a Bill shall be prepared and initiated by the member of the Government in charge of the Department of Finance, or another member of the Government acting on his or her behalf.

Initiation of Bills implementing Resolutions voting money or imposing taxation.

154. (1) The ordinary yearly Estimates for the Public Services shall be presented to the Dáil and circulated to members in accordance with the time periods set out in paragraph (2) of this Standing Order: Provided that supplementary or additional Estimates, not included in the ordinary yearly Estimates, may be brought forward on leave given by the Dáil after motion made.

Presentation to the Dáil and Referral of Estimates to Select Committees.

(2) The time periods referred to in paragraph (1) shall, unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, be not less than seven days prior to the consideration of the ordinary yearly Resolutions imposing taxation and not later than the thirtieth day of the financial year.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

(3) Faoi réir fhorálacha mhír (1), féadfar Meastachán nó Meastacháin a chur faoi bhráid Roghchoiste lena bhreithniú nó lena mbreithniú: ar choinníoll, más rud é go dtosóidh an Dáil ar bhreithniú a dhéanamh ar aon tairiscint faoi Bhuan-Ordú 152 i leith an Mheastacháin nó na Meastachán sin, go mbeidh an tOrdú lenar cuireadh an Meastachán sin faoi bhráid an Roghchoiste sin ar ceal.

Vótálacha ar
Mheastacháin.

155. (1) Déanfaidh an Ceann Comhairle, nuair a éileofar vótáil ar Mheastachán sa Teach nó ar aon tairiscint a thógtar in éineacht leis an Meastachán sin, déanamh gach vótála den sórt sin a chur siar go dtí 8.30 p.m. an lá sin má bhíonn an Teach ina shuí go dtí an t-am sin agus, mura mbeidh, go dtí 8.30 p.m. an chéad lá eile a bheidh an Teach ina shuí go dtí an t-am sin.

(2) Déanfar ar 8.30 p.m. aon ghnó a bheidh faoi bhreithniú an uair sin a stopadh chun gach vótáil den sórt sin a dhéanamh. I gcás ina mbeidh níos mó ná vótáil amháin le déanamh ar 8.30 p.m. déanfar na vótálacha san ord ama inar éilíodh iad.

(3) Má bhíonn imeachtaí faoin Ordú seo ar siúl an t-am a bheidh ceaptha chun gnó a stopadh ní stopfaidh an Ceann Comhairle an gnó amhlaidh go dtí go gcríochnófar na himeachtaí i ndáil leis na vótálacha agus na ceisteanna go léir a bheidh gan chinneadh.

Díospóireacht ar
Mheastacháin
Fhorlíontacha.

156. Nuair a bheidh Meastachán forlíontach á phlé, cloífead sa díospóireacht le Míreanna an Mheastacháin, agus ní fhéadfar aon díospóireacht a dhéanamh ar an Meastachán bunaidh, ach amháin sa mhéid gur gá é chun na Míreanna áirithe a bheidh faoi dhíospóireacht a mhíniú nó a léiriú.

Teorainn ama le
hóráidí ar Rúin
Airgeadais agus
Meastacháin.

157. Mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt ní rachaidh óráid comhalta le linn díospóireachta ar thairiscint le haghaidh muirear a chur ar an bpobal nó le haghaidh airgead a dheonú a bheartófar don tseirbhís phoiblí thar uair an chloig: Ar choinníoll nach rachaidh óráid an chéad chainteora ó ghrúpa (mar a mhínítear le Buan-Ordú 116 (1) (a)) i bhfreasúra ná óráid chomhalta an Rialtais nó an Aire Stáit ag freagairt na díospóireachta thar uair go leith an chloig i ngach cás: Ar choinníoll fairis sin nach mbainfidh an t-ordú seo leis an óráid ó chomhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit ag cur tús leis an díospóireacht.

An Coiste um
Chuntais Phoiblí.

158. (1) I ndiaidh ationól na Dála tar éis Olltoghcháin, beidh Buan-Choiste arna bhunú dá ngairfear an Coiste um Chuntais Phoiblí, chun scrúdú a dhéanamh agus tuarascáil a thabhairt don Dáil—

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(3) An Estimate or Estimates may, subject to the provisions of paragraph (1), be referred to a Select Committee for consideration: Provided that, where the Dáil enters into consideration of any motion under Standing Order 152 in respect of such Estimate or Estimates, the Order of referral of that Estimate to that Select Committee shall stand rescinded.

155. (1) The Ceann Comhairle shall, where a division has been demanded on an Estimate in the House or on any motion taken in conjunction with such Estimate, postpone the taking of every such division until 8.30 p.m. on that day if the House sits until that hour and, if not, to 8.30 p.m. on the next day on which the House shall sit until that hour.

Divisions on
Estimates.

(2) At 8.30 p.m. any business then under consideration shall be interrupted to take every such division. Where more than one division is to be taken at 8.30 p.m. the divisions shall be taken in the chronological order in which they were demanded.

(3) If at the time appointed for the interruption of business, proceedings under this Order are in progress, the Ceann Comhairle shall not effect such interruption until the proceedings in connection with all divisions and questions outstanding shall have been completed.

156. In the discussion of a supplementary Estimate the debate shall be confined to the Items constituting the same, and no discussion may be raised on the original Estimate, save in so far as it may be necessary to explain or illustrate the particular Items under discussion.

Debate on
Supplementary
Estimates.

157. Unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, the speech of a member in the course of a debate on a motion for the imposition of a charge upon the people or for a grant of money proposed for the public service shall not exceed one hour: Provided that the speech of the first speaker from a group (as defined by Standing Order 116 (1) (a)) in opposition and the speech of the member of the Government or Minister of State replying to the debate shall not exceed in each case one hour and a half: Provided further that this order shall not apply to the speech of a member of the Government or Minister of State opening the debate.

Time limit on
speeches on
Financial
Resolutions and
Estimates.

