

#71 - 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Attendance:** HIM Emperor Adam I, Lord Sir Alexander Helliker, Lord Sir Callum Gurr, Lady Admiral Madam Emily Simpson, Lady Madam Hermione Peace, Lord Sir Sam Maude

**Observers:** Madam Sophie Thornton, Hannah Hunter, Sir James Cox, Laura Hodgetts, Sir Edward Hilton

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

The agenda was not amended.

**Decree LVIII (Office of the Emperor):**

The Emperor (Chair, LIB) explained what the decree did. Lord Maude (Opposition backbench, LAB) claimed that the procedure was arbitrary. Lady Simpson (Leader of the Opposition, NUC) asked what would happen to members who would not be around in the next academic year. The Emperor stated that membership of the Council is dependent on being able to attend meetings and as such inactive members would be replaced. Several members expressed disappointment. Lord Helliker (Prime Minister, MOD) suggested that meetings could be scheduled around members' availability if they are still willing to visit Birmingham. The Emperor agreed and noted that Sir Alexander Waters had already expressed an interest in sitting on the Council in the next term despite having to make the trip from High Wycombe. Lord Gurr (Minister of Citizenship & Information, LIB) enquired about moving to a republic. The Emperor stated that a bill calling for such a constitutional referendum should have been mentioned at the start of the meeting. There was no motion to overturn.

**Act 47 – Electoral Reform Act 2018 (Emperor Adam I):**

The Emperor introduced the Act. Lady Simpson asked what would happen if fines weren't paid and how they would work in the context of macronational law. Lord Helliker stated that Act 48 would include further penalties such as exile and demotion. Hannah Hunter (Observer) asked what the fines would be used for. The Emperor explained that all fines are paid into the Imperial Treasury and as such are general-purpose; spending would be determined by the annual budget which was passed in December. Lord Maude asked what the budget covered. The Emperor stated that the budget provided funding for the national website as well as charitable donations. The Council divided:

AYES: 7 (Emperor Adam I, Lord Helliker, Sir Asher Bond (pre-meeting), Lord Gurr, Lady Admiral Simpson, Lady Peace, Lord Maude)

NOES: 1 (Sir Owain Davies (post-meeting))

ABSTENTIONS: 0

The Act was passed.

**Act 48 – Courts, Judiciaries and Juries Act 2018 (Lord Helliker):**

Lord Helliker introduced the Act. The Council divided:

AYES: 7 (Emperor Adam I, Lord Helliker, Sir Asher Bond (pre-meeting), Lord Gurr, Lady Admiral Simpson, Lady Peace, Lord Maude)

NOES: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 1 (Sir Owain Davies (post-meeting))

The Act was passed.

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

The Emperor stated that the Liberal Party still wished to table a bill on non-binary recognition and a public finance bill. Lady Simpson stated that the Nuclear So-and-so Party still wished to table a bill on replacing the National Anthem. Lord Maude stated that the Labour Party wished to table a bill on nationalising food in the Empire. The Emperor stated that such a bill would be unlikely to pass due to its impracticality, and that even if it did he might withhold Imperial Consent. Lady Simpson stated that food is not distributed equally in any nation. The Emperor reminded members that the Council was merely discussing scheduling, and that the debate itself could happen another time. Lord Gurr asked about tabling a bill to make Adammia a republic. The Emperor stated that although it would be possible to table a bill calling for a constitutional referendum, he would have to remind Lord Gurr of the Liberal Party whip. The Emperor then stated

that the next meeting would probably take place next week. Lord Maude jocularly stated that he would be unable to attend due to a meeting with Hamas. Lord Helliker condemned this supposed meeting. The Emperor stated that scheduling would not revolve around a single person's absence.

**Misc. debate – Speech by the Prime Minister of Wazakhstan (Emperor Adam I):**

His Eminence Sir Edward Hilton (Prime Minister, Wazakhstan) declared that he was pleased to see functioning democracy in Adammia. He announced that the previous day, he and the Emperor had signed a treaty of mutual recognition. He stated that citizens of Adammia could now apply for citizenship in Wazakhstan under the dual citizenship agreement. He announced that all Council members present were to be inducted into the Ordo Fidelium. At a member's suggestion the Council then sang the Wazakhstani national anthem, *All Star*. A member then asked when Wazakhstan would be holding elections. Mr. Hilton stated that Wazakhstan would hold elections at some point in the future but that this was dependent upon gaining a more active population.

**Any Other Business:**

The Council sang the national anthem of Adammia, *Chariots of Fire*.