



The February 1989 Clark

Fifth Clark of the 8th Ziu

1. Results of the January 1989 Clark

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

The Cosă passed a Vote of Confidence in the Government 0-0 .

Members of the Cosă voted as follows:

Name	Party	Seats	VoC
Ben Madison	PC	30	<i>Did not vote</i>
Florence Yarney	PC	1	<i>Did not vote</i>
Art Verbotten	PC	30	<i>Did not vote</i>
Wes Erni	PC	40	<i>Did not vote</i>
Antonio Riley	PC	18	<i>Did not vote</i>
Jack Schneider	PC	18	<i>Did not vote</i>
Tom Buffone	PC	20	<i>Did not vote</i>
Ián von Metáiriä	TNP	23	<i>Did not vote</i>
David Kuenn	TNP	20	<i>Did not vote</i>
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Senators voted as follows:

Name	Province

2. This Month's Business

The Fifth Clark of the 8th Ziu runs from February 1st to 21st 1989/X.

Voting on the Clark is open until the 21st of February at 7:30 PM Talossan time.

The following bills have been presented for consideration:

8RC28 – The More Democratic Referendum Amendment

Introduced by Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini)

8RC29 – The Yes, It's Another Living Cosă Act

Introduced by Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini)

8RC30 – The Highly Sceptical Recognition of Palestine Act

Introduced by Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini)

8RC31 – The Citizenship Admission Reform Amendment

Introduced by Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini)

8RC32 – The Prime Minister Stepping Down Amendment

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

8RC33 – The Prime Dictate Title Amendment

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

8RC34 – The Talossan Foreign Policy Rises from the Dead Act

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

8RC35 – The Commission and Committee Act

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

8RC36 – The Annexation Referendum Act

Introduced by Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

8RC37 – The America is More Boring than Talossa Act

Introduced by Art Verbotten (PC-Atatürk)

8RC38 – The Cort Rewrite Amendment Act

Introduced by Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini)

8RC39 – The Deputy Secretary of State Amendment

Introduced by Ián von Metáiriá (TNP-Pórt Maxhestic)

8RC40 – The Lawful Assemblies Amendment Act

Introduced by Art Verbotten (PC-Atatürk)

8RC41 – The Give a Home to Alfredo Act

Introduced by Ián von Metáiriá (TNP-Pórt Maxhestic)

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
Ián von Metáiriá*

A. Full text of all bills on the Clark

8RC28 - The More Democratic Referendum Amendment

[Amendment to the Constituziun. Articles 74 and 75 are rewritten as follows.]

Art. 74. Legislation may be proposed and adopted by the people through the use of the Initiative. In order for this to be used, a piece of legislation may be drafted by any citizen, and if signed by a number of petitioners, exceeding 15% of the population of the Kingdom, be delivered to the Secretary of State. The question must then appear on the ballot as a referendum during the next general election. The legislation becomes law if approved by a majority of those who vote in the election. If the question seeks to amend the Constituziun it requires approval by two-thirds of those who vote in the election.

Art. 75. The Cosâ may also prepare referenda and submit these to popular vote as it sees fit. The referendum may be advisory (a non-binding public opinion check) or may have the force of law upon its approval by a majority of those who vote on it. If the referendum seeks to amend the Constituziun it requires approval by two-thirds of those who vote in the election.

Noi urent q'estadra sâ,
Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini)
Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

8RC29 - The Yes, It's Another Living Cosâ Act

The Cosâ hereby resolves, if RC40 passes, to hold another Living Cosâ during the month of March 1989/X, the date to be fixed by the Prime Minister in accordance with the law. The Cosâ further resolves to elect Dan Lorentz the Speaker of the Cosâ for the duration of this Liing Cosâ. Finally, the Cosâ officially tweaks Dan's nose via this act.

Proposed by: Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini}, Robert Madison (PC-Vuode)

Noi urent q'estadra sâ,
Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini)
Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

8RC30 - The Highly Sceptical Recognition of Palestine Act

The Kingdom of Talossa, mindful of the sovereign right of all nations to self-government, hereby recognises the Independent State of Palestine as comprising the pre-1967 borders of the West Bank and Gaza. We call upon the United States and Israel to do the same and to negotiate with the Palestinian Liberation Organisation.

Furthermore we condemn the United States for its refusal to allow Mr Arafat to address the UN in New York.

