

The March 2008 Clark

Second Clark of the 38th Ziu

1. Results of the February 2008 Clark

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

38RZ02 – The Broad-Leaf Dandelion Act

Introduced by Brad Holmes (Senator-AK)

Agreed to by the Cosä 200-0, by the Senäts 7-0

The Cosä and Senäts disagreed on the following bill:

38RZ01 – The International Community Entrance Bill, Iteration XIV I.C.E. 9

Introduced by Baron Alexandreu Davinescu (Senator-MM)

Agreed to by the Cosä 129-37 (34 abstained), rejected by the Senäts 2-5

The Cosä passed a Vote of Confidence in the Government 199-1 .

Members of the Cosä voted as follows:

Name	Party	Seats	RZ 2	RZ 1	VoC
Xhorxh Asmour	CCCP	6	Aus	Per	Üc
Ian da Bitour	CCCP	4	Con	Per	Üc
Ian Pair Danois	CCCP	6	Aus	Per	Üc
X. Pol Brigä	CRO	3	Con	Per	Üc
Tony Weckström	DPD	16	Per	Per	Üc
Danihel Lauriéir	LRT	5	Per	Per	Üc
Maxfield Sklar	LRT	2	Per	Per	Üc
Dréu Gavárpic'h	LRT	3	Per	Per	Üc
Breneir Tzaracomprada	LRT	3	Per	Per	Üc
Vit Caçeir	LRT	5	Aus	Per	Üc
Owen Edwards	LRT	5	Per	Per	Üc
Mataiwos Vürinalt	LRT	5	Aus	Per	Üc
Flip Molinar	LRT	5	Per	Per	Üc
Ma la Mha	RUMP	20	Per	Per	Üc
Sevastáin Casálmac'h	RUMP	15	Con	Per	Üc
Bleic'h Ianescu	RUMP	14	Per	Per	Üc
Viteu Marcianüs	RUMP	15	Con	Per	Üc
Mick Preston	RUMP	1	Aus	Per	Üc
Tímoþi Asmourescu	RUMP	15	Per	Per	Üc
Cjara Brainerd	RUMP	15	Per	Per	Üc
Çađatay Çakýr	RUMP	15	Per	Per	Üc
			200-0	129-37 (34)	199-1

Name	Party	Seats	RZ 2	RZ 1	VoC
Catrina Bestra	RUMP	10	Per	Per	Üc
Aspra Laira	RUMP	10	Aus	Per	Üc
John McGarry	Royal Replacement	1	Aus	Per	Üc
Fritz von Buchholtz	Royal Replacement	1	Per	Per	Non
			200-0	129-37 (34)	199-1

Senators voted as follows:

Name	Province	RZ2	RZ1
Brad Holmes	Atatürk	Con	Per
Nic Casálmac'h	Belacostă	Con	Per
Nikü Spyropoulos	Cézembre	Per	Per
Patrick Woolley	Florenciă	Con	Per
Olaf Brainerd	Maricopa	Con	Per
Alexandreu Davinescu	Maritiimi-Maxhestic	Per	Per
Trotxă Betiñéir	Vuode	Con	Per
		7-0	2-5

2. This Month's Business

The Second Clark of the 38th Ziu runs from March 1st to 21st 2008/XXIX.
Voting on the Clark is open until the 21st of March at 7:30 PM Talossan time.

The following bills have been presented for consideration:

38RZ03 – The Shiny Objects Act

Introduced by Baron Alexandreu Davinescu (Senator-MM)

38RZ04 – Domesday Act

Introduced by Baron Alexandreu Davinescu (Senator-MM)

38RZ05 – The Whatchu Talkin' Bout Willis Act

Introduced by Owen Edwards (MC-LRT)

38RZ06 – The Secret Ballot Investigation Act

Introduced by Dréu Gavárpic'h (MC-LRT)

38RZ07 – The Legal Classification of Talossans Act

Introduced by Dréu Gavárpic'h (MC-LRT)

38RZ08 – The SQUIRRELS ... IN ... SPAAAAAAAACE Act

Introduced by Ma la Mha, Contă Thord (MC-RUMP)

