

The November 2020 Clark

First Clark of the 55th Ziu

1. Results of the June 2020 Clark

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

54RZ27 – The UC Inactivity Definition Bill

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

Agreed to by the Cosä 145-0 (22 abstained), by the Senäts 5-2 (1 abstained)

54RZ28 – The Non-Hereditary Monarchy Amendment

Introduced by Sir Ian Plätschisch (Distain, representing HM Government)

Agreed to by the Cosä 150-12 (5 abstained), by the Senäts 5-3

The Cosä passed a Vote of Confidence in the Government 159-8 .

Members of the Cosä voted as follows:

Name	Party	Seats	RZ 27	RZ 28	VoC
Breneir Tzaracomprada	AMP	20	Per	Per	Üc
Cresti Nouacastra-Läxhirescu	AMP	20	Per	Per	Üc
Dien Tresplet	FreeDems	12	Per	Con	Üc
Marti-Páir Furxhéir	FreeDems/PNP	22	Per	Per	Üc
Miesträ Schivä	FreeDems/PNP	22	Per	Per	Üc
Txec dal Nordselvä	FreeDems/PNP	22	Aus	Per	Üc
Txoteu Davinescu	FreeDems/PNP	14	Per	Per	Üc
Mximo Carbonel	MTGA	5	Per	Aus	Non
Iason Taiwos	NPW	3	Per	Per	Non
Eiric Börnatfiglheu	NPW	10	Per	Per	Üc
Litz Cjantscheir	PNP	17	Per	Per	Üc
			145-0 (22)	150-12 (5)	159-8

Senators voted as follows:

Name	Province	RZ27	RZ28
Sevastáin Pinátsch	Atatürk	Con	Con
Lüc da Schir	Belacostä	Per	Per
X. Pol Brigă	Cézembre	Per	Con
Açafat del Val	Florenciä	Aus	Per
Gödafrïeu Válcadác'h	Fiovä	Per	Per
Bénéditsch Ardpresteir	Maricopa	Con	Con
Ian Plätschisch	Maritiimi-Maxhestic	Per	Per
Éovart Grischun	Vuode	Per	Per
		5-2 (1)	5-3

2. This Month's Business

The First Clark of the 55th Ziu runs from November 1st to 21st 2020/XLI.
Voting on the Clark is open until the 21st of November at 7:30 PM Talossan time.

The following bills have been presented for consideration:

55RZ01 – The Tidy up your STUFF Act

Introduced by Éovart Grischun (Senator-VD)

55RZ02 – The Tidying up the Interior Act

Introduced by Éovart Grischun (Senator-VD)

55RZ03 – The Shark Tank Act

Introduced by Éovart Grischun (Senator-VD)

55RZ04 – The Fleecing Bill

Introduced by Dame Miestră Schivă (Seneschal)

55RZ05 – The Self-Destructing Senäts Repeal (Organic Law Amendment) Bill

Introduced by Dame Miestră Schivă (Seneschal)

55RZ06 – The Confidence is Not a Binary Choice Bill

Introduced by Dame Miestră Schivă (Seneschal)

55RZ07 – The Community Jurists (JP Restoration) Bill

Introduced by Dame Miestră Schivă (Seneschal)

55RZ08 – The Alexander E.H. Schmidt Immigration Bill

Introduced by Dame Miestră Schivă (MC-FreeDems)

55RZ09 – The Make the Ziu Actually Read This Stuff Bill

Introduced by Dame Miestră Schivă (MC-FreeDems)

55RZ10 – The Tidying Up Our Finances (And Seneschalsqâb) Bill

Introduced by Dame Miestră Schivă (Minister of Finance)

55RZ11 – Maybe Not So Into This Bill

Introduced by Eiric Börnatfiglheu (Minister of Culture)

55RZ12 – The Ranked Choice Constitutional Referendum Bill

Introduced by Dame Miestră Schivă (Seneschal)

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, November 1st 2020/XLVI
The Secretary of State / El Secretar d'Estat
King Txec

A. Full text of all bills on the Clark

55RZ01 - The Tidy up your STUFF Act

WHEREAS as the new Minister of Stuff it is my duty to review the sections of law that relate to my office, and

WHEREAS in doing so, I found bits that would better off just being repealed, and

WHEREAS most of it was fine, but just needed a bit of spring cleaning and streamlining, and

WHEREAS LEX.D.2.10.1 is old, unused and likely never to be used therefore it just a waste of ink, and

WHEREAS LEX.D.2.10.2 is superfluous as these kind of posts can be created under the provisions of LEX.C.1.1.1 (Permanant Secretaries)

