



The April 2020 Clark

Fourth Clark of the 54th Ziu

1. Results of the March 2020 Clark

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

54RZ14 – The This Ain't it, Chief Act

Introduced by Sir Lüc da Schir (Senator-BE)

Agreed to by the Cosä 109-5 (24 abstained), by the Senäts 4-0 (2 abstained)

54RZ16 – The There's No Such Thing As A Free Senäts Seat Amendment

Introduced by Dame Miesträ Schivä (MC-FreeDems)

Agreed to by the Cosä 128-10, by the Senäts 4-2

54RS01 – The 2020 Senatorial Medals of Honour (Da Dhi)

Introduced by Sir Lüc da Schir (Senator-BE)

Agreed to by the Cosä 0-0, by the Senäts 6-0

54RS02 – The 2020 Senatorial Medals of Honour (Grischun)

Introduced by Sir Lüc da Schir (Senator-BE)

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

54RS03 – The 2020 Senatorial Medals of Honour (Valcadac'h)

Introduced by Sir Lüc da Schir (Senator-BE)

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

The Cosä and Senäts disagreed on the following bills:

54RZ15 – The Seneschäl Election Amendment

Introduced by Dame Miesträ Schivä (MC-FreeDems)

Agreed to by the Cosä 133-5, rejected by the Senäts 2-4

54RZ17 – Abolition of Compulsory Voting and Determination of Legal or Actual Decease Bill

Introduced by Dame Miesträ Schivä (MC-FreeDems)

Agreed to by the Cosä 112-16 (10 abstained), rejected by the Senäts 2-4

The Cosä passed a Vote of Confidence in the Government 111-15 (12 abstained).

Members of the Cosä voted as follows:

Name	Party	Seats	RZ 14	RZ 15	RZ 16	RZ 17	RS 1	RS 2	RS 3	VoC
Breineir Tzaracomprada	AMP	11	Per	Per	Per	Con	Üc			
Jordan Placie	AMP	12	Did not vote							
Cresti Nouacasta-Lăxhirescu	AMP	12	Aus	Per	Per	Per	Üc			
Andy Park	AMP	11	Did not vote							
			109-5 (24)	133-5	128-10	112-16 (10)	0-0	0-0	0-0	111-15 (12)

Name	Party	Seats	RZ 14	RZ 15	RZ 16	RZ 17	RS 1	RS 2	RS 3	VoC
Marti-Páir Furxhéir	FreeDems	20	Per	Per	Per	Per	Üc			
Miesträ Schivă	FreeDems	20	Per	Per	Per	Per	Üc			
Dien Tresplet	FreeDems	12	Aus	Per	Per	Per	Üc			
Txec dal Nordselvă	FreeDems	20	Per	Per	Per	Per	Üc			
Txoteu Davinescu	FreeDems	12	Per	Per	Per	Per				
Mximo Carbonel	MTGA	5	Con	Con	Per	Con	Non			
Audradă Róibeadét	NPW	2	Did not vote							
Iason Taiwos	NPW	3	Per	Per	Per	Per	Üc			
Eiric Börnatfiglheu	NPW	10	Per	Per	Con	Aus	Non			
Éovart Grischun	PNP	13	Per	Per	Per	Per	Üc			
Litz Cjantscheir	PNP	12	Did not vote							
			109-5 (24)	133-5	128-10	112-16 (10)	0-0	0-0	0-0	111-15 (12)

Senators voted as follows:

Name	Province	RZ14	RZ15	RZ16	RZ17	RZ1	RZ2	RZ3
Sevastáin Pinátsch	Atatürk	Per	Aus	Per	Aus	Con	Con	Con
Lüc da Schir	Belacostă	Per	Per	Per	Per	Con	Per	Con
	Cézembre							
Açafat del Val	Florenciă	Per	Per	Per	Aus	Con	Per	Con
Gödafrîeu Vălcadac'h	Fiovă	Per	Per	Aus	Per	Per	Per	Per
Bénéditsch Ardpresteir	Maricopa	Per	Per	Per	Per	Con	Con	Con
Ian Plätschisch	Maritiimi-Maxhestic	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per	Per
	Vuode							
		4-0 (2)	2-4	4-2	2-4	6-0	5-0 (1)	5-0 (1)

2. This Month's Business

The Fourth Clark of the 54th Ziu runs from April 1st to 21st 2020/XLI.
Voting on the Clark is open until the 21st of April at 7:30 PM Talossan time.