158. (1) There shall stand established, following the reassembly of the Dáil subsequent to a General Election, a Standing Committee, to be known as the Committee of Public Accounts, to examine and report to the Dáil upon—

Committee of Public
Accounts.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

- (a) ar na cuntais ina dtaispeánfar leithreasú na suimeanna a bheidh deonaithe ag an Dáil le haghaidh an chaiteachais phoiblí agus cibé cuntais eile is cuí leo (nach cuntais daoine a áirítear sa Dara Sceideal d’Acht an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste (Leasú) 1993) a bheidh iniúchta ag an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste agus tíolactha don Dáil, maille le haon tuarascálacha ón Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste orthu:

Ar choinníoll, maidir le cuntais seachas Cuntais Leithreasa, nach scrúdóidh an Coiste ach cuntais do bhliain airgeadais dar tús tráth nach luaithe ná 1 Eanáir, 1994;

- (b) ar thuarascálacha an Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste maidir lena chuid nó lena cuid scrúduithe ar bharrinneacht, éifeachtacht, córais mheasúnaithe éifeachtúlachta, nósanna imeachta agus cleachtais; agus
- (c) ar thuarascálacha eile a dhéanfaidh an tArd-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste faoin Acht.

(2) Féadfaidh an Coiste athruithe agus feabhsúcháin a mholadh ar leagan amach na Meastachán a chuirfear faoi bhráid na Dála.

(3) Féadfaidh an Coiste dul ar aghaidh lena scrúdú ar chuntas nó ar thuarascáil ón Ard-Reachtaire Cuntas agus Ciste am ar bith tar éis don chuntas nó don thuarascáil sin a bheith tíolactha do Dháil Éireann.

(4) Beidh na cumhachtaí seo a leanas ag an gCoiste:

- (a) an chumhacht chun fios a chur ar dhaoine, ar pháipéir agus ar thaifid mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 85;
- (b) an chumhacht chun fianaise béil agus fianaise scríofa a ghlacadh mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(1);
- (c) an chumhacht chun Fochoistí a cheapadh mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(3);
- (d) an chumhacht chun sainchomhairleoirí a fhostú mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(8); agus
- (e) an chumhacht chun taisteal mar a mhínítear i mBuan-Ordú 83(9).

(5) Déanfar gach tuarascáil a bheartóidh an Coiste a thabhairt, arna glacadh ag an gCoiste, a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála láithreach agus as a aithle sin beidh cumhacht ag an gCoiste an tuarascáil sin, mar aon le cibé doiciméid ghaolmhara is cuí leis, a chlóbhualadh agus a fhoilsiú.

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- (a) the accounts showing the appropriation of the sums granted by the Dáil to meet the public expenditure and such other accounts as they see fit (not being accounts of persons included in the Second Schedule of the Comptroller and Auditor General (Amendment) Act 1993) which are audited by the Comptroller and Auditor General and presented to the Dáil, together with any reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon:

Provided that in relation to accounts other than Appropriation Accounts, only accounts for a financial year beginning not earlier than 1 January, 1994, shall be examined by the Committee;

- (b) the Comptroller and Auditor General's reports on his or her examinations of economy, efficiency, effectiveness evaluation systems, procedures and practices; and
- (c) other reports carried out by the Comptroller and Auditor General under the Act.

(2) The Committee may suggest alterations and improvements in the form of the Estimates submitted to the Dáil.

(3) The Committee may proceed with its examination of an account or a report of the Comptroller and Auditor General at any time after that account or report is presented to Dáil Éireann.

(4) The Committee shall have the following powers:

- (a) power to send for persons, papers and records as defined in Standing Order 85;
- (b) power to take oral and written evidence as defined in Standing Order 83(1);
- (c) power to appoint sub-Committees as defined in Standing Order 83(3);
- (d) power to engage consultants as defined in Standing Order 83(8);
and
- (e) power to travel as defined in Standing Order 83(9).

(5) Every report which the Committee proposes to make shall, on adoption by the Committee, be laid before the Dáil forthwith whereupon the Committee shall be empowered to print and publish such report together with such related documents as it thinks fit.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

(6) Déanfaidh an Coiste tuarascáil bhliantúil ar dhul chun cinn maidir lena chuid gníomhaíochtaí agus pleananna a thíolacadh do Dháil Éireann.

(7) Staonfaidh an Coiste—

(a) ó fhaisnéis rúnda i ndáil le gníomhaíochtaí agus pleananna Roinne nó oifige Rialtais, nó comhlachta a bheidh faoi réir iniúchta, scrúdaithe nó cigireachta ag an Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste, a fhiosrú i seisiún poiblí nó a fhoilsiú más rud é go n-iarrfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó an comhlacht a bheidh i gceist air déanamh amhlaidh; agus

(b) ó fhiosrú a dhéanamh maidir leis na fiúntais a ghabhann le beartas nó beartais de chuid an Rialtais nó Aire Rialtais nó maidir leis na fiúntais a ghabhann le cuspóirí na mbeartas sin.

(8) Gan dochar do neamhspleáchas an Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste maidir le cinneadh na hoibre a bheidh le cur i gcrích ag a Oifig nó ag a hOifig nó an mhodha ina gcuirtear i gcrích í, féadfaidh an Coiste, i gcumarsáid rúnda, cibé moltaí is cuí leo a thabhairt don Ard-Reachtair Cuntas agus Ciste maidir leis an obair sin.

(9) Dháréag comhalta a bheidh ar an gCoiste, nach comhalta den Rialtas ná Aire Stáit aon duine acu, agus ceathrar acu sin is córam dó. Beidh an Coiste agus aon Fhochoiste a cheapfaidh sé comhdhéanta ar chuma go ndéanfaidh sé ionadaíocht chothrom don Dáil.

Comhaontuithe
Idirnáisiúnta a
Tharraingeodh
Muirir ar Chistí
Poiblí a Cheadú.