WHEREAS LEX.D.2.10.5 and LEX.D.2.10.6 and LEX.D.2.10.7 could really all just be one paragraph, and

WHEREAS the Prime Ministry and the Ministry of Stuff recognise a need for a secure and central location to hold all the various account access passwords that are out there, so

THEREFORE be it enacted by the Ziu assembled that of El Lexhatx D.2.10 and all of its subsections, which currently read:

2.10. The Minister of Stuff, heading the Ministry of Stuff, which shall be responsible for the promotion of the Kingdom through public relations. The Ministrà del Sanavar da Talossa al Ultra-Fiovân Folàs (Ministry of Stuff) shall dutifully ensure that the Kingdom and events therein are regularly publicized in any and all worldwide media, and shall produce and circulate on a regular basis a national publication for internal and external promotion of all things Talossan.

2.10.1. A national radio and television network for Talossans, called "RTV" (Regipäts Televiziun), is also under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Stuff. (6RC7)

2.10.2. The Minister of Stuff may from time to time appoint or dismiss "Social Media Ambassadors", with the power and responsibility to promote Talossa on one or several named website, forum or social media service.

2.10.3. As part of their duties as described in D.2.10 above, the Ministry of Stuff shall be responsible for the content of the publicly-readable Internet presence of the Kingdom, excluding those websites under the jurisdiction of other entities of the Kingdom as described in El Lexhátx A.20 or elsewhere in El Lexhátx. They shall be directly responsible for the content of one or more websites named as the 'official' website(s) of the Kingdom, and ensuring the availability for all Talossans of the following: a) the records of the Scribery as described in C.1.2; b) up-to-date information on the personnel of all Government, Royal Household, Civil Service and Chancery office-holders. (49RZ1)

2.10.4. Talossa.com and Kingdomoftalossa.net are the property of the government and shall be run by the ministry of STUFF. (50RZ31)

2.10.5. The Talossan Web Registrant is the officer within the Ministry of STUFF who acts as the domain name registrant of Talossa.com. The Talossan Web Registrant can be appointed and dismissed by the Minister of STUFF.

2.10.6. The Talossan Web Registrant shall inform the government of any payments made towards domain registration and hosting of Talossa.com, Kingdomoftalossa.net and other government run websites.

2.10.7. The Ministry of STUFF shall reimburse the Talossan Web Registrant for any payments towards domain registration and hosting of Talossa.com and other government run websites no later

than during the Third Clark of the next Cosa term provided the Ministry has been properly informed.

are hereby stricken in full and replaced with the following:

2.10 The Minister of Stuff, heading the Ministry of Stuff (Ministrà del Sanavar da Talossa al Ultra-Fiovàn Folàs), which shall be responsible for the internal and external promotion of the Kingdom, all events therein and all things Talossan through public relations, and shall dutifully ensure that the Kingdom and its events are regularly publicised and may use any means and media available to them to achieve this.

2.10.1 The Ministry of Stuff shall be responsible for the content and administration of the publicly-readable Internet presence of the Kingdom, excluding those websites under explicit jurisdiction of other entities of the Kingdom as described in El Lexhátx A.20 or elsewhere in El Lexhátx. They shall be directly responsible for the content of one or more websites named as the 'official' website(s) of the Kingdom, and ensuring the availability, for all Talossans, of the following: a) the records of the Scribery as described in C.1.2; b) up-to-date information on the personnel of all Government, Royal Household, Civil Service and Chancery office-holders.

2.10.2 Talossa.com and Kingdomoftalossa.net are the property of the government and shall be operated by the ministry of STUFF.

2.10.3 There shall exist within the Ministry of Stuff an officer to be known as The Talossan Web Registrant who shall act as the domain name registrant for the domains stated in D.2.10.2 and any other government operated domains as required. The Talossan Web Registrant shall be appointed and dismissed by the Minister of STUFF. The Talossan Web Registrant shall inform the government of any payments due or made towards domain registration and hosting of any government operated websites and domains and shall be reimbursed for any payments made as soon as is practicably possible and in accordance with all law relating to the governmental budget.

2.10.4 The Minister of Stuff shall ensure that access details for all official internet accounts are held in a secure and central location and shall ensure the continuity and smooth handover of these details between changes of government.

