

The September 2016 Clark

Fifth Clark of the 49th Ziu

1. Results of the August 2016 Clark

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

49RZ17 – The (Modified) Boundaries of Religious Freedom Act

Introduced by Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)

Agreed to by the Cosä 111-0 (36 abstained), by the Senäts 4-0 (2 abstained)

49RZ18 – Immigration Prosecution Disclosure Act

Introduced by Dien Tresplet (Senator-MA)

Agreed to by the Cosä 132-0 (15 abstained), by the Senäts 5-1

49RZ19 – Nomination of a Commissioner of the Civil Service - 2016

Introduced by Sir Glüc da Dhi (MC-MRPT)

Agreed to by the Cosä 132-0 (15 abstained), by the Senäts 6-0

The Cosä passed a Vote of Confidence in the Government 129-18 .

Members of the Cosä voted as follows:

Name	Party	Seats	RZ 17	RZ 18	RZ 19	VoC
Gödafrïeu Válcadác'h	FreeDems	5	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Miesträ Schivä	FreeDems	15	Aus	Per	Per	Non
Óin Ursüm	FreeDems	1		Did not vote		
Txec dal Nordselvä	FreeDems	15	Aus	Aus	Aus	Üc
Chirbi Scherpa-Carriedo	FreeDems	15		Did not vote		
T. A. Zilect	FreeDems	15		Did not vote		
Glüc da Dhi	MRPT	9	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Marti Vataldestreça	MRPT	9	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Erschéveþ da Schir	MRPT	9	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Ian Plätschisch	MRPT	10	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Owen Edwards	PP	3	Aus	Per	Per	Üc
Mximo Carbonel	REP	3	Aus	Per	Per	Non
Cresti Sierviciül	RUMP	12	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Brad Holmes	RUMP	10	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Alexandreu Davinescu	RUMP	12	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Litz Cjantscheir	RUMP	12	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Eovart Xhorxh	RUMP	15	Per	Per	Per	Üc
Breneir Tzaracomprada	TNC	9		Did not vote		
Daviu Lundescu	TNC	8		Did not vote		
Tamás Ónodi	TNC	8	Per	Per	Per	Üc
			111-0 (36)	132-0 (15)	132-0 (15)	129-18

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Tariq Zubair	TNC	4	<i>Did not vote</i>			
			111-0 (36)	132-0 (15)	132-0 (15)	129-18

Senators voted as follows:

Name	Province	RZ17	RZ18	RZ19
Sevastáin Pinátsch	Atatürk	Per	Per	Per
Lüc da Schir	Belacostă	Aus	Per	Per
Ián Anglatzară	Cézembre	Per	Per	Per
Ma la Mha	Florenciă	<i>Did not vote</i>		
C. Carlüs Xheraltescu	Fiovă	<i>Did not vote</i>		
Dien Tresplet	Maricopa	Per	Per	Per
Magniloqueu Épiqeu da Lhiun	Maritiimi-Maxhestic	Per	Con	Per
Éovart Grischun	Vuode	Aus	Per	Per
		4-0 (2)	5-1	6-0

2. This Month's Business

The Fifth Clark of the 49th Ziu runs from September 1st to 21st 2016/XXXVII.
Voting on the Clark is open until the 21st of September at 7:30 PM Talossan time.

The following bills have been presented for consideration:

49RZ20 – Rephrasing Cultural Suggestions Act

Introduced by Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)

49RZ21 – Provincial Assignment Simplification Act

Introduced by Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)

49RZ22 – The OrgLaw Standing Committee Bill No. 1 (Article 9)

Introduced by Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)

49RZ23 – The Mandatory Cosa Lists Act and Amendment

Introduced by Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)

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.

Ordered printed today, September 1st 2016/XLVI
The Secretary of State / El Secretar d'Estat
Sir Martí-Páir Furxhéir

A. Full text of all bills on the Clark

49RZ20 - Rephrasing Cultural Suggestions Act

WHEREAS There are many cultural suggestions in el Lexhatx, and

WHEREAS As I have said until I am blue in the face, suggestions don't belong enshrined as laws, and

WHEREAS Some very small changes to these provisions makes them read better and removes the aspect of suggestion

THEREFORE F.8, which currently reads;8. Gloria Estefan is awarded the title of National Entertainer of Talossa. The Ziu heartily recommends that all Talossans listen to her music, shake their bodies and do the conga in celebration of this.

shall be amended to read;8. Gloria Estefan is awarded the title of National Entertainer of Talossa. Listening to her music, **shaking one's body**, and **doing** the conga **shall be the official modes** of celebrating this

FURTHERMORE F.37, which currently reads;37. The shires of Pengöpäts known as Coldstrand, Evaniana, and Uttersouth, as well as the Territorial capital, Everwhite, now have official Talossan forms, respectively: Platxafred, Adiensiāna, Sudurbeniā, and Schembiança. The non-Talossan forms may be used as an alternative by those not familiar with the Talossan Language, although the Ziu encourages all Talossan citizens to use the Talossan forms as a way of demonstrating respect and admiration for our wonderful language and our great nation.