The following bills have been presented for consideration:

54RZ18 – The State Opening of the Cosa Redux Act

Introduced by Éovart Grischun (Senator-VD)

54RZ19 – The Investitures Act

Introduced by Éovart Grischun (Senator-VD)

54RZ20 – The NCC Redux Act

Introduced by Éovart Grischun (Interior Minister, Senator-VD)

54RZ21 – The Túischac'h Election Bill

Introduced by Dame Miesträ Schivă (MC-FREEDEMS/PNP)

54RZ22 – The Amada Mertgedes Martyrdom Memorial Act

Introduced by Dame Miesträ Schivă (MC-FREEDEMS/PNP)

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 Glüc da Dhi*

A. Full text of all bills on the Clark

54RZ18 - The State Opening of the Cosa Redux Act

WHEREAS it is a plank of the coalition government to introduce legislative proposals that seek to create explicit cultural duties for the Monarch, and

WHEREAS current law allows for a State Opening of the Cosa, but this is rarely done as the concept only really applies to Living Cosas, so

THEREFORE be it enacted by the Ziu assembled that El Lexhatx H.1 which currently reads:

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

is hereby amended to read: Following each General Election there shall be an official "State Opening of the Cosa". At the start of the State Opening, the new Seneschal shall be sworn to the office publicly. The Sovereign shall then deliver a speech outlining the Government's legislative agenda and programme for the term. The contents of this speech shall be communicated to the Sovereign by the incoming Seneschal prior to the ceremony. The Seneschal may announce Cabinet Ministers during the ceremony. A rebuttal by the Leader of the Opposition shall follow, which may be followed by a further rebuttal by the leader of the third largest party. When practical, the State Opening shall be held during an official Living Cosă for which food and drink shall be featured and as many Talossans as possible shall be invited to attend.

Uréu q'estadra sâ,
Éovart Grischun (Senator-VD)

54RZ19 - The Investitures Act

WHEREAS it is a plank of the coalition government to introduce legislative proposals that seek to create explicit cultural duties for the Monarch, and

WHEREAS current law allows for the awarding of various National Decorations, so

THEREFORE be it enacted by the Ziu assembled that El Lexhatx F.40.2 which currently reads:

Decorations are awarded for gallantry, civilian bravery, or meritorious services. While similar to National Orders, they may or may not be created by the sovereign and conferred by either the Crown's designee or a Governmental Body; and are traditional worn on the left side of the jacket or dress. Decorations may also entitle recipients to usage of post-nominals.

is hereby amended to read:

Decorations are awarded for gallantry, civilian bravery, or meritorious services. While similar to National Orders, they may or may not be created by the Sovereign and conferred by either the Crown's designee or a Governmental Body; and are traditionally worn on the left side of the jacket or dress. Decorations may also entitle recipients to usage of post-nominals.

Whenever a governmental body wishes to grant a Decoration to a citizen it shall communicate this intent to the Sovereign. Once per Cosa, and during the final Clark of a Cosa, the Sovereign shall conduct an Investitures Ceremony where the recipients of these awards shall be announced. The Sovereign shall formally present award insignia to those recipients on behalf of the body conferring the award.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Éovart Grischun (Senator-VD)

54RZ20 - The NCC Redux Act

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Interior is currently embarked on a mission to improve the Kingdom's immigration services, and

WHEREAS there exists a New Citizen's Committee (NCC), which has never really did anything or achieved any of it's stated goals, and

WHEREAS this is an area that requires improvement, and

WHEREAS this government has a stated objective, per the Programme for Government for the 54th Cosa, to "find other ways to get new citizens quickly involved in Talossan society and state", and

WHEREAS this government has a stated objective, per the Programme for Government for the 54th Cosa, to "create a New Citizens' Information Packet", and

WHEREAS meeting those two stated objectives and reforming the NCC can all be dealt with in a "three birds, one stone" method, so

THEREFORE be it resolved by the Ziu assembled that the following changes to El Lexhatx are hereby enacted:

A) LEX.D.2.3.1, which currently reads:

El Büreu däl immigraziun (the Bureau of Immigration), which shall be responsible for the execution of the nation's laws appertaining to immigration of new citizens into the realm. This Ministry shall work closely with the Chancery and its Bureau of the Census to ensure that all incoming citizens are properly processed through immigration as provided by law.

shall be amended to read:

El Büreu däl immigraziun (the Bureau of Immigration), which shall be responsible for the execution of the nation's laws appertaining to immigration of new citizens into the realm and shall work to attempt to increase quality and quantity of immigration applications. This Bureau shall work closely with the Chancery and its Bureau of the Census to ensure that all incoming citizens are properly processed through immigration as provided by law.

B) LEX.D.2.3.1.1, which currently reads:

The New Citizens' Committee shall comprise all Talossans who have been citizens for six months or less, and shall operate at the direction of the Bureau of Immigration to provide perspective on how to increase quality and quantity of immigration applications, and how to most effectively involve new citizens in Talossan affairs.

shall be amended to read:

EL Grexhighl dal Citaxhienità Noveu (the New Citizens' Coterie (or, in short, NCC)), which shall be a department within the Bureau of Immigration and shall be responsible for the integration of new citizens into their new Talossan lives and shall work to find ways to most effectively involve new citizens in Talossan affairs.