Noi urent q'estadra sà,
Éovart Grischun (Senator-VD)
Dame Miesträ Schivă (MC-FreeDems)

55RZ02 - The Tidying up the Interior Act

WHEREAS as the new Minister of the Interior it is my duty to review the sections of law that relate to my office, and

WHEREAS in doing so, I found bits that would better off just being repealed, and

WHEREAS some of it is just wildly out of date including references to the Civil Service Commission and a weird bit about the Interior Minister to be known as the War Minister in times of war, which is no longer relevant as Defence is its own Ministry again, and

WHEREAS , once again, a shorter Lexhatx is a better Lexhatx, so;

THEREFORE be it enacted by the Ziu assembled that El Lexhatx D.2.3 and all of its subsections, which currently read:

2.3 The Interior Minister (or, during times of war, the War Minister), who shall manage Defence and Immigration and head the following Bureaus. The Minister may appoint Deputy Ministers to be in charge of each Bureau, and the Civil Service Commission may appoint Permanent Secretaries to each Bureau, to work under the direction of the Minister and any Deputy Ministries. The Interior Minister shall also be the liaison between the Kingdom Government and the provincial governments. (53RZ28) (53RZ22)

2.3.1. El Büreu däl inmigraziun (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. (54RZ20) (53RZ28)

2.3.1.1 EL Grexhiglh 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. (54RZ20) (53RZ28)

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. (54RZ20)

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. (54RZ20)

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. (54RZ20)

2.3.2 El Büreu dels Afâes inphätseshti (Bureau of Home Affairs) which shall be responsible for the order and well-being of the homeland and its environs. This Bureau shall provide a public presence in or near the Greater Talossan Area, shall assist in the organization of Living Cosâs, shall provide governmental assistance to the organizers of an annual TalossaFest celebration, and to all citizens making the Haxh, and shall take care to guide the Seneschal and other ministers in ever maintaining the connection and bond of Talossans worldwide to their homeland. (53RZ28)

2.3.2.1 The Bureau of Home Affairs shall include the Departamenteu dels Afâes Cestoureshti (Department of Cestour Affairs), led by the 'Piaçatêir Naziunál' and assisted by bureaucrats known

as Chuescours (or "Binkies"), who shall see to it that the interests of Cestours within the homeland receive the proper attention of the government. (53RZ28)

are hereby stricken in full and replaced with the following:

2.3 The Interior Minister, who shall: oversee immigration policy and head the Bureau of Immigration; act as the liaison between the national government and the provincial governments; assist in the organisation of Living Cosâs; provide governmental assistance to the organisers of TalossaFest celebrations; provide governmental assistance to all citizens making the Haxh; provide counsel to the Seneschal and other ministers in ever maintaining the connection and bond of Talossans worldwide to their homeland; and shall, generally, be responsible for the order and well-being of the homeland and its environs.

2.3.1. El Büreu dâl inmigraziun (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 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. 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.

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

55RZ03 - The Shark Tank Act

WHEREAS some ideas are kind of good on paper, but in practice don't work too well and often give undesirable results, and

WHEREAS Mr Wonderful, from Shark Tank, would describe such ideas as "poo poo on a stick" and would advocate "taking it behind the barn and shooting it", and

WHEREAS one such idea that was kind of good on paper but doesn't work too well in practice is the Wittenberg is not Talossa Act, a flagship policy of AMP during the 54th Cosa, and

WHEREAS this Act places an unreasonable burden on both prospective citizens and existing citizens by attempting to force strangers to communicate with each other outside of Wittenberg and requiring people to so within mere days of being introduced to each other; and also the Act cannot actually guarantee that any communication being made is actually anything beyond superficial and only being done to jump through the hoop set out by the Act; and also the possibility exists that the Act could cause Talossa to lose out on gaining excellent citizens who didn't meet that criteria set out in the Act simply because they didnt feel comfortable giving out contact details or adding other Talossans to friends lists on social media within one to fifteen days of meeting them online; and also even if the prior made points don't apply to every case, the Act actually requires existing citizens to care enough about the immigration process to engage with it and a vast majority just do not, and

WHEREAS the Act may or may not be poo poo on a stick, but at this time it doesn't seem to be working too well, so I think we should be taking it behind the barn and shooting it, so

Therefore be it resolved by the Ziu assembled that 'The Wittenberg is not Talossa Act' is hereby repealed and the changes that Act made to El Lexhatx shall be reversed.