38RZ09 – The Saffron Act

Introduced by Breneir Tzaracomprada (MC-LRT)

38RZ10 – The (Further) Separation of Powers Amendment

Introduced by Ián, Duke of Lupul (King of Talossa)

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
Mick Preston*

A. Full text of all bills on the Clark

38RZ03 - The Shiny Objects Act

38RZ3 - The Shiny Objects Act

WHEREAS it is in keeping with the dignities of office that holders of those offices possess items signatory of their position, marking them with the dignity and power therein, and

WHEREAS such items are a Talossan tradition, with the monarch traditionally wearing the "Romanian train conductor's hat" and el Túischac'h wielding a bell at a Living Cosa to demand attention, and

WHEREAS some of our most important offices have no such item associated with them, entirely out of keeping with their status and dignity, and

WHEREAS the office of Seneschal, the leader of the nation, is a position of great importance and power, well-respected by all Talossans and vital to the well-being of the nation, and

WHEREAS the office of Secretary of State is responsible for the sacred task of safeguarding democracy itself within Talossa, certifying and carrying out general elections and legislative action, and this office is so important yet so difficult that it is not at all envied, and

WHEREAS the office of Chief Justice of the High Cort is the head of the arbiters of justice in Talossa, responsible for leading the Cort in making decisions of law according to the trying demands of jurisprudence,

THEREFORE be it here established that the office of Seneschal, Secretary of State, and Chief Justice shall henceforth be symbolized by totem items of rank. These items will be provided as speedily as possible by the government, with care for their quality and the economics of the matter. Designs and the nature of the items are the responsibility of the government, through whatever channels it deems appropriate.

1. The Seneschal shall wear a chain of office of sufficient ostentation as befits the leader of Talossa, representing the burden of being shackled to the nation's welfare.
2. The Secretary of State shall wield a stamp embossed with the logo of his office, being both an effective and appropriate totem that can be used henceforth.
3. The Chief Justice shall bear a silver-haired wig of reasonable quality, indicating a traditional role as a judge and the flowing locks of Lady Justice herself.

Each bearer of these items shall be required, if they lose their office, to mail them to the King within two weeks, from whom the items shall be passed on to the next holder of the office.

Uréu q'estadra sã
Alexander Davis (M-M, RUMP)

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Baron Alexandreu Davinescu (Senator-MM)

38RZ04 - Domesday Act

WHEREAS it is entirely in the best interest of the nation's people to know themselves, as admonished by the temple of Apollo at Delphi, and

WHEREAS this will yield not just interesting information about the character of our nation, but also useful knowledge that we might use to better tailor our recruiting processes, and

WHEREAS there have been a variety of attempted censuses in the past, achieving results that have been negligible at best, and

WHEREAS if something is worth doing, it is worth doing properly,

THEREFORE the Ziu hereby directs the Secretary of State of the Kingdom of Talossa to take whatever steps he deems necessary to conduct a census of all the citizens of Talossa, including whatever extraordinary degree of delegation that will be required before he finds someone to do it, and compiling to the best of his ability information about the demographics of our country and including age, sex, how they found out about Talossa originally, their level of involvement and amount of activity in Talossa. The Secretary of State is directed to release only the aggregate information in a format easy to manipulate to yield useful statistics, rather than individual results, so as to preserve the privacy of our citizenry. This census is to take place as soon as possible, and within a reasonable timeframe, and to be reported back to this body when complete. This is not a continuing measure.