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FURTHERMORE I.2.2, which currently reads;1.2.2. Military Use of Bedposts. The Zouaves of the Royal Bodyguard are encouraged to make use of bedposts for ceremonial and drill purposes

shall be amended to read;1.2.2. Military Use of Bedposts. The Zouaves of the Royal Bodyguard **shall** make use of bedposts for ceremonial and drill purposes

FURTHERMORE F.27, which currently reads;27. The Ziu officially states it is acceptable to refer to the Milwaukee Brewers as "The Maricopa Brewers"; the Ziu also officially encourages the usage of the latter form in all Talossan publications and broadcasts.

is hereby repealed (F.32 already says the same thing). **FURTHERMORE** F.30, which currently reads;30. All citizens are encouraged to watch "Ishtar," a classic movie containing many allusions to Talossan Berber traits, situations, problems, resolutions and musical compositions. Know the definition, texture and appearance of Couscous, the Talossan Berber treat.

shall be amended to read;30. **"Ishtar," a classic movie containing many allusions to Talossan Berber traits, situations, problems, resolutions and musical compositions,** shall be the official Berber-themed film of the Kingdom of Talossa.

30.1. Couscous shall be the official Talossan Berber treat.

FURTHERMORE F.33, which currently reads;33. All Talossans everywhere are encouraged to refer to the Milwaukee Bucks as the Benito Bucks (or, in Talossan, Els Bocs da Benito).

shall be amended to read;33. **The Milwaukee Bucks** shall henceforth be known as the **Benito Bucks** (or, in Talossan, Els Bocs da Benito).

FURTHERMORE F.4.3.1, which currently reads;

19 January. Grecian Delight Remembrance Day. Upon this date, the government of The Kingdom of Talossa shall encourage the citizens of the nation to pay respect and remembrance to this all important and historical sites of interest, including Grecian Delight, locum for several pivotal points in our nations history including the 1997 Organic Law Convention, several TalossaFest celebrations and the 2002 Swearing of the Oath of Office of Prime Minister Valcadac'h.

shall be amended to read:

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FURTHERMORE** F.28 which currently reads:

The Ziu hereby confers the status of National Historic Site to Grecian Delight, makes "The Place Where Everybody Knows Your Name" to be the official slogan of the restaurant for tourism/marketing purposes, and encourages all haxhis to pay a visit to Grecian Delight during their stay in the fatherland.

shall be amended to read:

The Ziu hereby confers the status of National Historic Site to the 1800 block of North Avenue in Benito Province, the site of the Grecian Delight restaurant, which was destroyed by fire on 19th January 2010.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)

49RZ21 - Provincial Assignment Simplification Act

WHEREAS It is possible to change provincial assignment based on the provincial assignment of relatives, which isn't conducive to having meaningful catchment areas, and

WHEREAS We just spend almost a year making sure we have meaningful catchment areas, so we should use them, and

WHEREAS There are also some provisions which prevent catchment areas from applying based on seemingly random criteria, and

WHEREAS 49RZ13 already requires the consent of a citizen before that citizen is reassigned to the province whose catchment area they reside in, so there is no need for additional provisions such as those mentioned in the previous clause

THEREFORE E.7.3.1, which currently reads;

The provisions in this section do not apply unless the citizen explicitly consents to being reassigned.

shall be amended to read;

The provisions in this section do not apply unless the citizen explicitly consents to being reassigned. **Whenever any Talossan wants to move his provincial assignment to the province in whose assigned area he actually lives, he may do so by notifying the Chancery. The move will be officially recognised once the Chancery has validated the request.**

FURTHERMORE E.7.3.2, which currently reads;

The provisions in this section do not apply when a citizen currently assigned to the wrong province geographically moves within his/her current geographic assignment area, unless the move is either a) over a distance of more than 1000 kilometres, or b) across national borders. In both cases the provisions in this section do apply.

is amended to read;

The Secretary of State will be responsible for the various moves and assignments which result from this title. These moves and assignments will take effect on their official announcement by the Secretary of State.