Thus LEX.E.4, which currently reads:

4. An examination period shall begin with the prospective citizen's first posting to Wittenberg after an introduction by the Interior Minister. At any time at least fifteen days after the beginning of the examination period, any current citizen of Talossa who has corresponded with the prospective citizen at least once using a medium other than Wittenberg (excluding emails from the Interior Ministry) may petition the Secretary of State requesting that a Royal Grant of Citizenship be issued to the prospective citizen. The petition must name the non-Wittenberg medium the petitioner used to correspond with the prospective citizen. If no such petition is laid before the Secretary of State within the first sixty days of the examination period, the examination period shall end, the immigration process for the prospective citizen shall be terminated, and their Wittenberg account shall be disabled. In addition, if a prospective citizen fails to ever make a first posting to Wittenberg within thirty days of their introduction by the Interior Minister then the immigration process for the prospective citizen shall be terminated, and his Wittenberg account shall be disabled. Furthermore, whenever an immigration process is terminated then the Interior Minister shall notify the nation and the prospective citizen of the termination, and shall post a notification to the effect on Wittenberg.

shall be amended to read:

4. An examination period shall begin with the prospective citizen's first posting to Wittenberg after an introduction by the Interior Minister. At any time at least fifteen days after the beginning of the examination

period, any current citizen of Talossa may petition the Secretary of State requesting that a Royal Grant of Citizenship be issued to the prospective citizen. If no such petition is laid before the Secretary of State within the first sixty days of the examination period, the examination period shall end, the immigration process for the prospective citizen shall be terminated, and their Wittenberg account shall be disabled. In addition, if a prospective citizen fails to ever make a first posting to Wittenberg within thirty days of their introduction by the Interior Minister then the immigration process for the prospective citizen shall be terminated, and his Wittenberg account shall be disabled. Furthermore, whenever an immigration process is terminated then the Interior Minister shall notify the nation and the prospective citizen of the termination, and shall post a notification to the effect on Wittenberg.

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

55RZ04 - The Fleecing Bill

WHEREAS Article III of the Organic Law as amended by 54RZ16 now states, in part:

The Secretary of State may request from all successful candidates in a Senäts election a registration fee, to be set by law, to cover the cost of the election. This fee shall be uniform for all successful candidates.

AND WHEREAS the noble Senator from Maricopa has characterised this as "fleecing":

BE IT ENACTED by the King, Cosă and Senäts in Ziu assembled that Section B.9 of El Lexhatx is **replaced in its entirety** as follows:

9. The Secretary of State, or his appointed agent, shall charge a registration fee of 6€40 (six louse and forty bence, equivalent to \$10 USD) to each political party, and a registration fee of 3€20 (three louse and twenty bence, equivalent to \$5 USD) to each successful candidate in a Senäts election. in forthcoming elections. Any Party or Parties which fail or refuse to pay the fee shall be deemed not registered, and no successful candidate in a Senäts election shall be declared elected until they pay the fee. (53RZ22) (48PD02) (42RZ14)

9.1. The fee may only be paid by:

9.1.1. Sending a Money Order, Cash or Cheque by snail mail to the Burgermeister of Inland Revenue: Only fees which have been received in full, by the Burgermeister of Inland Revenue will be deemed paid. Fees that are in transit, delayed, lost in the mail or not received by the Burgermeister of Inland Revenue for any reason, shall not count as paid fees, even if accompanied with proof of postage. Payments made by Money Order or Cheque shall not be deemed as paid until they have been cleared, the Burgermeister of Inland Revenue, will notify the nation when such fees have cleared or if said payments have bounced. If a party's or successful candidate's cheque or money order bounces, they shall be liable to pay costs incurred by the Kingdom for their payment bouncing and shall not be registered until their fee plus these costs have been paid.

9.1.2. PayPal: Fees may be paid by electronically transferring the appropriate funds into the Kingdom of Talossa's PayPal account managed by the Burgermeister of Inland Revenue. The Burgermeister of Inland Revenue is to notify all Political Parties in advance of the Election of details regarding the PayPal account into which they may deposit their fee. Once a fee has been received by the Burgermeister of Inland Revenue from a party or successful candidate, he shall notify the Nation publicly that said fee has been received and arrange for said fee to be deposited in the Kingdom's Account.

9.1.3. Payment directly to the Burgermeister of Inland Revenue: Payment may be made directly in person to the Burgermeister of Inland Revenue, by cash, cheque or money order. The Burgermeister of Inland Revenue shall notify the nation which such payments have been received. The policy of Cheque and Money orders in 9.2.1. applies equally in this instance.

9.2. Once a fee has been received by the Burgermeister of Inland Revenue and/or their appointed agents, it is not refundable for any reason. If, however, a party or successful candidate overpays or pays more than once for any given election period, excess fees may be credited to the party or successful candidate against their next payment of fees or refunded, at the discretion of the

Burgermeister of Inland Revenue, minus any fees or costs incurred.

