



The October 1991 Clark

Fifth Clark of the 13th Ziu

1. Results of the September 1991 Clark

The following bills received Royal Assent and have been passed into law:

13RC17 – Confusing Language Amendment

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

Agreed to by the Cosà 105-50 (47 abstained), by the Senäts 0-0

13RC18 – The Declaration of Independence Vertical Insertion Act

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

Agreed to by the Cosà 135-0 (67 abstained), by the Senäts 0-0

13RC19 – Yet Another Living Cosa Act

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

Agreed to by the Cosà 155-0 (47 abstained), by the Senäts 0-0

13RC20 – Deputy PM Clarification Amendment

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

Agreed to by the Cosà 135-20 (47 abstained), by the Senäts 0-0

13RC21 – Living Cosà Facilitation Amendment

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

Agreed to by the Cosà 135-20 (47 abstained), by the Senäts 0-0

13RC22 – Living Cosà Speaker Amendment

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

Agreed to by the Cosà 125-30 (47 abstained), by the Senäts 0-0

13RC23 – Clark Format Act

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

Agreed to by the Cosà 155-0 (47 abstained), by the Senäts 0-0

13RC24 – The Yet More Free Republics Act

Introduced by Ián von Metáiriá (PC-Maritiimi-Maxhestic)

Agreed to by the Cosà 135-20 (47 abstained), by the Senäts 0-0

13RC25 – The Annual Talossan Holidays Act

Introduced by Ián von Metáiriá (PC-Maritiimi-Maxhestic)

Agreed to by the Cosà 125-30 (47 abstained), by the Senäts 0-0

The Cosà and Senäts both rejected the following bills:

13RC15 – The Commander-in-Chief (Amendment) Act

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

Rejected by the Cosà 30-125 (47 abstained), by the Senäts 0-0

13RC16 – The Veto Language Clarification (Amendment) Act)

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

Rejected by the Cosă 30-125 (47 abstained), by the Senäts 0-0

The Cosă passed a Vote of Confidence in the Government 125-30 (47 abstained).

Members of the Cosă voted as follows:

Name	Party	Seats	RC 17	RC 18	RC 19	RC 20	RC 21	RC 22	RC 23	RC 24	RC 25	RC 15	RC 16	VoC
Danihel Lauriéir	Ind.	17	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus
Ben Madison	PC	30	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Ián von Metáiriä	PC	45	Con	Con	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Wes Erni	PC	30	Con	Con	Con	Per	Per	Per	Per	Con	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Jack Schneider	UNP	20	Con	Con	Con	Aus	Per	Con	Con	Per	Per	Con	Per	Üc
Tom Buffone	UNP	30	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus	Aus
Charmaine Chvala-Smith	UNP	30	Con	Con	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Con	Non
			105-50 (47)	135-0 (67)	155-0 (47)	135-20 (47)	135-20 (47)	125-30 (47)	155-0 (47)	135-20 (47)	125-30 (47)	30-125 (47)	30-125 (47)	125-30 (47)

Senators voted as follows:

Name	Province	RZ17	RZ18	RZ19	RZ20	RZ21	RZ22	RZ23	RZ24	RZ25	RZ15	RZ16
		0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0

2. This Month's Business

The Fifth Clark of the 13th Ziu runs from October 1st to 21st 1991/XII.

Voting on the Clark is open until the 21st of October at 7:30 PM Talossan time.

The following bills have been presented for consideration:

13RC26 – The Give the Veto to the Prime Minister (Amendment) Act

Introduced by Jack Schneider (UP-Mussolini)

13RC27 – A Philosophical, Ethical, and Moral Statement

Introduced by Jack Schneider (UP-Mussolini)

13RC28 – In the Name of a Truly New and Democratic World Order

Introduced by Jack Schneider (UP-Mussolini)

13RC29 – A Clarification of the Powers of the Deputy Secretary

Introduced by Jack Schneider (UP-Mussolini)

13RC30 – Let's Keep the Ballot Secret or Why Not Make Talossans Obey the Law Act!

Introduced by Jack Schneider (UP-Mussolini)

13RC31 – The Show Some Respect for Justice, Lithuania Act

Introduced by Jack Schneider (UP-Mussolini)

13RC32 – Talossan Gay Rights Bill

Introduced by Ián von Metáiriä (PC-Maritiimi-Maxhestic)

13RC33 – The PC Copyright Act

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

13RC34 – The Amendment Veto Democratisation Amendment

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

13RC35 – The Budget Amendment

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

The full text of these bills is available in the appendix.