FURTHERMORE E.10, which currently reads;

10. The following enhancements and clarifications will apply to the process of assigning citizens to provinces. (35RZ23)

10.1. For the purposes of Talossan law, two people are "closely related" if one of them is the spouse, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, or uncle of the other, or is married to someone who is the spouse, parent, grandparent, brother, sister, aunt, or uncle of the other.

10.2. If an immigrant is closely related to a Talossan citizen, the immigrant may choose to be assigned to the province to which his Talossan relative belongs, rather than to the province to which he would otherwise be assigned.

10.3. If one Talossan citizen is closely related to another, he may move his provincial assignment to the province to which his Talossan relative already belongs. But nobody may make such a move more than once in his lifetime, except by the special permission of the Ziu.

10.4. If any Talossan citizen is re-assigned, by any means, to another province, his/her close relative(s) may move his/her provincial assignment to the province which his/her Talossan relative has been re-assigned to. But nobody may make such a move more than once in his/her lifetime, except by the special permission of the Ziu.

10.5. A dandelion, when registered, will be assigned to the province of his Talossan parent. If both his parents are citizens, and they belong to different provinces, the dandelion will be assigned to the province of his mother.

10.6. A dandelion, whose Talossan parent has been re-assigned, by any means, to another province, shall be automatically re-assigned to the same province as his/her Talossan parent. If both his/her parents are citizens, and they are re-assigned to different provinces, the dandelion will be re-assigned to the province of his mother.

10.7. Whenever any Talossan wants to move his provincial assignment to the province in whose assigned area he actually lives, he may do so by notifying the Chancery. The move will be officially recognised once the Chancery has validated the request. (47RZ2) (48RZ21)

10.8. The Secretary of State will be responsible for the various moves and assignments contemplated in this title, which moves and assignments will take effect on their official announcement by the Secretary of State.

is hereby repealed.

Noi urent q'estadra sã,
Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)
Baron Alexandreu Davinescu (MC-RUMP)

49RZ22 - The OrgLaw Standing Committee Bill No. 1 (Article 9)

WHEREAS The Organic Law has many provisions which would best be moved to statutory law, and **WHEREAS** A simpler, clearer Organic Law would encourage more people to read it, which would result in a more knowledgeable citizenry **THEREFORE** Article IX of the Organic Law, which currently reads; Section 1

The Seneschál shall appoint a Secretary of State to an indefinite term. He may be removed and replaced by law. The Secretary of State shall supervise and organize the legislative business of the Ziu. He shall do this by administering a public venue for the inspection of legislative proposals before they become bills, "The Hopper" and by compiling and publishing the monthly legislative journal, "The Clark." He may delegate another citizen to act as Deputy Secretary of State, who will execute the powers and duties of the Secretary's office, while the Secretary is unavailable or unable to do so. This person shall be appointed and dismissed by the Secretary on whim.

Section 2

Any Member of the Cosâ, or Senator, or the King, shall have the right to submit legislative proposals and bills to the Secretary of State for consideration by the Ziu according to the procedures specified in this article.

Section 3

Except as provided in Article IX: Sec. 7, a bill is not eligible to be voted on by the Ziu and cannot be published in the Clark unless it was first submitted to "The Hopper" as a legislative proposal. And except as provided in Article IX: Sec. 8, only legislative proposals that are in "The Hopper" and have been there for at least ten days can become eligible for publication in "The Clark" as bills. Legislative proposals that are no longer in "The Hopper" cannot become bills.

Section 4

The Secretary of State is under no obligation to create a permanent record of legislative proposals in "The Hopper." The Secretary of State shall remove legislative proposals from "The Hopper" at the request of the author. If a legislative proposal has remained in the "The Hopper" for more than 59 days, the Secretary of State may remove it.

Section 5

A legislative proposal is submitted to the Secretary of State for publication in "The Hopper." A legislative proposal thus submitted should be followed by the words "Uréu q'estadra sâ" (or "Proposed by") and the name of the author and the capacity in which the author is offering the proposal. The Ziu may regulate how authors identify their capacity. A legislative proposal may be submitted by multiple sponsors, but the legislator whose name is listed first after the words "Uréu q'estadra sâ" (or "Proposed by") is considered the author of the legislative proposal. The Secretary of State may refuse to accept legislative proposals that are not clearly typed or word-processed. (47RZ37)

Section 6

Bills that will be eligible for publication when the next clark is published and have spent at least five days in the hopper may be submitted with or without modification or amendment as a bill to the Secretary of State by the author according to the procedures specified in this article. The Secretary of State may, however, refuse to accept the bill if he finds that the bill is so substantially different from its original form as a legislative proposal that it constitutes a significantly different proposal. Upon such a finding, the bill is automatically returned to "The Hopper."

