



The May 2003 Clark

Third Clark of the 31st Ziu

1. Results of the April 2003 Clark

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

31RZ16 – The Really Make sense act

Introduced by Sir Marti-Páir Furxhéir (Secretary of State)

Agreed to by the Cosä 11-0 (3 abstained), by the Senäts 3-0 (1 abstained)

The Cosä passed a Vote of Confidence in the Government 11-3 .

Members of the Cosä voted as follows:

Name	Party	Seats	RZ 16	VoC
Gary Schwichtenberg	GCP	0	Per	Üc
Tamorán dal Navä	GCP	0	Aus	Üc
Ben Madison	MN	0	Per	Üc
Harry Madison	MN	0	Did not vote	
Wes Erni	MN	0	Did not vote	
Pete Hottelet	MN	0	Per	Non
Quedéir Castiglhä	MN	0	Per	Üc
Amy Durnford	MN	0	Did not vote	
Ián von Metáiriä	PC	0	Per	Üc
Art Verbotten	PC	0	Per	Üc
Matthias Muth	PC	0	Aus	Üc
Mic'haglh Loquatsch	PC	0	Did not vote	
Gödafríeu Válcadác'h	PC	0	Aus	Üc
Marti-Páir Furxhéir	PC	0	Per	Üc
Mximo Carbonel	RCT	0	Per	Non
Ughán Cruceatúl	RCT	0	Per	Üc
Gjermund Higräff	ZPT	0	Per	Üc
Ieremiac'h Ventrutx	ZPT	0	Per	Non
Xherált Del'Encradéir	ZPT	0	Did not vote	
			11-0 (3)	11-3

Senators voted as follows:

Name	Province	RZ16
Marti-Páir Furxhéir	Atatürk	Per
Tom Buffone	Belacostä	Did not vote
Gjermund Higräff	Cézembre	Per
		3-0 (1)

Name	Province	RZ16
Art Verbotten	Florenciä	Per
Albrec'ht Lupulardît	Maricopa	<i>Did not vote</i>
Tamorán dal Navä	Maritiimi-Maxhestic	Aus
Amy Durnford	Vuode	<i>Did not vote</i>
		3-0 (1)

2. This Month's Business

The Third Clark of the 31st Ziu runs from May 1st to 21st 2003/XXIV.
Voting on the Clark is open until the 21st of May at 7:30 PM Talossan time.

The following bills have been presented for consideration:

31RZ17 – The GO MU Act

Introduced by Albrec'ht Lupulardît (Ind-Maricopa)

31RZ18 – The TalossaFest Living Cosä Act of 2003

Introduced by Dawn Faith Scher (PC-Maricopa)

31RZ19 – The Wake Up Talossa Act

Introduced by David Kuenn (Party of the Dead - Mussolini)

31RZ20 – THE EM200 COSÄ ELEMENT AMENDMENT

Introduced by Ben Madison (MN-Vuode)

31RZ21 – THE LAW OF RETURN

Introduced by Ben Madison (MN-Vuode)

31RZ22 – THE REACTIONARY PAPER BALLOTS ACT

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 Cosä 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
Sir Martì-Páir Furxhéir*

A. Full text of all bills on the Clark

31RZ17 - The GO MU Act

WHEREAS , the basketball team from Marquette University, a prestigious institution of higher education located in the Talossan Greater Area, has reached the Final Four of the NCAA U.S. collegiate basketball championships; and

WHEREAS , the Talossan people have always expressed their support for athletic teams from the Greater Talossan Area; and

WHEREAS , Marquette University is the alma mater of several prominent Talossan citizens such as Matthias Muth (hence the term "Mugrad"),

THEREFORE, no matter what Talossan citizen and former KU band geek Quedeir Castiglha will tell you, the Ziu is proud to express its support for the Marquette University men's basketball team, and urges all Talossan citizens to root loudy for the Golden Eagles.

Uréu q'estadra sã,

Albrec'ht Lupulardít (Ind-Maricopa)

31RZ18 - The TalossaFest Living Cosâ Act of 2003

WHEREAS a Living Cosâ has not been held since August, 2000,

WHEREAS that\'s almost three years ago,

WHEREAS that\'s too long,

WHEREAS TalossaFest being held in July happens to coincide with the sixth and last Clark of this term (assuming it goes the distance),

WHEREAS TalossaFest is made all-the-better by a Living Cosâ,

THEREFORE, the Ziu authorizes a Living Cosâ to be held in the month of July in the City-of-Milwaukee portion of Talossa during the time and at the same place as TalossaFest 2003.

Uréu q'estadra sâ,

Dawn Faith Scher (PC-Maricopa)

31RZ19 - The Wake Up Talossa Act

WHEREAS , As you can see you can enter anybody\'s name and have them co-sponsor your bill, with or without their consent; and

WHEREAS , As you can see, you can even have former citizens, deserters, and traitors propose bills;
THEREFORE, this Imaginary Ziu issues a wake-up call to all of Talossa, to expose this major flaw in the bill-proposing system; Furthermore, we\'d like to say BOOYAH!

Noi urent q'estadra så,

David Kuenn (Party of the Dead - Mussolini)

Robert Dobberpuhl (Party of the Dead - Vuode)

Evan Gallagher (Party of the Dead - Penguinia)

31RZ20 - THE EM200 COSÂ ELEMENT AMENDMENT

The Ziu hereby takes all necessary action to pass the following legislation and include it in a nationwide referendum for final passage at the earliest opportunity.