C) The following shall be added to El Lexhatx:

D.2.3.1.1.1 The NCC shall publish a series of information packs aimed at new citizens and shall ensure that these packs are publicly available at all times.

D.2.3.1.1.2 The NCC shall operate a service to be known as 'El Lüverveu' (The Librarian), where new citizens can easily request directions to information on any area of Talossanity, Talossan culture or Talossan history via a simple online form. The NCC shall then endeavor to supply the new citizen with directions to the correct place(s) and source(s) of such information requested.

D.2.3.1.1.3 The NCC shall operate a service to be known the 'TalossAssistant Programme', where new and prospective citizens are guided into Talossan life by existing citizens. This programme may operate under whichever design best fits the needs of immigration services at any given time.

Uréu q'estadra sâ,
Éovart Grischun (Interior Minister, Senator-VD)

54RZ21 - The Túischac'h Election Bill

WHEREAS it seems unseemly that the Túischac'h, the presiding officer of the Cosa, should be nominated by the King or by the Government instead of elected by the Cosa;

and **WHEREAS** the measure proposed by Senator da Schir for the nomination of the Seneschál seems as good as any;

BE IT ENACTED by the King, Cosa and Senäts of Talossa in Ziu assembled that el Lexhatx H.20, which currently reads:

The King shall appoint a Member of the Cosa to serve as Speaker of the Cosa (Talossan: el Túischac'h) for the upcoming term, on the advice of the Seneschal after consultation with the leaders of all parties represented in the Cosa. The Speaker shall preside, direct and maintain order during Living Cosas and in the Hopper, in an unbiased fashion. Otherwise, his function will be to advise Members of the Cosa of appropriate decorum. He is considered the honourable President of the Cosà and shall be awarded all due veneration when serving as such. In the absence of the Túischac'h from the Hopper, the Mençei shall perform these duties.
is amended to read:

The Cosa shall elect one of its members to serve as Speaker of the Cosa (Talossan: el Túischac'h) for the upcoming term. The Speaker shall preside, direct and maintain order during Living Cosas and in the Hopper, in an unbiased fashion. Otherwise, his function will be to advise Members of the Cosa of appropriate decorum. He is considered the honourable President of the Cosà and shall be awarded all due veneration when serving as such. In the absence of the Túischac'h from the Hopper, the Mençei shall perform these duties.

The Cosa shall elect the Túischac'h as follows.

1. At any time between the Election Deadline and the following Dissolution of the Cosa, any Member of the Cosa shall be empowered to publish and open for signatures a petition nominating an eligible person for the office of Túischac'h.
2. Once a petition is published, any eligible Member of the Cosa shall be empowered to second the nomination by countersigning the petition in public.
3. Members may not second multiple nominations concurrently; if a Member wishes to support a different petition, he/she shall first publicly retract the earlier countersignature.
4. Following any number of petitions, presented as above and supporting the same candidate, being signed or counter-signed by members currently representing an absolute majority of seats in the Cosa, the candidate named in the petition(s) shall be declared by the Secretary of State to be the Túischac'h.
5. Petitions may not be carried over from one vacancy in the office of Seneschal to Túischac'h. Once a Túischac'h is elected as above, all petitions shall be made moot.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Dame Miestră Schivă (MC-FREEDEMS/PNP)

54RZ22 - The Amada Mertgedes Martyrdom Memorial Act

WHEREAS OrgLaw III.2 (before Still Into This, IV.4) provides that a Senator could not "vote their seat" until they qualified through length of citizenship or service;

AND **WHEREAS** OrgLaw III.5 (before Still Into This, V.5) provides that a Senator who does not vote on two consecutive Clarks loses their seat;

AND **WHEREAS** the intention of HM King John, who authored the first clause, was **not** that the combination of the two clauses would lead to someone to whom the first clause applied falling victim to the second clause;

AND **WHEREAS** this is not how the Secretary of State, and the current Attorney-General, have interpreted the law;

AND **WHEREAS** the Government has decided not to take the issue to Cort, but instead prefers to allow the Ziu to sort it out:

BE IT ENACTED by the King, Cosa and Senäts in Ziu assembled that OrgLaw III.5, which currently reads:

A Senator vacates his seat if he fails to vote on two consecutive Clarks, or if he resigns from office, loses his citizenship or dies.

is amended to read:

A Senator vacates their seat if, not being disqualified from voting by law, they do not vote on two consecutive Clarks; or if they resign from office, lose their citizenship or die.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Dame Miestră Schivă (MC-FREEDEMS/PNP)