Section 7

At his discretion, the Prime Minister shall have the right to withdraw any legislative proposal from "The Hopper" and instruct the Secretary of State to treat it as a properly submitted bill. The Prime Minister's Prime Dictates are exempt from all provisions relating to legislative proposals and "The Hopper."

Section 8

For the first Clark to be published following an Election Deadline as defined in Article VII: Sec. 3, only legislative proposals that are in "The Hopper" and have been there for at least five days can become eligible for publication in "The Clark" as bills.

Section 9

Bills must be submitted to the Secretary of State more than 24 hours before the publication of the Clark. Bills received less than 24 hours before publication of the Clark shall be published in the next Clark or postponed for one Clark, at the Secretary of State's discretion.

Section 10

(Repealed by amendment)

Section 11

If any bill seeks to amend, change, or repeal any Article of the Organic Law or any Law, the bill must specify exactly the Law(s) or Article(s), which it seeks to amend, change, or repeal. The Secretary of State may refuse to accept bills that do not comply with this provision.

Section 12

All bills received by the Secretary of State during one calendar month shall be compiled into a published legislative journal, to be called "The Clark." The Clark shall be compiled prior to the first day of the following month, and shall be published on that day.

Section 13

Notwithstanding Sections 2 and 6 of this Article, the Ziu may make laws regulating the number of bills a Member of the Cosă or a Senator may submit for one Clark without the need to amend the Organic Law. (47RZ37) Shall be amended to the following;

Section 1

The Secretary of State shall be appointed and dismissed as specified by law, and he or she shall supervise, and shall organise the legislative business of the Ziu. He or she shall do this by administering a public venue for the inspection of legislative proposals before they become bills, "The Hopper" and by compiling and publishing the monthly legislative journal, "The Clark". The Secretary of State has the right to appoint deputies. Responsibilities, appointment, and dismissal of deputies shall be governed by law.

Section 2

Any Member of the Cosă, or a Senator, or the King, or the Secretary of State, shall have the right to submit legislative proposals, and bills to the Secretary of State for consideration by the Ziu according to the procedures specified in this article, and specified by law. Within the bounds and rules imposed by law, tradition, and reason, the Secretary of State shall ensure that all legislators be allowed to submit their bills for consideration.

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journal, to be called "The Clark". The Clark shall be compiled prior to the first day of the following month, and shall be published on that day.

Section 4

At his discretion, the Prime Minister shall have the right to withdraw any legislative proposal from "The Hopper", and instruct the Secretary of State to treat it as a properly submitted bill. Prime Dictates are exempt from all provisions relating unto legislative proposals.

Section 5

If any bill seeks to amend, change, or repeal any Article of the Organic Law or any Law, the bill must specify exactly the Law(s) or Article(s), which it seeks to amend, change, or repeal. The Secretary of State may refuse to accept bills that do not comply with this provision. **FURTHERMORE**, upon the ratification of the above amendment by the People of Talossa, Title H of el Lexhatx, which currently reads;

1. Future elections shall be followed, when practical, by an official Living Cosa which shall be styled the "State Opening of the Cosa." At the State Opening, the PM shall read his Speech to the Nation and the Leader of the Opposition shall have a chance to rebut. A Living Cosa shall be carried out at the same time, on the Government's first Clark. At the start of the State Opening, the new PM will be sworn in publicly. The State Opening shall feature food, drink, and as many Talossans as possible will be invited to attend. (15RC9)

2. The Cosa authorises a question and answer period during Living Cosas. This will be called "Terpelaziuns" ('enquiries') or, for short, "Terps," or "Question Time." During Terpelaziuns, each MC may ask any other MC one question (plus a follow-up) and expect to receive some sort of answer. The Opposition Leader shall put the first question. Questions shall alternate between Government and Opposition members until all MCs on one side or the other have spoken. The remaining MCs may then put questions. Questions will be politely phrased in the third person and directed at the Speaker. Order of Questioners will be determined on an ad hoc basis by the Speaker. (14RC9)

2.1. Any Member of the Cosa (MC) or Senator may at any time between the First and Last Clark of a Cosa Term, table in "The Ziu" board on Witt, or its equivalent, a "c (PQ)" or "Terp" in a new thread or its equivalent. (44RZ1)