1) Article VII, Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Organic Law are hereby repealed.

2) The following text is added to replace the text repealed above:

Art. VII: Sec. 1.

a) The Cosâ is composed of 200 seats, apportioned among political parties based on their performance in the General Election.

b) Each province of Talossa shall elect a certain number of seats to the Cosâ, proportional to its percentage of the total Talossan population (including all known Dandelions and any other non-voting citizens) at the time of the election, so that the total number of seats elected from all provinces equals 200. Before the General Election, the Secretary of State shall certify any change in provincial seat totals since the last election. This number of seats need not be rounded for the attribution of seats within the province.

c) Each province's seats shall be apportioned among the parties in proportion to the popular vote cast for parties by voters in that province in the General Election (abstentions, spoilt ballots, non-votes and votes for parties which did not register being omitted from this count so that all who actually vote for parties comprise 100% of the total "popular vote" for this purpose).

Art. VII: Sec. 2.

a) Based on the final vote tally in each province, the Secretary of State calculates the apportionment of seats among the parties. Each party receives a percentage of the seats as equal to its percentage of the popular vote within the province as is mathematically possible. This number of seats need not be rounded for the attribution of seats within the province.

b) Each party shall receive a whole number of seats in the final tally. In the event of a single seat being divided among two or more parties mathematically, the party with the highest number of total votes will be used, and in case of a tie, percentile dice will be used to determine a single owner for the divided seat, with chances proportional to the percentage of the vote received.

c) The Secretary of State shall employ whatever mathematical formulae and calculations in the apportionment of seats, as will best reflect the intentions of this Act. The Uppermost Cort shall be the final judge in case of mathematical disputes.

Art. VII: Sec. 3. Seats won by each party shall be divided by that party among its own members and supporters as it sees fit, with the proviso that each Member of the Cosâ may hold no more than thirty seats.

Noi urent q'estadra sâ,

Ben Madison (MN-Vuode)

Sir Martì-Páir Furxhéir (Secretary of State)

Brent Kesler (MN-Maricopa)

Wes Erni (MN-Atatürk)

31RZ21 - THE LAW OF RETURN

WHEREAS , by law and by public sentiment, the Kingdom of Talossa is "inextricably and inexplicably connected somehow to Berbers," and

WHEREAS , a genuine Berber voice within the Talossan community would provide our entire nation with both insight into Berber issues that many Talossans find fascinating, and also might provide publicity for the Kingdom of Talossa among genuine Berber people who seek to have fun participating in Talossa,

THEREFORE, the Ziu hereby enacts this following "Law of Return" into law as a supplement to our normal Citizenship laws.

PROVISION 1: During each elected Cosà term, the Immigration Minister and Uppermost Cort shall be empowered to grant Talossan citizenship to ONE (1) person of demonstrable North African Berber ancestry who has explicitly applied for Talossan citizenship. Other normal provisions for citizenship shall be waived in this one case.

PROVISION 2: The exact means for verifying claims of said ancestry shall be worked out between the Cort and the Immigration Minister, with the Cort having final say in case of disputed cases.

PROVISION 3: In the event of multiple applications, the special grant of citizenship may only go to one person; any others will need to apply via the normal rules of naturalization.

PROVISION 4: The Culture Minister shall take appropriate steps to advertise in Berber forums upon the approval of this bill.

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

31RZ22 - THE REACTIONARY PAPER BALLOTS ACT

WHEREAS , the Black Hand is a reactionary party, and

WHEREAS , the Good Old Days in Talossa saw the publicity of political parties and causes through paper ballots, which served (in pre-Internet days) to give ordinary Talossans a sense of tangible contact with their Nation and Government,

THEREFORE, the Ziu hereby empowers the Secretary of State to conduct one election through the use of paper ballots.

PROVISION 1: This Act is an experimental Act and shall expire at the conclusion of the next General Election.

PROVISION 2: The Secretary of State is empowered to charge any political party a fee (to be equal for all parties) for inclusion on the paper ballot. The fee shall not exceed \$20 (US).

PROVISION 3: The paper ballot shall contain the 50-word statement and an advertisement, not to exceed 3x5 inches, for each party which wishes to have its name published on the paper ballot.

PROVISION 4: The paper ballot shall be mailed to all Talossans for whom the Secretary of State has a current address at the time it is mailed. The mailing shall include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so that voters may return the ballot, free of charge, to the Secretary of State or to such person(s) authorized by the Secretary of State to receive and tabulate ballots.

PROVISION 5: The paper ballot shall include telephone and e-mail information on voting, so that recipients may choose to cast their votes through normal means, if they so desire (rather than returning their paper ballot).

PROVISION 6: Because the paper ballot does not replace telephone and e-mail voting, it may be sent out in advance of the formal start of elections. (Indeed, this is encouraged, so that the ballot arrives at the homes of Talossan voters at approximately the date the election begins). As a result, the Secretary of State may impose a deadline for inclusion on the paper ballot which is earlier than that imposed for inclusion on the official election website. Because political parties are fully capable of publicizing themselves through any and all means, the Secretary of State's office shall not be held liable for any disadvantage claimed by parties which fail to register for the earlier deadline.

PROVISION 7: All paper ballots must be RECEIVED by the Secretary of State on or before the end of the election. Ballots postmarked before the end of the election, but received after the end of the election, shall not count towards the final tally.

Noi urent q'estadra sã,

Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

Brent Kesler (MN-Florencià)