However, being realists, we promise that all of the above is provisional and will be rescinded at once if the PLO or its member sub-thuggeries persist in blowing up school buses or throwing cripples into the ocean. A copy of this declaration shall be sent by the Foreign Minister to the United Nations.

Proposed by: Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini}, Robert Madison (PC-Vuode)

Noi urent q'estadra sã,

Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini)

Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

8RC31 - The Citizenship Admission Reform Amendment

[This Amendment replaces Article 94 of the Constituziun. Because of the central nature of the citizenship question to Talossa's very existence this amendment exceeds the 150-word maximum for bills as imposed in LC5 (Oct.88).]

Art. 94a. Any foreigner or Cestoür who feels in his heart that he is Talossan may acquire Talossan citizenship. To do this, he must appeal to the Secretary of State for the appropriate papers. He must complete an objective exam dealing with questions of how government works and of history. He must also write an essay on "What Talossa Means to Me" answering four specific questions: 1) Why do you want to be a citizen? 2) How do you plan to participate in Talossa? 3) Would you change anything in Talossa? 4) Aside from a place where you can voice your opinions, what else does Talossa mean to you? The essay will be judged on quality of ideas, style of writing, humour, and understanding of the spirit of Talossa.

Art. 94b. Upon completion of the essay the prospective citizen will be interviewed by the Uppermost Cort at a public meeting. The Cort shall be presented with the prospective's essay and exam and the sworn deposition of one or more Talossan citizens vouching for the character of the prospective. The Corive t shall ask the prospect questions; so may anyone at the meeting. The Cort shall then issue a non-binding resolution to the Cosà, approving or disapproving the prospective.

<u>Art. 94c. The Cosà, by majority vote, shall admit or disadmit the prospective to citizenship. And Cosà member who votes against a prospective must write an Address to the Whole House explaining why he voted as he did. A disadmitted prospective must reundergo the entire process if he wishes to be admitted. Other restrictions or requirements may be imposed by law.

Proposed by: Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini}, Robert Madison (PC-Vuode)

Noi urent q'estadra sâ,
Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini)
Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

8RC32 - The Prime Minister Stepping Down Amendment

[Amendment to the Constituizun. The following text is added to Art. 45.]

Should the Prime Minister die or resign during his term (and not issue an order to dissolve the Cosâ), the King/Regent shall nominate a new Prime Minister to complete his term. He shall be nominated, confirmed and sworn in like other Primei Ministers. The King/Regent shall always have the option of dissolving the Cosâ instead and calling new elections. The new government must be formed and receive a vote of confidence before the end of the calendar month in which the PM resigns, or else the Cosâ must be dissolved and new elections called by the King/Regent.

Proposed by: Robert Madison (PC-Vuode)

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

8RC33 - The Prime Dictate Title Amendment

[Amendment to the Constituziun.]

All references to "Prime Directives" in the Constituziun are to henceforth be changed to "Prime Dictates."

Proposed by: Robert Madison (PC-Vuode}, Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini)

Noi urent q'estadra są,

Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini)

8RC34 - The Talossan Foreign Policy Rises from the Dead Act

Foreign Minister Madison is hereby empowered to make a comprehensive package, containing all the past foreign-policy stands (minority of the month acts, etc.) which should have been sent to the United Nations by the previous highly derelict FM Dan Lorentz, and send same (the pack, not Dan) to the UN post haste. Including the derelict Renzi too.

Proposed by: Robert Madison (PC-Vuode)

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

8RC35 - The Commission and Committee Act

WHEREAS confusion reigns over whether or not committees established in the past still exist, the Cosâ hereby acts to deconfuse the issue. From henceforth, a difference shall exist (and be spelt 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 Cosâ. Once a Commission's paper is done, the Commission has fulfilled its duty and ceases to exist.

Proposed by: Robert Madison (PC-Vuode)

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

8RC36 - The Annexation Referendum Act

The Secretary of State is hereby empowered and directed to conduct a referendum, beginning on 15 March 89/X and ending on 14 April 89/X, to be sent to all available citizens and to read: Should the Government carry out the annexation of Shorewood and Whitefish Bay at the earliest possible opportunity? ¿Fost el Governamáintsch façarë l'anexaziun da Shorewood és Whitefish Bay àl tîmp pü frü?