9.3. A Senator who was not elected, but appointed under the provisions of Organic Law III.7, will not be liable for any fee.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Dame Miestrã Schivã (Seneschal)

55RZ05 - The Self-Destructing Senäts Repeal (Organic Law Amendment) Bill

WHEREAS Organic Law III.7 currently reads:

Section 7 Unless a province explicitly requests that Chancery conduct the election to the Senate seat for that province, the province shall be responsible for doing so, and shall certify to the Chancery that the result represents the will of the people. (53RZ18)

AND **WHEREAS** this includes a ridiculous Catch-22, in that a province without a functioning Government cannot make such a request, and will thus be given the responsibility to conduct an election which by that very fact it cannot conduct;

AND **WHEREAS** precisely this occurred in the elections for Senator from Cézembre and Maritiimi-Maxhestic accompanying the 55th Cosa election;

BE IT ENACTED by the King, Cosa and Senäts in Ziu assembled that Organic Law III.7 be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

- 1. The Chancery shall be responsible for elections to the Senäts, except where a Provincial Government makes a request to conduct the election of the Senator for that province. Such requests shall be granted, except as provided in subsection 2 below.*
- 2. In the event that a Senäts election conducted by a Provincial Government appears likely to fail to proceed, the Chancery may request a Cort injunction allowing the Chancery to assume control of the Senäts election in that Province.*

*Uréu q'estadra sã,
Dame Miestră Schivă (Seneschal)*

55RZ06 - The Confidence is Not a Binary Choice Bill

WHEREAS in other countries it is perfectly acceptable for parties to abstain on a Vote of Confidence, for example, if they don't want to support a Government nor to bring it down;

AND **WHEREAS** the best I can figure why abstentions on the VoC have been invalid in Talossa is that KR1 wanted to make everyone be for or against him;

BE IT ENACTED etc. that El Lexhátx H.4.1, namely

4.1 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.

Is **deleted** in its entirety.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Dame Miestră Schivă (Seneschal)

55RZ07 - The Community Jurists (JP Restoration) Bill

WHEREAS the status quo of Talossan justice is that a single Justice of the Cort pü Inalt, acting alone, acts as a trial Cort of first instance;

AND **WHEREAS** Justices of the Peace (part-time or "lay" justices) were added to Talossa's judicial system by 53RZ27, as section G.13 of El Lexhatx, to take over this function;

AND **WHEREAS** the Government recommended two citizens as JPs, but these appointments were never made by the King, so there are no JPs in Talossa at the moment, and no Cort of First Instance at all;

AND **WHEREAS** statute changes accompanying the Judicial Amendment (54RZ25) repeal El Lexhatx G.13, replacing it with a "General Cort" provision, which restores the status quo prior to the establishment of JPs;

AND **WHEREAS** it has been pointed out that this requires the appointment of at least 4 active UC Judges to enable the system of appeals and judicial precedent to function as foreseen;

AND **WHEREAS** in the opinion of this bill's author, Talossa does not have that many qualified people prepared to become full time, active Judges, whether UC or trial-court;

AND **WHEREAS** the preamble to the Judiciary Amendment states that "the following shall shall supplant that part of the 2017 Organic Law **within two months of adoption** by the Ziu and ratification by referendum";

AND **WHEREAS** this means that the Amendment and its accompanying statute changes are not yet in force, so the JP system is still in force, even though there are no duly-appointed JPs;

AND **WHEREAS** an objection has been raised to the term "Justice" as a noun, as with the renaming of members of the UC from Justice to Judge, and I have no real problems changing the name of the office;

AND **WHEREAS** while the Government prefers a 3-person UC plus a trial Cort, there is no longer a provision to "forcibly retire" UC Judges even when inactive and not responding to contact, except under provisions which have not arisen yet;

BE IT ENACTED by the King, Cosa and Senäts of Talossa in Ziu assembled that the amendment to El Lexhatx G. 13 attached to the Judiciary Amendment (54RZ25) shall be REPLACED by the following text:

13.1. The Ziu enlarges the number of Puisne Judges to a total of three in accord with Section 3 of Article VIII of the Organic Law.

13.2. The Ziu establishes the General Cort of Talossa, which shall be an inferior nisi prius cort, cort of first instance, and of general jurisdiction consistent with Article VIII of the Organic Law.

13.2.1. Any citizen of Talossa who has satisfied the Ministry of Justice of their knowledge of Talossan law and jurisprudence, and of their good character, may be recommended to the King or to the Cort pü Inalt to be named as a Community Jurist (CJ).