2.2. The PQ or Terp may ask one question to a named Member of the Government relating to Public Affairs connected with their Ministry or on matters of administration for which they are officially responsible. 2.3. There is no limit to the number of PQs or Terps a MC or Senator may submit in any given Clark. 2.4. Any PQ or Terp that is submitted by a MC or Senator in accordance with Section 1 above, must be answered by the named Minister within seven (7) days of the question being tabled. Should the Minister be unavailable to answer the question within the seven (7) days, the question shall be redirected to the Prime Minister or his/her appointed Deputy who shall be granted a further seven (7) days to answer the aforementioned question. With the agreement of the questioner, there may be an extension of seven (7) days on top of this period. However, the period from the asking of the question to the answering of the question, shall in no circumstances exceed twenty one (21) days. 2.5. For the purpose of subsection (a) above, "unavailable" means being unable for to access Witt, or its equivalent, for an acceptable and reasonable reason. Having Logged into or visited Witt during the seven day period, or its equivalent and having not seen or ignored the PQ or Terp, shall not constitute being unavailable. (c) This provision shall not apply PQs or Terps which refer to matters of Security or Defence of His Majesty's Realm and/or any project(s), Correspondence or activities in which the Government has deemed and classed as confidential or its release may damage the Kingdom in any shape or form. Such questions may not be answered by any Minister. 2.6. The Minister must answer the question in the same thread or its equivalent as the original question and the questioner may ask one (1) supplementary question, in which subsection (a) above applies, with the seven days starting from the date the supplementary question is asked. 2.7. Failure to answer a question within the given timeframe shall constitute an offense and a Minister if found guilty of such an offense, will be subject to a punishment at the discretion of the Courts. 2.8. It shall be a defence to the Minister if the questioner, notwithstanding any other legitimate defences, did not or failed to: (i) Correctly title his/her question or; (ii) Ask a clear question. E.g. An ambiguous question, in which the Minister tried to clarify but failed to do so in the timeframe and did not subsequently answer. Or; (iii) Post his/her question in the correct board, or; (iv) Engage with the Minister in trying to answer his/her question or; (v) Direct the question to one named Minister.

3. All MCs must vote for themselves, and not through surrogates. They have innumerable options to communicate

their own votes to the Secretary of State or to Undersecretary of State, including postcards, letters and phone calls. MCs are responsible for casting their own votes with their own assigned seats, and cannot cast votes for other MCs. If an MC will be unavailable to vote for some reason during any particular month, they may inform the Secretary or Undersecretary that they wish to vote exactly as another, named MC. That will be considered the sole justification for MC surrogate voting. (6RC30, 16RC11)

3.1. A person who is named as a Proxy Vote for another in a Living Cosà is under the moral and legal obligation, whenever possible, to represent the original seat-holder's wishes and intentions on specific Ziu bills and the Vote of Confidence, whenever and however he is instructed or publicly notified to do so. (24RZ44) 4. A difference shall exist (and be spelled out in future bills) between committees (which are set up as standing committees, free to issue reports at any time) and Royal Commissions (or Commissions Royal) which are set up on an ad hoc basis and charged with a specific one-time task such as preparing a dossier or White Paper on a specific problem, and presenting the same to the Cosa. Once a Commission's paper is done, the Commission has fulfilled its duty and ceases to exist. (8RC35)

5. The Secretary of State will punish all Members of the Cosà who cast invalid votes in the Vote of Confidence; the punishment being the declaration of said member's votes in the same Clark as null and void. (23RZ39)

6. His Majesty, when affixing His Royal Seal to Bills sent to him by this Ziu, may exclaim with all His Royal Royal-ness in the National Language of Our Nation, "El Regeu en volt." (25RZ17)

7. His Majesty, when acting out His Constitutional and Traditional Duty to Protect the Citizens of His Kingdom from Poor Government, decides to Withhold His Royal Seal from said Bill sent by said Ziu, may exclaim with all His Truth-and-Justice-ness in said National Language of said Kingdom, "El Regeu non en volt."

8. If the Prime Minister or a member of the Government party proposes a bill, and with the PM's permission marks it as a Government Bill, the Clark will denote this as a bill proposed by "HM Government, represented by" the member. If the Opposition Leader, or a member of the Opposition proposes a bill, and with the Opposition Leader's or the member's Party Leader's permission marks it as an Opposition Bill, the Clark will denote this as a bill proposed by "HM Loyal Opposition, represented by" the member. Any other bill will be called a Private Member's Bill, and will be denoted in the Clark the same way they've always been. (25RZ31)

9. Official non-Ziu titles may also be used when a member of the Ziu submit a bill, if the submitter feels that he is submitting a bill in another capacity as Ziu member. Such a title shall be called a "Limousine" or by its Talossan equivalent. A title of Senator, Distain or Member of the Cosa is a Ziu title, and as such not a Limousine. A person can only be entitled to a Limousine if he is both a member of the Ziu and holds an official title. A Limousine may contain, but is not restricted to: a governor's title, a minister or deputy minister's title, or a title conferred by a national organization such as the CUG or the Secretary of State's office. This is not a means to allow non members of the Ziu to post bills using their Limousine, nor does this provision allow any submitter to use unofficial titles or party-specific titles. (32RZ13)

9.1. The use of a Limousine instead of a ziu title engages that person in that capacity. For example, a bill submitted by a Cosa member as being "Minister of Culture" indicates that the bill is trully submitted in the name of the Minister of Culture.