Proposed by: Robert Madison (PC-Vuode}, Wes Erni (PC-Vuode)

Noi urent q'estadra sâ,
Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)
Wes Erni (PC-Vuode)

8RC37 - The America is More Boring than Talossa Act

The Talossan government hereby declares that American politics is more boring than Talossan politics, and that this is indicative of our superior governmental system and stems from the innate qualities of the Talossan nation.

Proposed by: John Eiffler (PC-Atatürk}, Robert Madison (PC-Vuode)

Noi urent q'estadra så,

Art Verbotten (PC-Atatürk)

Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)

8RC38 - The Cort Rewrite Amendment Act

[to be added to Article 82]

Art. 82a. In the event that the Cort discovers unclear or confusing language in the Constitun or in any law (excepting the Vague Principles), the Cort may as part of its written decision issue a revised text of the law or article, to resolve the confusion or unclarity. This revision supersedes the original text.

Proposed by: Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini}, Robert Madison (PC-Vuode}, John Eiffler (PC-Atatürk)

Noi urent q'estadra så,
Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini)
Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)
Art Verbotten (PC-Atatürk)

8RC39 - The Deputy Secretary of State Amendment

The following is tacked on to Article 60 of the Constituziun:

In extraordinary circumstances, as he shall determine, the Secretary of State 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.

Proposed by: John Jahn (TNP-Pórt Maxhestic}, John Eiffler (PC-Atatürk}, Robert Madison (PC-Vuode)

Noi urent q'estadra sã,
Ián von Metáiriã (TNP-Pórt Maxhestic)
Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)
Art Verbotten (PC-Atatürk)

8RC40 - The Lawful Assemblies Amendment Act

WHEREAS it is only in the interest of boredom that lawful assemblies of the Talossan government be prohibited, the Cosà hereby amends the Constituziun to allow Talossan lawmakers to have the dignity of assembling in a Living Cosà, to freely discuss and vote on the nation's business. The following is tacked on to the end of the Constituziun and, when a Living Cosà is called as in Article 1 of this bill, all relevant portions of the Constituziun in conflict with this are temporarily suspended.

Art. 1. The Cosà may hold Living Cosàs (live parliamentary meetings) by law. To do so, a bill must be presented to the Cosà, naming the specific month in which the Living Cosà is to occur, and pass the Cosà by a 2/3 vote.

Art. 2. The exact date of the Living Cosà shall be set by the Prime Minister after consultation with all relevant parties. all members must receive two-weeks notice of the date of the Living Cosà, and an honest attempt must be made beforehand to schedule a date for the meeting that as many MCs as possible can attend.

Art. 3. Members who cannot attend will not be denied the right to participate. They may send their votes in by post, by phone or in person, in writing, so that they can be announced at the Living Cosà. A member may, in writing, delegate his authority to vote (transfer his seats) to another member, even if this violates the 30-seat limit in Article 41. Or, he can vote in advance on each bill and give those written votes to the Secretary.

Art. 4. Votes presented to the Secretary after the Living Cosà will not be counted in the final tally. The final tally of votes on all bills is taken at the end of the Living Cosà meeting. (This takes precedence over Article 66.

Art. 5. Bills may not be presented at the Living Cosà. No bill not proposed in the CLARK may be debated. CLARKs will be sent out on schedule as usual.

Art. 6. The Living Cosà shall be presided over by a Speaker (in Talossan, el Túischac'h). He shall maintain order and direct the meeting. He shall be elected by the Cosà in the same bill which authorises the Living Cosà. The Speaker, if possible, should not be an MC. The Speaker can be removed and replaced during a Living Cosà only by PD.

Art. 7. The CLARK during a Living Cosà month must include a Vote of Confidence (Article 58).

Noi urent q'estadra sã,
Art Verbotten (PC-Atatürk)
Ben Madison (PC-Vuode)
Ián von Metáiriá (TNP-Pórt Maxhestic)
Tom Buffone (PC-Mussolini)

8RC41 - The Give a Home to Alfredo Act

Believing that anyone who rules a country in South America for 34 years is due some amount of recognition, Talossa and its Government hereby instruct the Foreign Minister to contact the chilean embassy, and offer asylum to its temporary and unwilling resident, Generalissimo Alfredo Stroessner of Paraguay. Exactly where he will stay within the nation of Talossa will be determined upon his acceptance.

Proposed by: John Jahn (TNP-Pórt Maxhestic)

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Ián von Metáiriá (TNP-Pórt Maxhestic)