13.2.2. Community Jurists may be deprived of this designation by the Cort pü inalt, upon presentation of a preponderance of evidence by the Ministry of Justice that their good character or their legal knowledge is no longer satisfactory.

13.2.3. The Clerk of Courts shall appoint, by random selection, a single Community Jurist to preside over the General Cort for any case arising under this section.

13.2.3.1. If no qualified CJ is available to hear a given case, the Clerk of Courts shall appoint a single Judge of the Cort pü Inalt to preside over the General Cort for that case.

13.2.4. The judicial official presiding over a matter in the General Cort of Talossa shall be styled as "Magistrate" for the purposes of that proceeding.

13.2.5. Unless an appeal lies as of right, an aggrieved party to an action may seek leave to appeal any determination of the General Cort to the Cort pü Inalt.

13.2.6. A Magistrate may not sit as a Judge on the Cort pü Inalt for any appeal related to a proceeding over which they presided as a magistrate.

13.2.7. A Magistrate must recuse themselves from a matter upon a real or apparent conflict of interest.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Dame Miestră Schivă (Seneschal)

55RZ08 - The Alexander E.H. Schmidt Immigration Bill

BE IT ENACTED by the King, Cosa and Senäts of Talossa in Ziu assembled that Alexandreu Mitxeu Hårleu Furxheir, whose application for Talossan citizenship was submitted on 24 July XLI/2020, is hereby admitted to Talossan citizenship with all the rights and duties pertaining thereunto.

Uréu q'estadra så,
Dame Miesträ Schivă (MC-FreeDems)

55RZ09 - The Make the Ziu Actually Read This Stuff Bill

WHEREAS the quality of legislation in Talossa is admittedly low, with many errors and infelicities of language;

AND **WHEREAS** there is an even worse problem, whereby provisions enter into our Organic and statute law "by accident", in that the Cosa and Senäts majority vote for the principle of a bill, trust its author, and don't actually read it properly, or assume that someone else will read it properly and point out any problems;

AND **WHEREAS** every legislator simply promising to be more conscientious is not a feasible response to this;

AND **WHEREAS** the following provision would probably work better than the previously mooted role of "legislative janitor";

BE IT ENACTED by the Ziu as follows:

A new section shall be inserted after H.6 of El Lexhatx, as follows, and the subsequent sections renumbered accordingly:

7.1 A Legislative Advisory Committee of Talossa (in Talossan, el Comità da Redacziun Legislatiü; and hereinafter, "the CRL") shall review or revise all legislative items from the Hopper as described in H.6 above; and may recommend acceptance or rejection, or suggest amendments in their best judgement.

7.2 The CRL shall conduct all its deliberations openly in the Hopper.

7.3 The CRL shall consist of the incumbent Mençéi, Túischac'h, and Avocat-Xheneral.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Dame Miesträ Schivă (MC-FreeDems)

55RZ10 - The Tidying Up Our Finances (And Seneschalsqåb) Bill

WHEREAS as the incoming Minister of Finance it is my duty to review the sections of law that relate to my office;

AND **WHEREAS** in doing so, I found the whole thing is something of a mess;

AND **WHEREAS** the current law provides that the Financial Report from the Burgermeister of Internal Revenue is due at "the end of each Cosa term" (Lex D.2.8.1.2), and that is not what has been happening, and that needs to be cleared up;

AND **WHEREAS** for some reason it's the Seneschál's job to write the Budget rather than the Finance Minister's, in which case what do we have a Finance Minister for anyway,

AND **WHEREAS** of course the Seneschál can step in to do any Cabinet Minister's job anyway (Lex D.1.1.3},

AND **WHEREAS** Lex D.2.9., the Corporations Law, has never, ever been used and would be better replaced by something simple and effective;

AND **WHEREAS** , as I have mentioned elsewhere, I oppose compulsory Seneschál's reports as a waste of time and energy, and an excuse for inactivity by the Opposition who should be getting this information via Terpelaziuns;

AND **WHEREAS** , once again, a shorter Lexhatx is a better Lexhatx;

BE IT ENACTED by the King, Cosa and Senäts of Talossa in Ziu assembled that:

1. El Lexhatx Sections D.2.1.1-D.2.1.3, which currently read as follows:

2.1.1. The Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Talossa is directed to issue a report every two months, detailing actions taken by his or her office and appointed Ministers. The first report of a new Prime Minister will be delivered within the first month of taking office, and subsequent reports will be issued no less often than every two months thereafter. If possible reports will be posted in the primary forum, rather virtual or physical, however, they must emailed to all citizens immediately after their completion. (39RZ16)

2.1.2. A blog may be set up for the Prime Minister to post the report on instead of, or in addition to, the other requirements for distribution stated above

2.1.3. Each report must be issued no sooner than the first day of the month in which it is due to be filed, and no later than the last day of said month. If the Prime Minister is unable to file such a report by the deadlines specified above, he or she may delegate the task to the Distain or other member of the government, provided that their signature, as well as that of the Prime Minister, are affixed to the report.

are **deleted in their entirety**.

