



The May 2017 Clark

Fourth Clark of the 50th Ziu

1. Results of the April 2017 Clark

As no bills have passed both the Cosä and Senäts, Royal Assent was not required.

The Cosä and Senäts disagreed on the following bill:

50RZ17 – The Simulated Coup Amendment

Introduced by Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)

Rejected by the Cosä due to not reaching the required supermajority 103-81, agreed to by the Senäts 5-3

The Cosä passed a Vote of Confidence in the Government 141-43 .

Members of the Cosä voted as follows:

Name	Party	Seats	RZ 17	VoC
Miesträ Schivä	FreeDems	9	Per	Üc
Viteu Marcianüs	FreeDems	7	Did not vote	
Iason Taiwos	FreeDems	7	Per	Üc
Chirbi Scherpa-Carriedo	FreeDems	8	Per	Üc
Françal Ian Lux	FreeDems	8	Did not vote	
Inxheneu Crova	FreeDems	8	Con	Üc
Owen Edwards	IEVAAP	1	Con	Üc
Alexandreu Soleighfred	MRPT	13	Per	Üc
Glüc da Dhi	MRPT	13	Per	Üc
Marti Vataldestreça	MRPT	13	Per	Üc
Erschéveþ da Schir	MRPT	13	Per	Üc
Ian Plätschisch	MRPT	14	Per	Üc
Txoteu Davinescu	MRPT	13	Per	Üc
Mximo Carbonel	REP	10	Con	Non
Cresti Siervicül	RUMP	18	Con	Üc
Ian da Bitour	RUMP	11	Con	Üc
Brad Holmes	RUMP	11	Con	Non
Eovart Xhorxh	RUMP	11	Con	Non
Danihel Txechescu	RUMP	11	Con	Non
			103-81	141-43

Senators voted as follows:

Name	Province	RZ17
Sevastáin Pinátsch	Atatürk	Per
		5-3

Name	Province	RZ17
Lüc da Schir	Belacostă	Per
Ián Anglatzară	Cézembre	Per
Ma la Mha	Florençiä	Con
Gödafrïeu Válcadác'h	Fiovă	Per
Dien Tresplet	Maricopa	Con
Magniloqueu Épiqeu da Lhiun	Maritiimi-Maxhestic	Per
Éovart Grischun	Vuode	Con
		5-3

2. This Month's Business

The Fourth Clark of the 50th Ziu runs from May 1st to 21st 2017/XXXVIII.
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:

50RZ18 – THE ORGANIC LAW AMENDMENT (Amendments (I Can't Believe This Is Still Ambiguous But Apparently It Is)) BILL

Introduced by Dame Miestră Schivă (MC)

50RZ19 – The Advisory King Amendment

Introduced by Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)

50RZ20 – The Easy Conversions Act

Introduced by Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)

50RZ21 – The Ham Sandwich Amendment

Introduced by Dien Tresplet (Senator-MA)

50RZ22 – Sense of the Ziu: early referendum on the Monarchy

Introduced by Sir Glüc da Dhi (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.

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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

50RZ18 - THE ORGANIC LAW AMENDMENT (Amendments (I Can't Believe This Is Still Ambiguous But Apparently It Is)) BILL

THE ORGANIC LAW AMENDMENT (Amendments (I Can't Believe This Is Still Ambiguous But Apparently It Is)) BILL

WHEREAS it seemed clear that the decision of the Cort pü inalt in April 2016 which resolved the "Proclamation Crisis" and the subsequent adoption of the current text of Article XV of the OrgLaw had sorted out whether an Organic Law amendment must be "proclaimed" or "promulgated" to take effect;

and **WHEREAS** a recently withdrawn lawsuit, and the orders made by one CpI justice in the course of that lawsuit, and the subsequent ill-tempered threads on Wittenberg have shown that the above is surely not the case;

and **WHEREAS** this sort of tomfoolery should never happen again:

BE IT ENACTED by the King, Cosà and Senäts of Talossa in Ziu assented and by the consent of the people in referendum that the text of Article XV, Section 4 of the Organic Law be amended by the addition of the following underlined text:

After approval by the Ziu in accordance with the preceding sections, a proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people in a referendum. If the King objected to the proposed amendment under the preceding section, a statement of his objections not exceeding one hundred and fifty words shall be provided to the people along with the proposed amendment. The amendment shall take effect, and the King shall promulgate the amendment as part of this Organic Law, if it is approved by a majority of voters participating in a referendum on the question of the amendment no later than during the next scheduled general election following the approval of the Ziu, except as provided in the following sections.

Noi urent q'estadra sã,
Dame Miesträ Schivă (MC)
Sir Lüc da Schir (Senator-BE)
Magniloqueu Épiqueu da Lhiun (Senator-MM)
Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC)
Mximo Carbonel (MC)

50RZ19 - The Advisory King Amendment

WHEREAS Every citizen has their own concept of the perfect role of the King in Talossa today, and

WHEREAS I realized that my own such concept was founded on a highly romanticized version of the King, in which he was omnibenevolent and respected the will of the people except in the direst circumstances, and

WHEREAS Even if this were currently the case, it would be no reason to believe that the Crown would always behave this way, and

WHEREAS I have just recently grasped the full consequences of an unelected head of state possessing such broad powers, and

WHEREAS Despite this, misdeeds by one King is no reason to abolish the office entirely, and

WHEREAS in a country as small as Talossa, retaining the same, heavily involved head of state is good for stability, even if the King is not as involved as we would like, and

