

#73 – 27th October 2018

Attendance: HIM Emperor Adam I, Lord Sir Alexander Helliker, Lord Sir Sam Maude, Lady Madam Anna Worthington, Sir Juliano Saunders

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

The agenda was not amended. The Emperor (Chair, LMP) gave a speech opening the term of VII Legislature. Sir Juliano Saunders (Prime Minister, STM) gave a speech justifying his Cabinet appointments and setting out his priorities for the term. Lord Helliker (Leader of the Opposition, LMP) gave a short speech pledging to scrutinise the government and announcing that he would not resign as leader of the Liberal-Moderate Party.

Decree LIX (Office of the Emperor):

The Emperor explained what the decree did. Lord Maude (Deputy Prime Minister, LAB) asked for more information about the Herbatrean Federation. The Emperor explained that Herbatrea was led by a member of the Young Liberals and that they have territory in Malta. Sir Juliano Saunders stated that he was looking forward to working positively with the nations recognised by the decree.

Decree LX (Office of the Emperor):

The Emperor explained what the decree did. Lord Maude stated that the Labour Party supported the reorganisation but that it did not support former residents of Paternia losing their voting rights after moving to the Delegate of the Colonies voting range. The Emperor stated that he intended to call a by-election for the Delegate of the Colonies once there were enough candidates available, and that he intended to push for a constitutional amendment to reform the means of electing the Delegate of the Colonies to make it more democratic.

Decree LXI (Office of the Emperor):

The Emperor explained what the decree did. Lord Maude asked for clarification that the granting of the rank of Count to Lord Gurr did not give him a seat on the Ruling Council. The Emperor confirmed that this was not the case and that the title was ceremonial. Lady Worthington (Minister of Defence, STM) asked whether Dank-upon-Bourn conflicted with the land claims of Lady Peace's new micronation. The Emperor stated that this was not the case. Sir Juliano Saunders stated that he wished to commend Lord Gurr for his support for the Storm Party.

Act 51 – Budget 2018 (Sir Juliano Saunders):

Sir Juliano Saunders introduced the Act.

Amendment 1 (Lord Helliker):

Lord Helliker introduced Amendment 1. Sir Juliano Saunders asked what the local government grants in Amendment 1 would be spent on. Lord Helliker suggested that the funds could be spent on providing refreshments or for cultural development, and that the amendment would broaden the scope for what the funds could be spent on. Sir Juliano Saunders suggested that the amendment could cause another recession if the local government grants were spent inappropriately. Lord Maude stated that he agreed with the first part of the amendment but not the other parts, and suggested that provinces would not have any practical use for the local government grant. The Emperor stated that spending more money would, according to Keynesian economics, stimulate the economy rather than worsen the recession. Lady Worthington stated that the cultural patriot fund would be more suitable for stimulating the economy. The Emperor suggested that local governments could spend their grants on cultural development if they wished. Sir Juliano Saunders stated that the amendment was partisan and that it was an attempt to subsidise Serkatia's biscuit consumption. Lady Worthington suggested that the local government grants could create a culture of competition between provinces attempting to host increasingly lavish feasts. Lord Maude asked how the funding would be allocated. The Emperor stated that it would be up to the local government of the province to decide how to spend their grant, and that under Liberal-Moderate plans local councils would implement direct democracy. On Amendment 1, the Council divided:

AYES: 2 (Emperor Adam I, Lord Helliker)

NOES: 2 (Lord Maude, Sir Juliano Saunders)

ABSTENTIONS: 1 (Lady Worthington)

The Prime Minister's deciding vote was cast against the motion, so the amendment failed.

Lord Maude stated that the Labour Party played a key role in drafting the Budget and that it vetoed several Storm Party policies which he described as “outrageous”. Proceedings were temporarily brought to a halt in order to welcome the Prime Minister of Wazakhstan, Sir Ned Hilton. Sir Juliano Saunders said that he disagreed with Lord Maude but that he was happy to have him as part of the coalition. Lord Helliker stated that he agreed with Lord Maude and that the concept of a compulsory national development programme was deeply disconcerting. On the Act as a whole, the Council divided:

AYES: 6 (Lord Helliker, Lord Maude, Lady Worthington, Sir Juliano Saunders, Lady Peace (post-meeting), Sir Alex Hasioszyn (post-meeting))

NOES: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 2 (Emperor Adam I, Sir Owain Davies (post-meeting))

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

The Council discussed business for the next two meetings and agreed upon the following:

November: Constitutional reform (STM) and defamation law (LMP)

December: Police powers (LMP) and non-binary rights (LMP)

Any Other Business:

Sir Ned Hilton was invited to address the Council. He commended the Council for its democratic integrity and awarded the Ordo Fidelium to Lady Worthington and Sir Juliano Saunders. Sir Juliano Saunders rejected the honour, stating that he did not wish to appear to be influenced by other micronations. Hilton expressed his disappointment. Sir Juliano Saunders stressed that it was a personal decision. Lord Helliker stated that Sir Juliano Saunders was harming the trust that other micronations having in Adammia and described the decision as rude. Sir Juliano Saunders reiterated that it was a personal decision and that the government would continue to work with Wazakhstan. Lord Maude stressed that as Minister of Foreign Affairs he wished to work productively with Wazakhstan. Sir Juliano Saunders stated that his government should promote democracy in other micronations and that Hilton considering himself to be a dictator worried him. Hilton stated that he would like to have democracy in Wazakhstan but that they were unable to do so.