Uréu q'estadra sã,

Baron Alexandreu Davinescu (Senator-MM)

38RZ05 - The Whatchu Talkin' Bout Willis Act

WHEREAS, at present, Gloria Estefan is Talossa's National Entertainer (33RZ6); and

WHEREAS Gloria Estefan is Cuban-Floridian, and even the most creative geographer would not suggest this fell within the GTA; and

WHEREAS Al Jarreau is from Maricopa, and could easily be the scat singer in any prospective Talossan jazz quartet; and

WHEREAS Charlotte Rae is from Milwaukee, is skilled in singing, dancing and acting, and was involved in two of the best shows the world has yet produced; and

WHEREAS even if you can't place her name, a quick use of Google will bring a flood of childhood memories back to you, including antics with Gary Coleman and Molly Ringwald; and

WHEREAS it is better for a Talossan to present entertainment to Talossans and Talossan entertainment to the world; and

WHEREAS it is also good to hold on to tradition; and

WHEREAS we all appreciate Diff'rent Strokes;

THEREFORE The Ziu hereby resolves that:

- 1) Al Jarreau be adopted as the National Entertainer of Talossa, replacing Gloria Estefan.
- 2) Gloria Estefan and Charlotte Rae be created Extraordinary Guest Stars of Talossan Entertainment, a purely honorary title for those fantastic entertainers without a personal link to Talossa.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Owen Edwards (MC-LRT)

38RZ06 - The Secret Ballot Investigation Act

WHEREAS the Kingdom of Talossa has always had a public ballot, and

WHEREAS more information is needed on whether or not secret ballots are plausible, and

WHEREAS a fact-finding team would be best for this, now

THEREFORE, the Ziu hereby resolves that a committee shall be formed of three people, assigned by the Seneschal, and that that committee shall investigate pertinent examples, in the material world and online, of secret balloting techniques; and shall report back upon their methodologies, and make a recommendation upon how to use this information, to the Ziu.

Uréu q'estadra sã,

Dréu Gavárpic'h (MC-LRT)

38RZ07 - The Legal Classification of Talossans Act

WHEREAS there are various terms used by many Talossans used to describe other Talossans, and

WHEREAS we are not talking about bad words, and

WHEREAS we need terms for every day use of these different types of Talossans, and

WHEREAS there is already a definition of the term "Cestour" via OrgLaw Article XVIII, Section 2

WHEREAS some of these terms are in regular usage but someone should coin these anyway, now

THEREFORE be it enacted by the Ziu, that the following terms and definitions be accepted as the term for every day use for that type of Talossan:

1. Old growther (Arvour Vell) - A Talossan who gained citizenship before 1996
2. Cünmilvoc'hteir (Home Growther) - Anyone who lives in Talossa
3. Cestourevriac (Drunk Cestour) - A Cestour who became a Talossan after 1996
4. Cybercit - A Talossan who lived outside the GTA when they became a citizen and gained citizenship 1996
5. Ertéierben (Good Talossan) - A Cybercit who moves to Talossa after becoming a citizen

Uréu q'estadra sã,

Dréu Gavárpic'h (MC-LRT)

38RZ08 - The SQUIRRELS ... IN ... SPAAAAAAAACE Act

38RZ8 - The SQUIRRELS ... IN ... SPAAAAAAAACE Act

WHEREAS the Kingdom of Talossa lays claim to the atmosphere above our beloved provinces and territory, and

WHEREAS this claim can certainly be said to extend to the furthest reaches of space, and

WHEREAS since the earth revolves and rotates and even sometimes shimmies, this pretty much could be said (if we don't do too much study, and why should we start now?) to give the Kingdom a valid claim to the entire universe, and

WHEREAS the Kingdom has not yet explored this vast territory (and lack thereof), despite all the almost certain Talossanity out there, and

WHEREAS the Kingdom has lately been fortunate enough to get a real live rocket scientist as a citizen (which leaves just a brain surgeon left on our to-do list), and

WHEREAS the said real live rocket scientist brings with him a real live rocket, which has already become the first space vehicle to be adopted as Talossan (albeit a space vehicle in name only, and maybe not even that, seeing as how it is limited to travel that does not include travel into space yet, but hey, baby steps), and

WHEREAS to properly manage our great nation's new space program, a bureau, agency, or some other red-tape generating group is definitely needed not only to slow things to a grinding halt but to study the space we might someday claim for our own, and to plan for the future conquest of that space by our nation (unless we run into unfriendly aliens, when we'll simply offer our trademark invincible moral support to whoever else we can find to do our fighting for a while, in the Talossan tradition), and