The following motion is to be voted on by the Cosă only:

Vote of Confidence

Do you wish the current Government to continue in its term of office?

3. Judicial Decisions

Pursuant to Lex.G.12.1, the Chancery announces that no decisions were rendered by any national court since the publication of the last Clark.

4. Prime Dictates

Pursuant to Lex.H.2.7.1, the Chancery announces that no Prime Dictates were issued since the publication of the last Clark.

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The Secretary of State / El Secretar d'Estat
Ián von Metáiriâ*

A. Full text of all bills on the Clark

13RC26 - The Give the Veto to the Prime Minister (Amendment) Act

In the interest of establishing the Prime Minister as the true purveyor of governmental policy as enunciated by his/her victory in a popular election the Cosa hereby amends the powers of the King and Prime Minister as follows:

- 1) The Veto is transfered from the King to the Prime Minister within the following parameters;
 - a) As before it requires a two-thirds seat vote in the Cosa to override a Veto and this must, of course, include a quorum.
 - b) The Prime Minister may veto constitutional amendment attempts but only as a sort of delaying action to force a new vote. In other words it only requires a two-thirds seat override (plus quorum) to reconstitute the original bill. For this purpose any word alteration to the original bill shall be considered a new bill subject to a new veto.
 - c) Only one veto per original or resubmitted bill is allowed.
 - d) See the provisions of the Prime Dictates below.
- 2) The King retains his privilege to veto any Prime Dictate issued. However, a simple majority seat override (quorum) will suffice to reinstate the original Prime Dictate. As above any change in wording is a new Prime Dictate.
- 3) Any Prime Dictate or bill vetoed or any Prime Dictate issued in any event must be placed on the next available Clark for Cosa deliberation. Defeat of any override attempt makes said bill or PD law for whatever period current or future Talossan laws deem appropriate for further attempts to defeat said legislation. The whole bill-veto proces shall then begin anew. Failure to observe this law immediately cancels any veto or PD issued for the legislation in question.
- 4) The fifteen extra seats of the Prime Minister are transfered to the King for use under exactly the same terms as before.

Any legislation in conflict with these laws shall be either immediately nullified or amended to conform to the intent of this bill. This bill takes effect immediately after a successful seat count in the Cosa.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Jack Schneider (UP-Mussolini)

13RC27 - A Philosophical, Ethical, and Moral Statement

Capitalism's intrinsically resulting social classism and political plutocracy are generally antithetical to the Christian virtues of selflessness, self-sacrifice on behalf of others, anti-wealth tendencies and non-exploitation of the weak. Capitalism is regarded as little more than Law of the Jungle economics and should be continually modified or even disbanded in order to more closely conform to these Christian ideals so as to avoid falling into a philosophy of Social Darwinism or natural law.

Proposed by: Jack Schneider (UP-Mussolini)

[repealed by 17RC33]

Uréu q'estadra så,

Jack Schneider (UP-Mussolini)

13RC28 - In the Name of a Truly New and Democratic World Order

The Kingdom of Talossa wishes to welcome the New World Order that U.S. President George Bush speaks of and hereby asks the great powers of today - Great Britain, France, U.S., U.S.S.R., and the Republic of China - to please demonstrate their true commitment to real democracy and popular will by giving up their privilege of Veto in the Security Council of the United Nations. Let the little guys have real say!

Uréu q'estadra så,
Jack Schneider (UP-Mussolini)

13RC29 - A Clarification of the Powers of the Deputy Secretary

Henceforth it shall be clear that only the Secretary of State may carry out the functions of that office. The Deputy Secretary may only assume these powers if the Secretary is out of town or otherwise ill or incapacitated. Should the Secretary return or recover before his duty deadlines pass he must resume his job immediately from the Deputy Secretary.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Jack Schneider (UP-Mussolini)

13RC30 - Let's Keep the Ballot Secret or Why Not Make Talossans Obey the Law Act!

As there exists a clear and obvious conflict of interest between the secret nature of the voting process as spelled out in Article 37(?) of the constitution and the collection of voted ballots by a second party other than the Secretary (who serves as our effective ballot box) this practice is henceforth abolished.