WHEREAS The Crown has, does, and will likely continue to provide valuable advice concerning matters of governance, so he should retain at least some amount of political power, and

WHEREAS This is the heart of the matter: while an unelected official can offer new perspectives and encourage legislators to stop and think, someone without a democratic mandate should not have final say on anything, nor even be able to indefinitely put roadblocks in the path of the duly elected Ziu, and

WHEREAS for all these reasons, applying the concepts of the $\frac{3}{4}$ Majority Amendment to regular legislation seems like a pretty good idea

THEREFORE, Org.X.6, which currently reads: Every bill which shall have passed the Ziu shall, before it becomes a law, be presented to the King. The King may sign such a Bill, in which case it shall immediately become law; or he may veto the Bill, in which case it shall be returned, with his objections, to the Ziu, which shall proceed to reconsider it in the next Clark. If the King neither signs nor vetoes a Bill before the last day of the month in which it was passed by the Ziu, he shall be deemed to have signed it. If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds of the Cosă shall agree to pass the bill, with the approval of the Senäts, or the part of the bill objected to, it shall become a law over the objection of the King.

is amended to read: Every bill which passes the Ziu shall **be presented to the King before it comes into effect**. The King may sign such a Bill, in which case it shall immediately enter into effect and become law; or he may veto the Bill, in which case it shall be returned, with his objections, to the Ziu, which shall reconsider it in the next Clark. **If, after such reconsideration, two-thirds of the Cosă agree to pass the bill, or the part of the bill objected to, with the approval of the Senäts, it shall become a law over the objection of the King. If a bill vetoed by the King in a certain term of the Cosă is passed by a simple majority of the Cosă and the Senäts in the subsequent term of the Cosă, the bill shall become law over the King's objections, and cannot be vetoed.** If the King neither signs nor vetoes a Bill before the last day of the month in which it was passed by the Ziu, he shall be deemed to have signed it.

Noi urent q'estadra sã,
Sir Ian Plätschisch (MC-MRPT)
Magniloqueu Épiqueu da Lhiun (Senator-MM)

50RZ20 - The Easy Conversions Act

WHEREAS the whole world uses the Metric system for the exception of the USA, Liberia, and Myanmar, and**WHEREAS** multiplying and dividing by 10 is very easy because we use a base-10 number system, and**WHEREAS** the Imperial system is so convoluted that even math enthusiasts can't keep track of it all, and**WHEREAS** it is easy to know that there are 100,000 centimeters in a kilometer, but not so easy to know that there 63,360 inches in a mile, and**WHEREAS** NASA once lost \$125 million because Lockheed Martin used Imperial units instead of the agreed-upon Metric units, and**WHEREAS** we would not want the same thing happening to our own scientific pursuits, and**WHEREAS** I realized that keeping the Fahrenheit scale is dumb if we convert everything else to metric, and

WHEREAS I first introduced this bill as a freshman MC, and

WHEREAS Now that I am Distain I like to think that I have more political capital

THEREFORE the twenty-ninth section of Title F of el Lexhatx, which currently reads:The sole official system of weights and measures within the Kingdom of Talossa is the so-called "American" or English System.Shall be replaced in full by the following:The official system of weights and measures within the Kingdom of Talossa is the ****Metric System. ****

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

50RZ21 - The Ham Sandwich Amendment

WHEREAS , fairly recently, I expressed my opinion to some people that Talossan voters would always vote to approve whatever referendum is sent their way by the Ziu, and

WHEREAS, in my opinion, this seemingly automatic approval doesn't necessarily reflect the actual beliefs of citizens regarding a referendum, and

WHEREAS , I boldly claimed that, if sent to the people in a referendum, they would vote in favor of a ham sandwich, and

WHEREAS , the ham sandwich idea is coined from the commonly held belief that a prosecutor could get a grand jury to indict a ham sandwich, in case one was unaware, and

WHEREAS , I said that I'd offer such an amendment to prove my point, and

WHEREAS , here it is, NOW

THEREFORE,** Should it be proposed by a two-thirds majority of the Cosa, a majority of the Senats, and thereafter approved by a majority of voters participating in a referendum on the question of the amendment,

OrgLaw Article II shall be amended to create a new Section 11, which shall read as follows:

The National Sandwich of Talossa shall forever be 'n sándwitsch da stinc, or a ham sandwich.

Uréu q'estadra sâ,

Dien Tresplet (Senator-MA)

50RZ22 - Sense of the Ziu: early referendum on the Monarchy

WHEREAS there will be a non-binding referendum on the issue of the monarchy, and

WHEREAS this is an important issue relating to our identity as a nation, and

WHEREAS holding this referendum during general election might result in it being snowed under by partisan politics, and

WHEREAS holding the referendum earlier would also allow party to consider the implications of the result for their political programme, and

WHEREAS there might be an early referendum already with regards to the EC, and

WHEREAS an early referendum needs to be authorised by the Seneschal, and

WHEREAS neither the referendum bill on the monarchy nor the lexhatx specifies any rules for non binding referenda, now therefore

the Ziu requests the pm to authorise an earlier date, coinciding with the early referendum planned for the electoral commission bills, for the referendum on the monarchy as described in 50RZ14, and to issue a PD clarifying the rules of this referendum with regards to balloting and validation and to let these rules be the same as for other referenda on the ballot.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Sir Glüc da Dhi (MC-MRPT)