WHEREAS we were somehow obviously unknowingly guided in the decision to form a space agency by the longstanding, albeit unappointed, Royal Commission on Space and Cool Space Stuff, which was proposed long ago by our current Túischac'h, S:reu John McGarry, now

THEREFORE be it resolved by the Ziu of the Kingdom of Talossa that:

the Royal Commission on Space and Cool Space Stuff is hereby officially disbanded with the thanks of the Ziu for all the herculean efforts that would have been expended by the Royal Commissioners, had they ever been appointed, and a new executive agency is created, to be named El Büreu d'Esploraziun Espaçal es Rac'hetría (BEER), or in English the Bureau of Space Exploration and Rocketry, and the Seneschal shall have the power to determine the proper ministry to assume responsibility for this bureau, and the Ziu calls upon the Seneschal to appoint with utmost haste a BEER Head, so that this nation's space program can get off the ground

** so to speak.*

Uréu q'estadra sa:

Hooligan (MC, RUMP)

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Ma la Mha, Contã Thord (MC-RUMP)

38RZ09 - The Saffron Act

Whereas, the Burmese peoples have suffered under authoritarian military dictatorships since 1962 and specifically the State Peace and Development Council since 1992; and

Whereas, these successions of regimes have been responsible for continuous and sustained violations of human rights (ethnic cleansing, forced labor, conscription of child soldiers, etc.) and denial of civil, political and economic freedoms (suppression of movements for democratic expression, etc.) and have been specifically responsible for the displacement of at least 500,000 ethnic minorities and the deaths of at least 300 people who were members of outlawed opposition political parties over the course of the past year alone; and

Whereas, the Burmese peoples have repeatedly in fearless and bold form proclaimed their yearnings and determination for a unfettered capacity to express their own vision of the UN charter's promise to all peoples around the globe of self-determination; and

Whereas, in the fine words of current UN envoy to Burma, Ibrahim Gambari, "No country can afford to act in isolation from the standards by which all members of the international community are held"; and

Whereas, Talossa, condemns the above-mentioned acts by the military regime that rules Burma as outside of long-standing conventions and norms for acceptable behavior by a nation-state and calls on other members of the international community to do the same.

Therefore, the Kingdom of Talossa as a member of the international community that respects and affirms the rights of all peoples for expression of all forms of political, civil and cultural freedoms, expresses its solidarity with the brave saffron-robed Buddhist monks that have taken to the streets and monasteries of Burma to oppose dictatorship and brutality.

Uréu q'estadra sâ,
Breneir Tzaracomprada (MC-LRT)

38RZ10 - The (Further) Separation of Powers Amendment

38RZ10 - THE (FURTHER) SEPARATION OF POWERS AMENDMENT

WHEREAS it has long been felt that the simultaneous holding of multiple legislative offices by a single person is not a very good idea, and

WHEREAS it is probably even a worse idea for Justices of the Uppermost Cort simultaneously to serve in the Ziu, and

WHEREAS the population of Talossa has now grown sufficiently that we have plenty of people to fill the Uppermost Cort, the Senäts, and the Cosa, without having to "double up" on jobs,

THEREFORE the Ziu hereby approves the following amendment to the Organic Law, and transmits it to the people for ratification.

Article VIII Section 6 is amended to read: "Except as otherwise provided by law, anyone eligible to vote in Talossa is eligible to hold any governmental position, including Member of the Cosa. However, neither a reigning King, nor his Consort, nor a Regent during his regency shall hold any seats either in the Cosa or in the Senäts, nor shall any Senator hold any seats in the Cosa."

Article XVI Section 3 is amended to read: "Neither a reigning King nor his Consort, nor a Regent during his regency, nor the Secretary of State, nor the Seneschal shall be a Justice of the Uppermost Cort or a judge in any inferior court that the Ziu may create. Nor shall any Senator or Member of the Cosa be a Justice of the Uppermost Cort."

Noi urent q'estadra sa,

John, King of Talossa

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Ián, Duke of Lupul (King of Talossa)