159. (1) I gcás gur gá don Dáil téarmaí aon chomhaontaithe idirnáisiúnta a tharraingeodh muirear ar chistí poiblí a cheadú, féadfaidh comhalta den Rialtas nó Aire Stáit tairiscint a dhéanamh chun na críche sin.

(2) Faoi réir cheanglas Airteagal 29.5.2^o den Bhunreacht i gcónaí, ní dhéanfaidh aon ní sa Bhuan-Ordú seo cosc a chur le togra in aon tairiscint den sórt sin a tharchur chuig Roghchoiste lena bhreithniú.

BILLÍ AIRGID

Deimhniú i dtaobh
Billí Airgid.

160. Chomh luath agus a bheidh Bille, arb é tuairim an Cheann Comhairle gur Bille Airgid é, rite ag an Dáil, agus sula gcuirfear chun an tSeanaid é, bhéarfaidh an Ceann Comhairle a dheimhniú nó a deimhniú gur Bille Airgid é agus craolfaidh sé nó sí don Dáil é sin a bheith déanta aige nó aici. Ina theannta sin, cuirfidh sé nó sí faoi deara go gcuirfear fógra chuig Cathaoirleach an tSeanaid láithreach á insint dó nó di go bhfuil sé nó sí tar éis an Bille sin a dheimhniú [*Féach Airteagal 22.2 den Bhunreacht*].

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(6) The Committee shall present an annual progress report to Dáil Éireann on its activities and plans.

(7) The Committee shall refrain from—

(a) enquiring into in public session, or publishing, confidential information regarding the activities and plans of a Government Department or office, or of a body which is subject to audit, examination or inspection by the Comptroller and Auditor General, if so requested either by a member of the Government, or the body concerned; and

(b) enquiring into the merits of a policy or policies of the Government or a member of the Government or the merits of the objectives of such policies.

(8) The Committee may, without prejudice to the independence of the Comptroller and Auditor General in determining the work to be carried out by his or her Office or the manner in which it is carried out, in private communication, make such suggestions to the Comptroller and Auditor General regarding that work as it sees fit.

(9) The Committee shall consist of twelve members, none of whom shall be a member of the Government or a Minister of State, and four of whom shall constitute a quorum. The Committee and any sub-Committee which it may appoint shall be constituted so as to be impartially representative of the Dáil.

159. (1) Where approval by the Dáil of the terms of any international agreement involving a charge upon public funds is required, a motion to that effect may be made by a member of the Government or Minister of State.

Approval of International Agreements involving Charges on Public Funds.

(2) Subject always to the requirement of Article 29.5.2° of the Constitution, nothing in this Standing Order shall preclude the referral of a proposal contained in any such motion to a Select Committee for its consideration.

MONEY BILLS

160. Immediately after a Bill, which in his or her opinion is a Money Bill, has passed the Dáil, and before it is sent to the Seanad, the Ceann Comhairle shall issue his or her certificate that it is a Money Bill, and he or she shall announce that fact to the Dáil. He or she shall also cause a notification to be transmitted immediately to the Chairman of the Seanad, informing him or her of the certification of any such Bill [*See Article 22.2 of the Constitution*].

Certificate as to Money Bills.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

CUMARSÁID IDIR AN DÁIL AGUS AN SEANAD

Teachtaireachtaí

Teachtaireachtaí
chun an tSeanad.

161. Is i scríbhinn, faoi láimh Chléireach na Dála, a chuirfear Teachtaireachtaí ón Dáil go dtí an Seanad, agus is chun Cléireach an tSeanad a dhíreofar iad.

Teachtaireachtaí ón
Seanad.

162. (1) Is é nó í an Cléireach a ghlacfaidh Teachtaireachtaí ón Seanad. Cuirfidh an Ceann Comhairle aon Teachtaireacht den sórt sin in iúl don Dáil a luaithe a bheidh caoi aige nó aici air: Ach i gcás práinne speisialta, féadfar briseadh isteach ar aon ghnó a bheidh ar siúl nuair a gheofar an Teachtaireacht sin chun go gcloisfear í.

(2) Más gá i gcás Teachtaireachta ón Seanad go ndéanfadh an Dáil aon ghníomh nó ní, cuirfear an Teachtaireacht ar an gcéad Riar na hOibre eile a ullmhófar ina dhiaidh sin, agus breithneofar í dá réir sin: Ach i gcás práinne speisialta, féadfaidh an Dáil an Teachtaireacht sin a bhreithniú níos luaithe ná sin.

Billí

Billí a ritheadh ag
an Dáil a dheimhniú.

163. Tar éis do Bhille gabháil trí gach céim sa Dáil, déanfaidh an Cléireach, nó cuirfidh sé nó sí faoi deara go ndéanfar, cóip bheacht de, agus deimhneoidh sé nó sí gur cóip dhílis chruinn an chóip sin trína dheimhniú sin ar bharr an chéad leathanaigh agus trína inisealacha nó a hinisealacha agus uimhir a chur ar gach leathanach ina dhiaidh sin. Luafar sa deimhniú faoi láimh an Chléirigh an dáta a ghabh an Bille trína chéim deiridh sa Dáil, agus an dáta a cuireadh chun an tSeanad é.

Billí a chur chun an
tSeanad.

164. Déanfar an chóip dhílis sin de Bhille a ritheadh mar a dúradh, arna deimhniú go cuí mar a fhoráiltear anseo roimhe seo, a chur chun an tSeanad mar aon le Teachtaireacht ag tagairt don Bhille sin. Déarfar sa Teachtaireacht gur mian leis an Dáil go gcomhaontódh an Seanad le dlí a dhéanamh den Bhille nó, i gcás Bille Airgid, go bhfuil an Bille á chur chun an tSeanad le haghaidh a mholtaí.

Billí a tionscnaíodh
sa Seanad.