10. Members of Cosa shall be free to represent any constituency within the geographic boundaries of the Kingdom of Talossa including any and all of its territories and overseas colonies. Any Member wishing to represent a constituency shall publicly declare such representation before the conclusion of the first Clark following a General Election. (44RZ25) (48RZ3)

11. The Senatorial Medal of Honour may be awarded by the Senate for meritorious or honourable service to State or Nation. This award, awarded only and solely by a resolution in the Senate given the Royal Assent, will be the highest honour bestowed by the Talossan legislature. This award has a single class, and recipients may, in official RT affairs, affix the initials "S.H." (Senatorial Honour) after his/her name. (25RZ77)

12. The "Medal of Cincinnatus" may be awarded by the King in recognition for acts of extraordinary Talossanicity

in the face of opposition. Recipients of this Medal would be entitled to follow their names with the honorific "Cin.". (37RZ8)

13. It is strongly suggested that MCs limit their bill submissions to five at the very most for each Clark. (25RZ91)

14. If there is the SLIGHTEST problem with any bill in excess of five (misspellings, inorganicity, etc.), the Secretary of State is empowered to refuse to put same on the Clark.

15. If at all possible, bills presented for review in the Hopper should be translated into Talossan before being Clarked. (38RZ12)

16. The King shall sign a physical printed copy of bills at the time they pass into law, and collect these bills for posterity.

17. Except in cases where the current Secretary of State is no longer able or eligible to perform his duties, any nominations of a new secretary of state must take effect on the day of the normal publication of a Clark. If the normally scheduled Clark is not published by the previous Secretary of State on the appropriate day, the new Secretary of State can still start his duties, starting with the publication of the Clark. (32RZ2)

18. No person shall hold more seats in the Cosa than ten times the total number of seats in the Cosa divided by the number of ballots cast for the Cosa in the most recent General Election, rounded up to the next integer.

Shall be amended to read;

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2.2. The PQ or Terp may ask one question to a named Member of the Government relating to Public Affairs connected with their Ministry or on matters of administration for which they are officially responsible.

2.3. There is no limit to the number of PQs or Terps a MC or Senator may submit in any given Clark.

2.4. Any PQ or Terp that is submitted by a MC or Senator in accordance with **the provisions of H.2**, must be answered by the named Minister within seven (7) days of the question being tabled. Should the Minister be unavailable to answer the question within the seven (7) days, the question shall be redirected to the Prime Minister or his/her appointed Deputy who shall be granted a further seven (7) days to answer the aforementioned question. With the agreement of the questioner, there may be an extension of seven (7) days on top of this period. However, the period from the asking of the question to the answering of the question, shall in no circumstances exceed twenty one (21) days.

2.5. For the purpose of **H.2.4**, "unavailable" means being unable to access Witt, or its equivalent, for an acceptable and reasonable reason. Having logged into, or visited Witt, or its equivalent, during the seven day period, and having not seen, or ignored the PQ or Terp, shall not constitute being unavailable. (c) This provision shall not apply PQs or Terps, which refer to matters of Security or Defence of His Majesty's Realm and/or any project(s), correspondence, or activities, in which the Government has deemed, and classified as confidential, or which in its

release may damage the Kingdom in any shape or form. Such questions may not be answered by any Minister.

2.6. The Minister must answer the question in the same thread or its equivalent as the original question and the questioner may ask one (1) supplementary question, in which **the provisions of H.2 apply**, with the seven days starting from the date the supplementary question is asked.

2.7. Failure to answer a question within the given timeframe shall constitute an offence, and a Minister, if found guilty of such a offence, will be subject to a punishment at the discretion of the Courts.

2.8. It shall be a defence to the Minister if the questioner, notwithstanding any other legitimate defences, did not, or failed to2.8.1 correctly title his/her question**2.8.2 ask a clear question. E.g. an ambiguous question, in which the Minister tried to clarify, but failed to do so in the time frame, and did not subsequently answer.**2.8.3 post his/her question in the correct board**2.8.4 engage with the Minister in trying to answer his/her question**2.8.5 direct the question to one named Minister.