2. El Lexhatx Sections D.2.1.5-D.2.1.11, which give the Seneschál responsibility for presenting the Budget, are **deleted in their entirety**, to be re-inserted (with some amendments) as provided below.

3. El Lexhatx Section D.2.1.4:

The Ziu strongly urges the current and future Prime Ministers of Talossa to use the power of the Prime Dictate with caution and respect, limiting its usage to memorials, congratulatory notices, internal Government organization, executive policy clarification, and other appropriate and limited governmental matters, and leave legislation solely for democratic consideration by the whole Ziu.

is retained, and renumbered Section D.2.1.1.

4. El Lexhatx D.2.8.1.2 is amended to read as follows, in its entirety:

*The Finance Minister with the assistance of the Burgermeister of Inland Revenue shall deliver a Financial Report **at the same time as the Budget for each Cosa**. This Report shall be required to contain the following information:*

2.8.1.2.1. the amount, location, liquidity, and availability of all funds held by or for the Royal Treasury,

2.8.1.2.2. a detailed list of all changes in the account balances of the Royal Treasury since the last Report,

2.8.1.2.3. a balance sheet which clearly lists all expenses linking them to the relative sheet items in the budget bills approved in the Cosa,

2.8.1.2.4. the total amount of louse and postal items in circulation.

5. The following **new sections of El Lexhatx** are added:

2.8.3. The Minister of Finance (or, if the Minister of Finance is not a Member of the Cosa, an MC designated by the Minister of Finance) shall be required to submit to the Ziu, in time for consideration by the second Clark of the Cosa, a government bill approved by the whole Cabinet, to be entitled the Budget and Financial Planning Bill for the (X)th Cosa, which shall contain the following:

2.8.3.1. the Financial Report as required in D.2.8.1.1;

2.8.3.2. a detailed Budget of the Kingdom of Talossa, listing all planned expenses of the State through the current Cosa, specifying the amounts to be requisitioned for each Cabinet Ministry or Officer of the Royal Household and the purpose of each such expense, sufficient to provide for all expenses of the Kingdom of Talossa until the next budget shall be presented, during the subsequent Cosa;

2.8.3.3. any amount of the Treasury to be set aside for investment, and the investment policy that will be pursued;

2.8.3.4. the total amount in louse of any planned currency minting and printing, and postage issuance to be executed by the Royal Bank & Post during the term of the current Cosa;

2.8.3.5. the total amount in louse of any planned donations proposed to be requested from Talossan citizens towards the upkeep of the State. Neither this nor any other section of el Lexhatx shall be interpreted in such a way as to require compulsory taxation or mandatory donations of any kind.

2.8.4. The Budget of the Kingdom of Talossa shall always include funds for re-imbursing the Talossan Web Registrant and others for any payments towards domain registration and hosting on

talossa.com and other government run websites made during the previous Cosa term that were not re-imbursed during the previous Cosa term, provided that the government or the previous government has been informed about these payments properly and on time.

2.8.5 All withdrawals from the Royal Treasury (except as provided for by D.2.8.6, below) must be authorized by action of the Ziu approving the expense for which the withdrawal is made, either in the Budget and Financial Planning Bill required by D.2.8.3 above, or by supplemental budgeting legislation. In accordance with such authorized budgeted expenses, the Government of the day is empowered to requisition such funds from the Royal Treasury (said withdrawal to be performed in fact only by the Burgermeister of Internal Revenue or an authorised deputy).

2.8.6. Emergency Spending. During times when any budgeted funds have been exhausted, when no budget has been approved due to rejection by the Ziu, lack of the Financial Report or dissolution of the Cosa without action on a budget; the Prime Minister may issue a Prime Dictate to provide only for emergency spending, but may not act to cause withdrawal of funds from the Royal Treasury to fulfill the terms of any Prime Dictate unless and until the King has explicitly assented to the Prime Dictate.

