

#69 - 6th December 2017

Attendance: HIM Emperor Adam I, HG Sir Alexander Helliker, HG Admiral Emily Simpson, HG Callum Gurr, Owain Davies

Welcome, agenda reading (inc. State Opening of Council):

The Emperor (Chair, LIB) gave a speech opening the term of VI Legislature. The agenda was not amended.

Misc. debate – Introduction to Council procedure (Emperor Adam I):

The Emperor gave a brief overview of basic debate procedure and reminded members of the Guide to Order, Proceedings and Functions of the Ruling Council. The Emperor invited members to offer remarks for the start of the term. Sir Alexander Helliker (Prime Minister, MOD) gave a short speech expressing optimism for the coming term. Admiral Emily Simpson (Leader of the Opposition, NUC) gave a short speech pledging to scrutinise the government.

Decree LIII (Office of the Emperor):

The Emperor explained what the decree did. Owain Davies (Minister of Finance, IND) asked if the dual residency arrangements allowed prospective local candidates to choose which province they wish to stand in. The Emperor confirmed that this was the case. There was no motion to overturn.

Decree LIV (Office of the Emperor):

The Emperor explained what the decree did. Admiral Simpson commented that many residents of Paternia were unhappy in the appointment of Callum Gurr as Duke of Paternia, as Gurr is not a resident of the province. She pointed out that Gurr is a member of the Liberal Party, which did not receive any votes in Paternia. The Emperor responded that he was looking into creating local councils which would give provinces more autonomy from their landed nobles. There was no motion to overturn.

Act 43 – Budget 2017 (Owain Davies):

The Emperor suspended parliamentary order to allow the Council to discuss the Budget informally. There was no formal debate after order was resumed. The Council divided:

AYES: 7 (Emperor Adam I, Alexander Helliker, Callum Gurr, Luca Panconi (post-meeting), Asher Bond (post-meeting), Zak Maguire (post-meeting), Jack Sykes (post-meeting))

NOES: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 2 (Emily Simpson, Owain Davies)

The Act was passed.

Misc. debate – Future business scheduling (Emperor Adam I):

The Emperor suspended parliamentary order to allow the Council to discuss the business schedule informally. There was no formal debate after order was resumed. The Emperor moved the following business motion:

Meeting #70 – General Amendments Act and Human Rights Act

Meeting #71 – Marriage Act and Voting System Reform Act

Meeting #72 – Attorney General Act and Drugs Act

Meeting #73 – Bitcoin Act and Non-binary Options Act

Meeting #74 – National Anthem Consultation Act and Sex Work Act

(Legislation titles are provisional)

The Council divided:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

The business motion was passed.

Any Other Business:

The Cabinet held a meeting on the authority of the Prime Minister.