165. Bille a tionscnaíodh agus a ritheadh sa Seanad, measfar an Chéad Chéim a bheith rite aige sa Dáil, agus cuirfear síos don Dara Céim é ar an gcéad Riar na hOibre eile a ullmhófar tar éis é a fháil ón Seanad.

Leasuithe nó moltaí
ón Seanad a
bhreithniú.

166. Nuair a bheidh Bille, a cuireadh ón Dáil go dtí an Seanad, tar éis gabháil trí gach céim sa Seanad, agus go mbeidh sé curtha ar ais chun na Dála le leasuithe a rinneadh sa Seanad nó, i gcás Bille Airgid, le moltaí a rinne an Seanad, foilseofar na leasuithe nó na moltaí sin, cibé acu é, don Dáil, agus déanfaidh an Dáil, i gCoiste, na leasuithe nó na moltaí sin, cibé acu é, a bhreithniú agus tuairisc a thabhairt orthu.

STANDING ORDERS

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE DÁIL AND THE SEANAD

Messages

161. Messages from the Dáil to the Seanad shall be in writing, signed by the Clerk of the Dáil, and shall be addressed to the Clerk of the Seanad.

Messages to the Seanad.

162. (1) Messages from the Seanad shall be received by the Clerk. The Ceann Comhairle shall, at the first convenient opportunity, communicate any such Message to the Dáil: Provided that in case of special urgency, any business in progress on the receipt of such Message may be interrupted to hear the same.

Messages from the Seanad.

(2) If a Message from the Seanad requires any action to be taken or thing to be done by the Dáil, it shall be set down on the Order Paper next thereafter prepared, and shall be considered accordingly: Provided that in case of special urgency, the Dáil may consider such Message at any earlier period.

Bills

163. When a Bill has passed through all its stages in the Dáil, the Clerk shall make, or cause to be made, an exact copy thereof, and shall vouch such copy to be a true and correct copy by certifying the same at the head of the first page and by initialling and numbering each succeeding page. The signed certificate of the Clerk shall state the date of the passing of the Bill through its last stage in the Dáil, and the date of its transmission to the Seanad.

Vouching of Bills passed by the Dáil.

164. Such true copy of a Bill, passed as aforesaid, and duly certified in the manner hereinbefore provided, together with a Message referring to such Bill, shall be transmitted to the Seanad. The Message shall state that the Dáil desires the agreement of the Seanad to the passing of the Bill into law or, in the case of a Money Bill, that the Bill is sent to the Seanad for its recommendations.

Transmission of Bills to the Seanad.

165. A Bill, which has been initiated in and passed by the Seanad, shall be deemed to have passed its First Stage in the Dáil, and shall be set down for its Second Stage on the Order Paper next prepared after its receipt from the Seanad.

Bills initiated in the Seanad.

166. When a Bill, transmitted from the Dáil to the Seanad, shall have passed through all its stages in the Seanad, and shall have been sent back to the Dáil with amendments made in the Seanad, or in the case of a Money Bill, with recommendations made by the Seanad, such amendments or recommendations, as the case may be, shall be published to the Dáil, and the Dáil shall, in Committee, consider and report on such amendments or recommendations, as the case may be.

Consideration of amendments or recommendations of the Seanad.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

Cumhachtaí an Tí maidir le leasuithe ón Seanad: leasuithe ar leasuithe ón Seanad.

167. Aon leasú a dhéanfaidh an Seanad ar Bhille a tionscnaíodh sa Dáil, féadfaidh an Dáil glacadh leis tar éis é a leasú nó gan é a leasú nó féadfaidh sí diúltú dó. Ní thairgfear aon leasú ar leasú a rinne an Seanad mura bhfuil dlúthbhaint aige leis, ná ní fhéadfar aon leasú eile a thairiscint ar an mBille mura leasú é a leanann as glacadh le leasú ón Seanad nó as é a leasú nó as diúltú dó.

GNÓ A BHEIDH GAN CHRÍOCHNÚ

Gnó a bheidh gan chríochnú.

168. Gach gnó a bheidh gan chríochnú agus an Dáil ag dul ar athló, beidh sé curtha siar go dtí an chéad lá eile chun suí, mura n-ordóidh an Dáil a mhalairt, agus cuirfear ar Riar na hOibre don lá sin é, faoi réir fhorálacha Bhuan-Orduithe 26, 113 agus 115.

COMHALTAÍ D'ÉIRÍ AS

An nós imeachta ina thaobh, agus an dáta ar a mbeidh éifeacht leis.

169. Féadfaidh aon chomhalta den Dáil éirí as bheith ina chomhalta nó ina comhalta di, dá dheoin nó dá deoin féin, trí fhógra i scríbhinn don Cheann Comhairle, agus beidh éifeacht leis an éirí as sin ar an gCeann Comhairle d'fháil an fhógra agus cuirfidh seisean nó sise in iúl don Dáil é a luaithe is féidir.

CORRFHOLÚNTAIS

Eascairí a chur amach agus freagraí orthu, etc.

170. (1) Féadfar tairiscint a dhéanamh, tar éis fógra a thabhairt, á ordú don Cheann Comhairle a ordú don Chléireach a Eascaire nó a hEascaire a chur amach chun comhalta a thoghadh chun aon fholúntas a tharlóidh ó am go ham a líonadh. Is i dtosach an ghnó phoiblí a dhéanfar an tairiscint sin.

(2) Tabharfaidh an Cléireach tuarascáil ar eisiúint gach Eascaire den sórt sin, agus luafar inti an Dáilcheantar ar eisíodh an tEascaire sin ina leith, ainm an Cheann Comhairimh ar cuireadh amach chuige nó chuici é, agus an dáta a cuireadh amach é.

(3) Nuair a gheobhaidh an Cléireach an freagra ar an Eascaire craolfaidh sé ainm an chomhalta a thoghadh, agus leagfaidh sé faoi bhráid na Dála cóip den Eascaire, agus den fhreagra a formhuiníodh air.