2.8.7. Spending Authority Removal. At any time before an allocation is disbursed by the Burgermeister of Inland Revenue, members representing at least one-third of the Cosà by seats may petition the government that such spending shall not be incurred until such issuance shall be ordered by an act of the Ziu. The Burgermeister of Inland Revenue shall be required to grant all such petitions until such time as an act of the Ziu restores the funding.

2.8.8. The Minister of Finance may take such actions as might be necessary to create, manage, and promote a voluntary fundraising campaign to the citizens of Talossa and other interested parties each year. The targeted amount for this campaign shall be the amount given in D.2.8.3.5. Unless otherwise authorized by the Ziu, the fundraising campaign will be concluded in a given term once that targeted amount is reached. Unless otherwise authorized by the Ziu, no more than one fundraising campaign per term will be conducted.

2.8.9. The Minister of Finance shall publish information as to the value of the Talossan louis against other currencies as and when necessary, desired or requested.

6. El Lexhatx D.2.9. is **replaced in its entirety as follows:**

The Finance Minister shall create a Register of Talossan Enterprises, available to all Talossan citizens. Any Talossan who produces goods and services, whether commercially or as a hobby, may provide a description, no longer than 100 words, of their enterprise together with their contact details, for the purposes of advertisement and information. An enterprise shall be removed from the register at the request of the registrant; or by a determination by the Finance Minister that the enterprise is no longer active, or not of a character with which the Kingdom of Talossa wishes to be associated. Such determinations shall be subject to judicial review.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Dame Miestră Schivă (Minister of Finance)

55RZ11 - Maybe Not So Into This Bill

WHEREAS , the post of national gamemaster has been open for quite some time AND

WHEREAS , wargaming once played a vital role in Talossan culture but does not seem to anymore AND

WHEREAS , it behooves us to keep up with the times

THEREFOR, El Lexhat 2.7.1. which reads

*The Büreu dals Zuerietâs (Wargames Bureau), administered by the Xhumestreu Naziunál
(National Gamemaster), who shall also answer to the code name "Joshua,"*

Is hereby repealed and the post of Xhumestreu Naziunál abolished.

Uréu q'estadra sâ,
Eiric Börnatfiglheu (Minister of Culture)

55RZ12 - The Ranked Choice Constitutional Referendum Bill

BE IT ENACTED by the King, Cosă and Senäts of Talossa in Ziu assembled as followed, under the authority of Organic Law VII.13:

1. During the same month as the 3rd Clark of the 55th Cosa, the Chancery shall submit the following referendum question to the people:

What is your preference for Talossa's constitutional future?

2. This referendum shall be conducted as a Ranked Choice vote between the following four options, which shall appear on the ballot in a randomized order:

- the King of Talossa shall continue to have the political powers granted by the current Organic Law.
- the King of Talossa shall have no political powers except in cases of emergency or constitutional crisis.
- the king of Talossa shall share power with a periodically elected Co-prince.
- the King of Talossa shall be replaced by an elected Head of State.

3. The votes for this referendum shall be counted as follows:

3.1. At the conclusion of the election, each option is assigned all ballots which express it as first preference. The option with the fewest ballots assigned to it is eliminated. Each ballot cast for the eliminated option is reassigned to the next expressed preference on the ballot.

3.2 Once the ballots are reassigned, the option with the fewest ballots assigned to it is eliminated and the ballots cast for it reassigned as above. This process is repeated until one option wins by having a majority of non-abstention ballots assigned to it.

3.3. If, after any iteration, there are two or more options with the fewest ballots assigned to them, the option with the fewest first preferences assigned to it shall be eliminated. If these options all have the same number of first preferences assigned to them, the option with the fewest second preferences assigned to it shall be eliminated, and so forth.

3.3.1 If no such distinction can be made between these options because all have the same number of votes on every level of preference, the remaining iterations shall be conducted under multiple scenarios. Each scenario shall eliminate one of the tied options.

3.3.1.1 If the different scenarios described above result in the same winner of the election overall, the winning option shall be declared successful.

3.3.1.2 If the different scenarios described above result in different winners of the election overall, the result will be considered a tie between the two or three leading options.

3.4. If any ballot assigned to an eliminated option does not express a next preference, the ballot is treated in the same way as an abstention.

3.5 A option may not be assigned ballots after it has been eliminated. A ballot that would otherwise be reassigned to an eliminated option is instead assigned to the highest-ranked option that has not been eliminated, or treated as an abstention as above.

FURTHERMORE,

4. If an option involving a change in the Organic Law wins this referendum, the Government shall introduce an Organic Law amendment to that effect within the lifetime of the 55th Cosă.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Dame Miestră Schivă (Seneschal)