

At the same time, the President sent the Chancellor of Justice a letter, requesting that he pay special attention to a provision of the law amending the Electricity Market Act. Yesterday in Kadriorg, President Toomas Hendrik Ilves signed a resolution to promulgate the following laws:

Passed by the Riigikogu on 20th January 2010:

- the law amending the Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Act, and the Competition Act;
- the law amending the Forensic Examination Act, the Criminal Procedure Act, the Code of Civil Procedure, and the Statement of Cause of Death Act;
- the law on joining the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.

Passed by the Riigikogu on 21st January 2010:

- the law amending the Holidays and National Holidays Act;
- the law amending the Identity Documents Act.

Passed by the Riigikogu on 27th January 2010:

- the law amending the Defence Forces Act and the related legal acts;
- the law amending the Alcohol, Tobacco, Fuel and Electricity Excise Duty Act;
- the law amending the Water Act and the related legal acts;
- the law amending the Railways Act and the State Fees Act;
- the Audit Activities Act.

Passed by the Riigikogu on 28th January 2010:

- the law amending the Financial Supervision Authority Act, the Investment Funds Act, the Insurance Activities Act, the Credit Institutions Act, the Law of Obligations Act and the Securities Market Act;
- the law amending the Drugs Act and the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and the Precursors Thereof Act;
- the law amending the Social Welfare Act.

The President of the Republic also promulgated the law amending the Electricity Market Act, which was passed by the Riigikogu on 28th January 2010. At the same time, the President sent the Chancellor of Justice a letter, requesting that he pay special attention to a provision of the aforementioned act, which will abolish the support for operators who generate electricity from biomass in summer, which was available as of 1st May 2007.

The President can only reject a law as a whole. This would mean that provisions, which are in line with the Constitution and must be passed as soon as possible to open 35 per cent of the Estonian electricity market as of 1st April and to avoid threatening the construction of an EU supported second submarine communications cable between Estonia and Finland, would also remain ineffective. The Chancellor of Justice has the right to contest single provisions of any law, if appropriate.

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