(4) Nuair a bheidh an freagra faighte aige nó aici ar Eascaire a eisíodh chun comhalta a thoghadh chun corrfholúntas a líonadh, tabharfaidh an Cléireach fógra don chomhalta a thoghadh nach foláir dó nó di bheith i láthair, in áit a cheapfaidh sé nó sí agus lá (nó laethanta) a ainmneoidh sé nó sí, chun forálacha mhír (1) de Bhuan-Ordú 1 a chomhlíonadh.

STANDING ORDERS

167. An amendment made by the Seanad to a Bill initiated in the Dáil may be accepted by the Dáil with or without amendment or be rejected. No amendment shall be moved to an amendment made by the Seanad that is not strictly relevant thereto, nor can any other amendment be moved to the Bill unless it be consequential upon the acceptance, amendment or rejection of a Seanad amendment.

Powers of House in relation to Seanad amendments: amendments to Seanad amendments.

BUSINESS UNDISPOSED OF

168. All business undisposed of at the adjournment of the Dáil, shall stand postponed until the next sitting day, unless the Dáil shall otherwise order, and shall be placed on the Order Paper, subject to the provisions of Standing Orders 26, 113 and 115.

Business undisposed of.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

169. Any member of the Dáil may voluntarily resign his or her membership thereof by notice in writing to the Ceann Comhairle, and such resignation shall take effect upon receipt of the notice by the Ceann Comhairle who shall as soon as may be inform the Dáil.

Procedure for, and date of taking effect.

CASUAL VACANCIES

170. (1) A motion may be made, after notice, directing the Ceann Comhairle to direct the Clerk to issue his or her Writ for the election of a member to fill any vacancy that may occur from time to time. Such motion shall be made at the commencement of public business.

Issue of and returns to Writs, etc.

(2) The Clerk shall make a report of the issue of every such Writ stating the Constituency in respect of which, and the name of the Returning Officer to whom, such Writ was issued, together with the date of issue.

(3) On the receipt of the return to the Writ, the Clerk shall announce the name of the member elected, and shall lay before the Dáil a copy of the Writ, and of the return endorsed thereon.

(4) When the return to a Writ issued for the election of a member to fill a casual vacancy shall have come into his or her hands, the Clerk shall notify the member returned that his or her attendance is required at a place appointed and on a day (or days) named by him or her, for the purpose of complying with the provisions of paragraph (1) of Standing Order 1.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

SCRÍBHINNÍ A LEAGFAR FAOI BHRÁID NA DÁLA

An modh chun scríbhinní a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála: iad a bheith infhoilsithe.

171. (1) Nuair is gá scríbhinn a leagan faoi bhráid na Dála measfar í a bheith leagtha faoi bhráid na Dála má dhéantar cóip den scríbhinn a sheachadadh chun na críche sin don Chléireach.

(2) Gach scríbhinn a leagfar faoi bhráid na Dála, measfar í a bheith infhoilsithe.

BUAN-ORDUITHE

Buan-Orduithe a chur ar fionraí nó a mhodhnú ó thaobh éifeachta.

172. (1) Féadfar aon cheann nó cinn de Bhuan-Orduithe na Dála a chur ar fionraí nó a mhodhnú, agus chun críche áirithe, má thairgtear sin tar éis fógra a thabhairt: Ach má bhíonn práinn leis, agus is é nó is í an Ceann Comhairle a bheidh ina bhreitheamh nó ina breitheamh air sin, féadfar aon Bhuan-Ordú nó Buan-Orduithe a chur ar fionraí ar thairiscint a dhéanamh gan fógra. Má chuirtear i gcoinne tairisceana den sórt sin ceadóidh an Ceann Comhairle ráiteas mínitheach ón gcomhalta a rinne an tairiscint, agus ráiteas ó chomhalta atá ag cur i gcoinne na tairisceana, sula gcuirfidh sé nó sí an cheist uirthi.

(2) I gcás ina mbeidh ar áireamh sa chríoch áirithe chun a bhféadfar aon Bhuan-Ordú nó aon Bhuan-Orduithe a chur ar fionraí nó a mhodhnú treoir a thabhairt do Choiste leasuithe a dhéanamh nach bhfuil de réir Bhuan-Ordú 127 thairis sin, beidh díospóireacht nach lú ná 60 nóiméad ann de réir mar a ordóidh an Teach i dtaobh phrionsabal na leasuithe lena mbaineann: ach amháin go bhféadfaidh an Ceann Comhairle a chinneadh go ndlíonn na leasuithe sin Bille ar leithligh a thionscnamh.

(3) Ní fhéadfaidh comhalta príobháideach tairiscint a dhéanamh chun Buan-Orduithe a chur ar fionraí nó a mhodhnú ach le linn an ama a bheidh socraithe chun gnó comhaltaí príobháideacha a thógáil.

Ré na mBuan-Orduithe.

173. Leanfaidh na Buan-Orduithe sin roimhe seo i bhfeidhm go dtí go n-athrófar, go leasófar nó go n-aisghairfear iad.

STANDING ORDERS

DOCUMENTS LAID BEFORE THE DÁIL

171. (1) Where a document is required to be laid before the Dáil the delivery of a copy of the document to the Clerk for that purpose shall be deemed to be the laying of it before the Dáil. Method of laying documents before the Dáil: considered public.

(2) All documents laid before the Dáil shall be considered public.

STANDING ORDERS

172. (1) Any Standing Order or Orders of the Dáil may be suspended or modified, and for a particular purpose, upon motion made after notice: Provided that in cases of urgent necessity, of which the Ceann Comhairle shall be the judge, any Standing Order or Orders may be suspended upon motion made without notice. If such motion be opposed the Ceann Comhairle shall permit an explanatory statement from the member who moves it and a statement from a member who opposes it before he or she puts the question thereon. Suspension or modification in effect of Standing Orders.