3. All MCs must vote for themselves, and not through surrogates. They have innumerable options to communicate their own votes to the Secretary of State or to Undersecretaries of State, including postcards, letters and phone calls. MCs are responsible for casting their own votes with their own assigned seats, and cannot cast votes for other MCs. If an MC will be unavailable to vote for some reason during any particular month, they may inform the Secretary or an Undersecretary that they wish to vote exactly as another, named MC. That will be considered the sole justification for MC surrogate voting. (6RC30, 16RC11)

3.1. A person who is named as a Proxy Vote for another in a Living Cosă is under the moral and legal obligation, whenever possible, to represent the original seat-holder's wishes and intentions on specific Ziu bills and the Vote of Confidence, whenever and however he is instructed, or publicly notified to do so. (24RZ44)

4. The Secretary of State will punish all Members of the Cosă who cast invalid votes in the Vote of Confidence; the punishment being the declaration of said member's votes in the same Clark as null and void. (23RZ39)

5. A difference shall exist (and be spelled out in future bills) between committees (which are set up as standing committees, free to issue reports at any time) and Royal Commissions (or Commissions Royal) which are set up on an ad hoc basis and charged with a specific one-time task such as preparing a dossier or White Paper on a specific problem, and presenting the same to the Cosă. Once a Commission's paper is done, the Commission has fulfilled its duty, and ceases to exist. (8RC35)

6. No bill may be published in a Clark unless it has spent at least ten days in the Hopper as a legislative proposal, except according to H.6.1

6.1 For the first Clark to be published in a Cosă term, no bill may be published in a Clark unless it has spent at least five days in the Hopper as a legislative proposal

6.2 The Secretary of State is under no obligation to create a permanent record of legislative proposals in "The Hopper."

6.3 The Secretary of State shall remove legislative proposals from "The Hopper" at the request of the author.

6.4 If a legislative proposal has remained in the "The Hopper" for more than 59 days, the Secretary of State may remove it.

6.5 Bills must be submitted to the Secretary of State more than 24 hours before the publication of the Clark.

6.6 Bills received less than 24 hours before publication of the Clark shall be published in the next Clark or postponed for one Clark, at the Secretary of State's discretion.

7. A legislative proposal should be followed by the words "Uréu q'estadra sã" (or "Proposed by"), and the name of the author, and the capacity in which the author is offering the proposal. A legislative proposal may be submitted by multiple sponsors, but the legislator whose name is listed first after the words "Uréu q'estadra sã" (or "Proposed by") is considered the author of the legislative proposal.

7.1 Official non-Ziu titles may also be used when a member of the Ziu submit a bill, if the submitter feels that he is submitting a bill in another capacity than as a Ziu member. Such a title shall be called a

"Limousine", or by its Talossan equivalent. A title of Senator, Distain or Member of the Cosă is a Ziu title, and as such not a Limousine. A person can only be entitled to a Limousine if he is both a member of the Ziu and holds an official title. A Limousine may contain, but is not restricted to: a governor's title, a minister or deputy minister's title, or a title conferred by a national organisation, such as the CúG, or the Secretary of State's office. This is not a means to allow non-members of the Ziu to post bills using their Limousine, nor does this provision allow any submitter to use unofficial titles or party-specific titles. (32RZ13)

7.2 The use of a Limousine instead of a Ziu title engages that person in that capacity. For example, a bill submitted by a Cosă member as being "Minister of Culture" indicates that the bill is truly submitted in the name of the Minister of Culture.

8. If the Prime Minister, or a member of the Government party, proposes a bill, and with the Prime Minister's permission marks it as a Government Bill, the Clark will denote this as a bill proposed by "HM Government, represented by", before the name of the member. If the Opposition Leader, or a member of the Opposition, proposes a bill, and, with the Opposition Leader's or the member's Party Leader's permission, marks it as an Opposition Bill, the Clark will denote this as a bill proposed by "HM Loyal Opposition, represented by", followed by the member's name. Any other bill will be called a Private Member's Bill, and will be denoted in the Clark the same way they have always been. (25RZ31)

9. Members of Cosă shall be free to represent any constituency within the geographic boundaries of the Kingdom of Talossa, including any and all of its territories and overseas colonies. Any Member wishing to represent a constituency shall publicly declare such representation before the conclusion of the first Clark following a General Election. (44RZ25) (48RZ3)

10. It is strongly suggested that MCs limit their bill submissions to five at the very most for each Clark. (25RZ91)

11. The Secretary of State is empowered to refuse to put a certain bill on a Clark if said bill;

11.1 has the SLIGHTEST problem in excess of five (misspellings, inorganicity, etc.), and/or

