

The February 2021 Clark

Fourth Clark of the 55th Ziu

1. Results of the January 2021 Clark

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

55RZ17 – Elevating Istefan Perponest to the UC Act

Introduced by Dame Miesträ Schivä (Seneschal)

Agreed to by the Cosä 182-0, by the Senäts 7-0 (1 abstained)

The Cosä passed a Vote of Confidence in the Government 145-37 .

Members of the Cosä voted as follows:

Name	Party	Seats	RZ 17	VoC
Marti-Páir Furxhéir	FreeDems	17	Per	Üc
Miesträ Schivä	FreeDems	17	Per	Üc
Dien Tresplet	FreeDems	17	Per	Üc
Antagha Xhenerös Somelieir	FreeDems	16	Per	Üc
Txoteu Davinescu	FreeDems	16	Per	Üc
Cresti Nouacastrea-Lăxhirescu	FreeDems	16	Per	Üc
Cresti Siervicül	LCC	18	Per	Non
Breneir Tzaracomprada	LCC	19	Per	Non
Tierçeü Rôibeardescü	LCC	18	Per	Üc
Jordan Placie	LCC	18	<i>Did not vote</i>	
Iason Taiwos	NPW	14	Per	Üc
Ián Txaglh	NPW	14	Per	Üc
			182-0	145-37

Senators voted as follows:

Name	Province	RZ17
Sevastáin Pinátsch	Atatürk	Per
Eiric Börnatfiglheu	Belacostă	Per
Ian Tamoran	Cézembre	Per
Açafat del Val	Florenciä	Aus
Gödafrïeu Válcadác'h	Fiovă	Per
Bénéditsch Ardpresteir	Maricopa	Per
Ian Plätschisch	Maritiimi-Maxhestic	Per
Éovart Grischun	Vuode	Per
		7-0 (1)

2. This Month's Business

The Fourth Clark of the 55th Ziu runs from February 1st to 21st 2021/XLII.
Voting on the Clark is open until the 21st of February at 7:30 PM Talossan time.

The following bill has been presented for consideration:

55RZ18 – The Hopper Is For The People and Other Clarifications Bill

Introduced by Dame Miestră Schivă (Seneschal)

The full text 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 Secreter d'Estat
King Txec*

A. Full text of all bills on the Clark

55RZ18 - The Hopper Is For The People and Other Clarifications Bill

WHEREAS Organic Law VII.5 sets a small list of which Talossans are entitled to "submit legislative proposals... for the consideration of the Ziu", i.e. to "clark Bills";

AND **WHEREAS** Organic Law VII.4 states that the Secretary of State is to maintain the Hopper as "a public venue for the inspection of legislative proposals before they become bills";

AND **WHEREAS** the word "public" in OrgLaw VII.4 is ambiguous as to exactly who is entitled to participate in the Hopper, outwith the specific power to turn legislative proposals into bills;

AND **WHEREAS** the sections of El Lexhatx governing the Hopper (H.6, 7, 13 and 21) do not resolve this ambiguity;

AND **WHEREAS** it is my general belief that maximising public participation in the legislative process is a good thing, and I see absolutely no reason why all Talossan citizens should not be entitled to participate fully in the Hopper, including submitting draft legislation, only excluding the power to actually "Clark bills";

AND **WHEREAS** the Regent has humbly offered his opinion over and over again that excluding Talossans from the legislative process depresses activity, and this measure will allow all citizens to help shape the law, while ensuring that the legislative power remains with elected officials and not beneficiaries of patronage of party bosses;

AND **WHEREAS** , while doing research for this bill, I found quite a few messes, missing sections, and notes by the Scribe of Abbavilla which should be cleaned up, no matter the substantive question of this bill;

AND **WHEREAS** the amendment to H.6.4 below removes the possibility of someone dredging up a "stale bill" which has remained un-proposed for months or even years and putting it on the Clark long after everyone's forgotten the issues involved;

AND **WHEREAS** H.13. is a noble sentiment, but the phrase "if at all possible" makes it inoperative and a waste of space:

BE IT ENACTED by the Ziu of the Kingdom of Talossa as follows:

1. El Lexhatx H.4. shall read in its entirety:

On each Clark, the Vote of Confidence shall read as follows: "Do you wish the current Government to continue in its term of office?"

2. El Lexhatx H.6.4 shall be amended to read as follows:

If a legislative proposal has remained in the "The Hopper" for more than 59 days, ~~the Secretary of State may remove it~~ it shall be considered to have been removed, though any person entitled to do so may subsequently re-publish it.

3. A new section, H.6.8, is added to El Lexhatx as follows:

All citizens of Talossa are entitled to participate fully in discussions and debates in the Hopper, within the bounds of law and of the decisions of the administering and presiding authorities of the Hopper. Any citizen may submit a draft of legislation to the Hopper, though these shall not be considered to be "legislative proposals" within the meaning of H.6 until sponsored by one or more individuals authorised to submit legislative proposals under Organic Law VII.5, under the process contained in H.8.

4. El Lexhatx H.13, currently reading:

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

is DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY and replaced with the following text:

All bills submitted for the Clark shall be in one of the national languages.

5. The numbering of El Lexhatx H.24 is hereby confirmed, and the Scribe's note there attached is DELETED.

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