(2) Where the particular purpose for which any Standing Order or Orders may be suspended or modified includes giving an instruction to a Committee to make amendments which are not otherwise in accordance with Standing Order 127 a debate of not less than 60 minutes as the House may order shall take place on the principle of the amendments concerned: save that the Ceann Comhairle may determine that the said amendments warrant the initiation of a separate Bill.

(3) A motion to suspend or modify Standing Orders may only be moved by a private member during the time fixed for taking private members' business.

173. The foregoing Standing Orders shall continue in force until altered, amended or repealed. Duration of Standing Orders.

**TABLE SHOWING DATES AT WHICH STANDING ORDERS OF 2007
WERE PASSED AND AMENDED**

Number of Standing Order in 2007 Edition	Dates at which each Standing Order was passed and amended	Number of Standing Order in 2007 Edition	Dates at which each Standing Order was passed and amended
1	24 July, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 12 October, 1933, 12 January, 1938 and 29 October, 1963.	11	21 July, 1926 and 29 October, 1963.
2	24 July, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 12 January, 1938 and 29 October, 1963.	12	21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963 and 23 October, 1974.
3	24 July, 1923, 21 July, 1926 and 29 October, 1963.	13	21 July, 1926 and 29 October, 1963.
4	24 July, 1923, 21 July, 1926 and 29 October, 1963.	14	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926 and 23 October, 1974.
5	21 July, 1926 and 12 January, 1938.	15	26 September, 1922, 24 July, 1923, 21 July, 1926 and 31 January, 1978.
6	24 July, 1923 and 21 July, 1926.	16	8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963 and 23 October, 1974.
7	24 July, 1923 and 21 July, 1926.	17	23 October, 1974.
8	15 October, 1996.	18	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 12 January, 1938, 23 October, 1974 and 6 February, 2007.
9	24 July, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963 and 15 October, 1996.	19	26 September, 1922 and 21 July, 1926.
10	21 July, 1926 and 25 June, 1986.	20	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 30 October, 1962 and 23 October, 1974.

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21	26 September, 1922, 3 October, 1922, 24 July, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 5 June, 1936, 30 October, 1962, 29 October, 1963, 23 October, 1974, 13 November, 1986, 15 October, 1996 and 29 January, 1998.	27	24 October, 2002.
22	8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 5 June, 1936, 30 October, 1962, 23 October, 1974, 13 November, 1986 and 15 October, 1996.	28	23 October, 1974 and 15 October, 1996.
23	8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963, 23 October, 1974 and 13 November, 1986.	29	21 July, 1926 and 23 October, 1974.
24	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963, 15 October, 1996 and 25 March, 1997.	30	26 September, 1922, 24 July, 1923, 21 July, 1926 and 29 October, 1963.
25	14 July, 1932.	31	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926 and 13 November, 1986.
26	26 September, 1922, 24 July, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963, 15 October, 1996, 20 February, 2001 and 24 October, 2002.	32	26 September, 1922, 3 October, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 5 June, 1936, 30 October, 1962, 29 October, 1963, 23 October, 1974, 13 November, 1986, 21 March, 1991 and 24 October, 2002.

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33	26 September, 1922, 3 October, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 26 May, 1943, 6 December, 1949, 13 July, 1965, 23 October, 1974, 13 November, 1986 and 15 October, 1996.	38	13 November, 1986, 30 September, 1999 and 18 April, 2002.
34	26 September, 1922, 21 July 1926 and 15 October, 1996.	39	13 November, 1986, 15 October, 1996, 30 September, 1999, 18 April, 2002 and 24 October, 2002.
35	26 September, 1922, 8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 13 November, 1986 and 15 October, 1996.	40	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963, 23 October, 1974, 13 November, 1986, 15 October, 1996, 25 March, 1997 and 18 April, 2002.
36	23 October, 1974, 13 November, 1986, 15 October, 1996, 30 September, 1999, 3 April, 2001, 18 April, 2002 and 24 October, 2002.	41	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926 and 23 October, 1974.
37	13 November, 1986 and 15 October, 1996.	42	26 September, 1922, 8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963, 13 November, 1986, 30 September, 1999 and 18 April, 2002.

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43	23 October, 1974.	52	21 July, 1926 and 29 October, 1963.
44	25 March, 1997.	53	26 September, 1922 and 21 July, 1926.
45	26 September, 1922, 8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926 and 23 October, 1974.	54	26 September, 1922 and 21 July, 1926.
46	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926 and 23 October, 1974.	55	3 October, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 23 October, 1974, 15 October, 1996 and 13 November, 1997.
47	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926 and 23 October, 1974.	56	3 October, 1922, 8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963, 23 October, 1974, 25 March, 1997 and 13 November, 1997.
48	15 October, 1996.	57	15 October, 1996.
49	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963 and 23 October, 1974.	58	26 September, 1922, 24 July, 1923, 21 July, 1926 and 23 October, 1974.
50	21 July, 1926 and 29 October, 1963.	59	15 October, 1996, 25 March, 1997 and 13 November, 1997.
51	20 October, 1988.	60	23 October, 1974 and 13 November, 1997.

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61	26 September, 1922, 8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926 and 23 October, 1974.	69	21 July, 1926, 23 October, 1974 and 24 October, 1989.
62	21 July, 1926, 5 June, 1936, 22 May, 1962, 23 October, 1974, 15 October, 1996, 13 November, 1997 and 1 April, 1999.	70	21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963, 23 October, 1974, 22 June, 1994 and 15 October, 1996.
63	21 July, 1926.	71	7 March, 2002.
64	3 October, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 12 January, 1938, 29 October, 1963 and 31 January, 1978.	72	8 July, 1983 and 7 March, 2002.
65	2 June, 2004.	73	21 July, 1926 and 23 October, 1974.
66	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 23 October, 1974, 15 October, 1996, 13 November, 1997 and 7 March, 2000.	74	15 October, 1996 and 7 March, 2002.
67	29 October, 1963, 23 October, 1974 and 31 January, 1978.	75	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926 and 29 October, 1963.
68	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 23 October, 1974, 15 October, 1996 and 7 March, 2002.	76	26 September, 1922 and 21 July, 1926.