11.2 is not clearly typed or word-processed; and/or

11.3 is so substantially different from its original form as a legislative proposal that it constitutes a significantly different proposal.**

12. If at all possible, bills presented for review in the Hopper should be translated into Talossan before being Clarked. (38RZ12)

13. Except in cases where the current Secretary of State is no longer able or eligible to perform his duties, any nominations of a new secretary of state must take effect on the day of the normal publication of a Clark. If the normally scheduled Clark is not published by the previous Secretary of State on the appropriate day, the new Secretary of State can still start his duties, starting with the publication of the Clark. (32RZ2)

14. No person shall hold more seats in the Cosă than ten times the total number of seats in the Cosă divided by the number of ballots cast for the Cosa in the most recent General Election, rounded up to the next integer.15. His Majesty, when affixing His Royal Seal to Bills sent to him by the Ziu, may exclaim with all His Royal Royal-ness in the National Language of Our Nation, "El Regeu en volt." (25RZ17)

16. His Majesty, when acting out His constitutional and traditional duty to protect the Citizens of His Kingdom from poor Government, decides to withhold His Royal Seal from said Bill sent by said Ziu, may exclaim with all His Truth-and-Justice-ness in said National Language of said Kingdom, "El Regeu non en volt."17. The King shall sign a physical printed copy of bills at the time they pass into law, and collect these bills for posterity.18. The Senatorial Medal of Honour may be awarded by the Senate for meritorious or honourable service to State or Nation. This award, awarded only and solely by a resolution in the Senate given the Royal Assent, will be the highest honour bestowed by the Talossan legislature. This award has a single class, and recipients may, in official

RT affairs, affix the initials "S.H." (Senatorial Honour) after their name. (25RZ77)

19. The "Medal of Cincinnatus" may be awarded by the King in recognition for acts of extraordinary Talossanicy in the face of opposition. Recipients of this Medal are entitled to follow their names with the honorific "Cin." (37RZ8)

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49RZ23 - The Mandatory Cosa Lists Act and Amendment

WHEREAS A voter should know which individuals they are voting for when casting a vote for a certain party, and **WHEREAS** This will serve to increase accountability to the voters

THEREFORE Org.VIII.3, which currently reads;

Each party shall assign its seats to such individuals as it sees fit, provided that each such individual is eligible to serve in the Cosa under this article and is assigned a whole number of seats. The Ziu may by law establish a maximum number of seats that any one Member of the Cosa may hold by law, but the minimum number of Members of the Cosa shall be no less than the number of Senators, and the same limit shall apply to all Members of the Cosa, and any changes to the limit shall take effect no earlier than the distribution of seats after the next General Election.

shall be amended to read

Each party shall assign its seats to such individuals as it sees fit, **subject to regulations regarding the reporting of such individuals prior to elections set forth by law**, provided that each such individual is eligible to serve in the Cosa under this article and is assigned a whole number of seats. The Ziu may by law establish a maximum number of seats that any one Member of the Cosa may hold by law, but the minimum number of Members of the Cosa shall be no less than the number of Senators, and the same limit shall apply to all Members of the Cosa, and any changes to the limit shall take effect no earlier than the distribution of seats after the next General Election.

FURTHERMORE, upon the ratification of the above amendment by the People of Talossa,**a new subsubsection B.2.3 shall added to el Lexhatx which reads;B.2.3 The ballot must also include, for each party contesting the election, a list of citizens to whom the party intends to award Cosa seats. If a party does not submit a candidate list to the Secretary of State before the election, the party leader is assigned all seats won, and seats which cannot be held by the Party Leader are forfeited.

B.2.3.1 Before the conclusion of the first Clark, each party leader must submit to the Secretary of State a report containing the distribution of the seats won in the election

B.2.3.1.1 The party leader may assign seats to any eligible citizen(s) they see fit, so long as the following criteria are met:

B.2.3.1.1.1 The party's internal procedures are followed B.2.3.1.1.2 No one who was not named on the list is

assigned more seats than any eligible citizen who was named on the list B.2.3.1.1.3 The total number of seats

awarded to those not on the list does not exceed 1/3 of all seats won by the party B.2.3.1.1.4 No person occupies

more than the legal number of seats. B.2.3.1.2 Any person assigned a seat as above may decline to take their seats in which case they will be reallocated according to the criteria of B.2.3.1.1. B.2.3.1.3 If a party cannot assign all of their seats under the criteria of B.2.3.1.1, the additional seats are forfeited. Other subsubsections in B.2 are renumbered accordingly.

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