The implications of this law also make clear that the U.S. postal service is the only “mailman” permitted in Talossa and thus the Talossan mail service is relieved of any duties pertaining to the electoral process. The net effect of these clarifications is that only the actual voter may handle his/her ballot from the time of its delivery to its receiving by the Secretary. This is compatible with the idea of good citizenship.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Jack Schneider (UP-Mussolini)

13RC31 - The Show Some Respect for Justice, Lithuania Act

Talossa demands that the nation of Lithuania cease issuing pardons or commuting the sentences of Nazi collaborators or at the very least insists on their immediate retrial with full access to the trial as witnesses those affected from other nations.

Proposed by: Jack Schneider (UP-Mussolini)

Uréu q'estadra så,

Jack Schneider (UP-Mussolini)

13RC32 - Talossan Gay Rights Bill

Note: With the passage of the recent "Covenants", and in particular the 4th covenant, the RT has taken a firm step in the right direction concerning the rights of its Gay Citizens. This proposal would make more specific the protections and rights of said Citizens in the Kingdom.

Gay Talossans are hereby accorded all the rights of their heterosexual counterparts. This simply means that the rights and responsibilities associated with property, marriage and adoption apply to all Talossans equally.

Gay Talossans may not be discriminated against in any way on the basis of their sexuality with regards to any activities within the Kingdom and its territories, including employment, Government operations and military service.

This law gives no preference to any Talossan on the basis of his/her sexual identification, but simply renders such a consideration absolutely irrelevant.

Proposed by: John A. Jahn (PC-Maritiimi)

Uréu q'estadra sã,

Ián von Metáiriã (PC-Maritiimi-Maxhestic)

13RC33 - The PC Copyright Act

WHEREAS , a past schism in the Progressive Conservative Party led to the existence of two separate parties bearing that same name, and

WHEREAS , the "Android PC" has passed into oblivion but we can never be too sure about the Androids,

Therefore the Cosâ hereby awards a copyright on the name "Progressive Conservative Party" and "PC" (i.e., when not used as an abbreviation for "politically correct"!) to Robert Madison, as trustee-in-trust for the PC, to prevent the misuse of the name by groups unaffiliated with the party.

Uréu q'estadra sâ,
Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

13RC34 - The Amendment Veto Democratisation Amendment

Whereas, it is conceded that requiring a 3/4 vote of the Cosa to override a Royal veto on a Constitutional Amendment renders it virtually certain that the King could block any such Amendment, and

Whereas this runs counter to a fairly balanced system of government,

Therefore the Cosa hereby amends Article 98 of the RT Constituziun to read as follows:

Art 98 This Constituziun may be amended by a two-thirds vote in the Cosa and the assent of the King/Regent. The King/Regent may opt to veto the proposed Amendment. Such a Veto places the text of the proposed Amendment onto a public Referendum ballot, to be conducted at the earliest possible opportunity. Should the electorate pass the proposed Amendment by a vote of two-thirds, the King's veto is overridden and the Amendment takes force. Should the electorate defeat the proposed Amendment, the Veto is sustained and the text of the Constituziun unchanged.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

13RC35 - The Budget Amendment

Whereas, many citizens have argued that the Account of Inland Revenue (AIR) is inaccessible for purposes of funding parties, etc. and

Whereas, the Government are showing greater willingness to reach into the AIR to fund Talossan government programmes,

Therefore the following Amendment is added as Article 73a of the Constituziun. Legislation conflicting with the following is repealed:

Act. 73a. Moneys may be withdrawn from the Account of Inland Revenue by the vote of the Cosa. Budgetary expenditure bills shall be designated "el Proxhet" or, in English, "the Project." A Project may only be proposed by the Prime Minister and the Burgermeister jointly; no other MC may propose Projects. The text of the Project must specify the amount to be spent, the purpose for the expenditure, and must provide for the raising of an equivalent amount of funds to compensate for the withdrawal. As the expenditure of funds is the most important and potentially the most controversial act of government, the Project must be drawn up with broad consensus as to its aims. To enforce this, the Prime Minister must dissolve the Cosa and call for new elections in the event of the Project being defeated. This does not apply to reimbursements to ex-Cosa members for moneys owed by the Secretary of State.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)