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77	21 July, 1926.	88	15 October, 1996 and 13 November, 1997.
78	21 July, 1926, 30 October, 1962 and 23 October, 1974.	89	26 September, 1922 and 21 July, 1926.
79	26 September, 1922, 3 October, 1922, 8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 23 October, 1974 and 13 November, 1997.	90	21 July, 1926 and 13 November, 1997.
80	15 October, 1996 and 13 November, 1997.	91	25 March, 1997, 13 November, 1997 and 6 February, 2007.
81	13 November, 1997.	92	29 October, 1963, 23 October, 1974, 31 January, 1978, 15 October, 1996, 25 March, 1997, 9 October, 1997 and 13 November, 1997.
82	21 July, 1926, 23 October, 1974, 13 November, 1997 and 18 April, 2002.	93	13 November, 1997.
83	13 November, 1997, 2 July, 1999 and 6 February, 2007.	94	21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963, 23 October, 1974, 15 October, 1996 and 13 November, 1997.
84	13 November, 1997.	95	15 October, 1996 and 13 November, 1997.
85	21 July, 1926.	96	15 October, 1996 and 13 November, 1997.
86	13 November, 1997.	97	15 October, 1996 and 13 November, 1997.
87	13 November, 1997.	98	13 November, 1997.

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99	29 October, 1963, 30 April, 1985, 15 October, 1996, 25 March, 1997, 21 October, 1997, 13 November, 1997, 28 April, 1998, 27 May, 2003 and 6 February, 2007.	108	21 July, 1926 and 23 October, 1974.
100	25 March, 1997, 13 November, 1997, 28 April, 1998 and 6 February, 2007.	109	21 July, 1926.
101	13 November, 1997, 28 January, 1998 and 7 March, 2002.	110	29 October, 1963.
102	13 November, 1997, 28 April, 1998 and 6 February, 2007.	111	26 September, 1922, 8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 23 October, 1974, 19 December, 1990 and 17 May, 1995.
103	28 April, 1998 and 6 February, 2007.	112	15 October, 1996, 13 November, 1997 and 28 April, 1998.
104	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 23 October, 1974 and 13 November, 1997.	113	26 September, 1922, 3 October, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 5 June, 1936, 30 October, 1962, 23 October, 1974 and 13 November, 1986.
105	26 September, 1922, 8 March, 1923 and 21 July, 1926.	114	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926 and 5 June, 1936.
106	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 23 October, 1974 and 15 October, 1996.	115	26 September, 1922, 8 March, 1923 and 21 July, 1926.
107	21 July, 1926.	116	30 October, 1962, 23 October, 1974, 27 February, 1992, 15 October, 1996, 9 October, 1997, 13 November, 1997 and 24 October, 2002.

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117	27 November, 1940, 18 June, 1953, 11 June, 1959, 23 October, 1974, 25 March, 1997 and 15 December, 1998.	124	26 September, 1922, 8 March, 1923 and 21 July, 1926.
118	26 September, 1922, 8 March, 1923, 24 July, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 23 October, 1974, 9 October, 1997 and 13 November, 1997.	125	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 23 October, 1974 and 15 October, 1996.
119	15 October, 1996.	126	26 September, 1922, 8 March, 1923, 24 July, 1923, 21 July, 1926 and 13 November, 1997.
120	26 September, 1922, 8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963, 23 October, 1974, 31 January, 1978 and 15 October, 1996.	127	24 July, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963, 23 October, 1974 and 7 November, 2006.
121	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 23 October, 1974, 15 October, 1996 and 24 October, 2002.	128	26 September, 1922, 8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926 and 13 November, 1997.
122	26 September, 1922, 8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963 and 23 October, 1974.	129	23 October, 1974 and 30 April, 1997.
123	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926, 15 October, 1996 and 6 July, 2006.	130	23 October, 1974 and 15 October, 1996.

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132	21 July, 1926 and 23 October, 1974.	143	28 May, 1946.
133	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926 and 23 October, 1974.	144	28 May, 1946, 29 October, 1963, 23 October, 1974, 31 January, 1978, 9 October, 1997 and 13 November, 1997.
134	26 September, 1922, 24 July, 1923 and 21 July, 1926.	145	28 May, 1946.
135	15 October, 1996.	146	28 May, 1946, 29 October, 1963 and 13 November, 1997.
136	21 July, 1926.	147	28 May, 1946.
137	8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963 and 23 October, 1974.	148	28 May, 1946.
138	21 July, 1926.	149	15 October, 1996 and 25 March, 1997.
139	28 May, 1946 and 29 October, 1963.	150	23 October, 1974, 31 January, 1978 and 15 October, 1996.
140	28 May, 1946.	151	23 October, 1974, 31 January, 1978 and 15 October, 1996.
141	28 May, 1946 and 13 November, 1997.	152	23 October, 1974.

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154	8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963, 26 March, 1968, 23 October, 1974 and 13 November, 1997.	160	8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 5 June, 1936, 11 May, 1938 and 23 October, 1974.
155	23 October, 1974 and 13 November, 1986.	161	8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 5 June, 1936 and 11 May, 1938.
156	24 July, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963 and 23 October, 1974.	162	8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 5 June, 1936 and 11 May, 1938.
157	23 October, 1974 and 31 January, 1978.	163	8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 5 June, 1936 and 11 May, 1938.
158	8 March, 1923, 15 May, 1924, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963, 31 January, 1978, 3 March, 1994, 15 October, 1996, 13 November, 1997 and 1 April, 1999.	164	8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 5 June, 1936, 11 May, 1938 and 29 October, 1963.

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166	8 March, 1923, 24 July, 1923, 21 July, 1926, 5 June, 1936, 11 May, 1938 and 23 October, 1974.	171	8 March, 1923, 21 July, 1926 and 29 October, 1963.
167	7 May, 1924, 21 July, 1926, 5 June, 1936 and 11 May, 1938.	172	8 March, 1923, 6 March, 1924, 21 July, 1926, 29 October, 1963, 23 October, 1974, 15 October, 1996 and 7 November, 2006.
168	26 September, 1922, 8 March, 1923 and 21 July, 1926.	173	26 September, 1922, 24 July, 1923 and 21 July, 1926.
169	26 September, 1922, 21 July, 1926 and 22 June, 1994.		

Notes — In addition to the specific amendments to each Order made on the dates indicated above, certain general verbal alterations were made throughout the Standing Orders on 12 January, 1938.

The Standing Orders were gender-proofed on 15 October, 1996.

**Rialacha Sheirbhís Leabharlainne &
Taighde an Oireachtais**

Oireachtas Library & Research Service Rules

SEIRBHÍS LEABHARLAINNE & TAIGHDE AN OIREACHTAIS

RIALACHA

(Mar a ghlac Comhchoiste na Leabharlainne iad, an 17 Bealtaine 1939 agus mar a leasaíodh iad an 11 Aibreán 1962, an 10 Iúil 1974, an 29 Meán Fómhair 1983 agus an 10 Bealtaine 2007.)

1. Tá an tSeirbhís Leabharlainne & Taighde freagrach i seirbhísí faisnéise agus taighde a sholáthar chun tacú le hobair an dá Theach, Coistí agus Comhaltaí aonair i leith a ndualgas parlaiminteach. Déanann an tSeirbhís bainistiú freisin ar na nósanna imeachta a bhaineann le scríbhinní a leagan faoi bhráid na dTithe.

2. Beidh stiúradh agus cúram na Seirbhíse Leabharlainne & Taighde dílsithe do Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais agus beidh cumhacht acu cur leis na rialacha seo nó iad a athrú nó a chealú de réir mar is gá.

3. Déanfaidh Coimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais cibé treoracha is oiriúnach leo a eisiúint ó am go ham maidir leis an tSeirbhís Leabharlainne & Taighde agus maidir le dualgais Cheann na Seirbhíse Leabharlainne agus Taighde agus a fhoirne nó a foirne.

4. Déanfaidh an Comhchoiste um Sheirbhísí na dTithe cúnaimh agus comhairle a thabhairt do Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais maidir leis na rialacha a chur in éifeacht agus maidir le moltaí chun tuilleadh feabhsuithe a chur ar na seirbhísí agus chun cur leis na seirbhísí.

5. Is iad na Comhaltaí den dá Theach agus a bhfoireann, Coistí na dTithe agus foireann na hOifige úsáideoirí príomha Sheirbhís Leabharlainne & Taighde an Oireachtais. Soláthraítear seirbhís theoranta d'iarchomhaltaí de na Tithe agus do Chomhaltaí de Pharlaimint na hEorpa. Ní bheidh duine ar bith i dteideal úsáid a dhéanamh de Sheomra Léitheoireachta na gComhaltaí ach amháin Teachtaí, Seanadóirí, iarchomhaltaí, Comhaltaí de Pharlaimint na hEorpa agus Oifigigh don Oireachtas, agus cibé daoine eile a gheobhaidh ordú scríofa ó Choimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais.

6. Ach amháin ar an Satharn, an Domhnach agus Laethanta Saoire Poiblí, beidh an tSeirbhís Leabharlainne & Taighde ar oscailt gach lá a bheidh ceachtar Teach den Oireachtas ina shuí go héirí do cibé Teach is déanaí a bheidh ina shuí, agus idir 9.45 a.m. agus 5.30 p.m. nuair nach mbeidh ceachtar den dá Theach ina shuí.

OIREACHTAS LIBRARY & RESEARCH SERVICE

RULES

(As adopted by the Joint Library Committee, 17th May 1939 and amended on 11th April 1962, 10th July 1974, 29th September 1983 and 10th May 2007.)

1. The Library & Research Service is responsible for delivering information and research services to support the work of both Houses, Committees and individual Members in respect of their parliamentary duties. The Service also manages the procedures relating to the laying of documents before the Houses.

2. The direction and control of the Library & Research Service shall be vested in the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission, which shall be empowered to add to, alter or cancel these rules as occasion may require.

3. The Houses of the Oireachtas Commission shall, from time to time, issue such directions as to them shall seem expedient in regard to the Library & Research Service, and the duties of the Head of Library and Research Services and his or her staff.

4. The Joint House Services Committee set up by both Houses will assist and advise the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission in carrying out the rules and in suggesting further improvements and additions to the services.

5. The primary users of the Oireachtas Library & Research Service are Members of both Houses and their staff, Committees of the Houses and staff of the Office. A limited service is provided to former Members of the Houses and Members of the European Parliament. No person shall be entitled to resort to the Members' Reading Room except Deputies, Senators, former Members, Members of the European Parliament and Officers of the Oireachtas, and such other persons as may receive a written order from the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission.

6. Except on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays, the Library & Research Service shall be open upon every day when either House of the Oireachtas is sitting, until the rising of whichever House is last sitting, and when neither House is sitting between the hours of 9.45 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.

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7. Déantar na seirbhísí faisnéise agus taighde a bhfuil teideal ag Comhaltaí agus ag úsáideoirí eile orthu a rianú sa Treoir Teidlíochtaí Úsáideoirí a cheadaigh Coimisiún Thithe an Oireachtais an 19 Deireadh Fómhair 2006. Déantar na coinníollacha ginearálta a bhaineann le húsáid na seirbhísí agus na mbailiúchán a rianú freisin sa Treoir.

OIREACTHAS LIBRARY & RESEARCH SERVICE RULES

7. The Users' Entitlement Guide, approved by the Houses of the Oireachtas Commission on 19th October 2006, outlines the information and research services to which Members and other users are entitled. The Guide also outlines the general conditions of using the services and collections.

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