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Attendance: HIM Emperor Adam I, HIIH Prince Jake, HIIH Emperor Mother Jayne, HG Sir Reginald Hall, Lord Sir Andrew Hall

Welcome, agenda reading:

The agenda was not amended.

Decree L (Office of the Emperor):

The Emperor (Chair) explained what the decree did. There was no motion to overturn.

Decree LI (Office of the Emperor):

The Emperor explained what the decree did. Emperor Mother Jayne (Leader of the Opposition) asked if the Emperor had seen the residents of North Alluria since finishing his first year of university study. The Emperor stated that he had met with the residents on two occasions. There was no motion to overturn.

Misc. debate – Timetable for the transition of central government from Yorkshire to Birmingham (Emperor Adam I):

The Emperor announced that the plan to move central government functions to Birmingham as announced in his State Opening of Council speech the previous month had been brought forward from the New Year to late October. The Emperor explained that he intended to create three new provinces in Birmingham, those being the current locations of North and South Alluria, alongside the term-time residence of Admiral Emily Simpson. The Emperor also explained that he intended to merge Tytannia, Maternia, Primoria and potentially Watertopia into a province known as Greater Tytannia which would continue to be represented on the new Birmingham Ruling Council by the Emperor, whilst Myway would be downgraded to Colony status. The Emperor proposed a transitional period starting from this meeting until the next meeting, during which the Emperor would continue to discuss arrangements on the Birmingham end with interested parties.

The Emperor Mother asked if moving to an online system for Council meetings was being considered. The Emperor replied that this was not the case as he prided the Empire on having an in-person legislature.

The Emperor also stated that the transitional period would deal with the financial implications of the process and that he intended for the Contributions Scheme to be suspended. Sir Reginald Hall (Minister of Finance) stated that he was under the impression that the Contributions Scheme had already been suspended, and had been for some time. Lord Sir Andrew Hall (Opposition backbench) concurred. The Emperor stated that he realised that the source of the confusion had been a motion carried at a meeting in late 2016, during which Contributions were written off for that month, and that the Minister had understood this to be a permanent arrangement.

Emperor Mother Jayne asked what would be done with the assets currently in the Treasury, and expressed her wish that the existing funds be spent on events in the current provinces as they had been raised entirely by the residents of those provinces. The Emperor stated that events such as Foundation Day and the New Year's Eve party would continue to be held and funded by the government.

The Emperor then stated that at October's meeting, legislation would be tabled to effect the changes, at which point V Legislature would dissolve early, and that at the same time there would be a referendum on an amendment to the Supreme Directive in order to allow for early elections, as well as removing the requirement for monthly meetings as they would not be possible at Birmingham during the summer holidays.

The Emperor Mother asked if, since the October meeting would be the final Ruling Council meeting held in Yorkshire for the foreseeable future, group photographs might be taken. The Emperor stated that this was a good idea.

The Emperor then stated that local elections would be held in early November, a National Election in mid November, the State Opening of Council for VI Legislature in late November, and a Budget debate in early December. As no Budget would be in effect for two months following the end of the financial year on the day of this meeting, the Emperor stated that the Prime Minister, Prince Jake, would continue to lead a transitional Cabinet so that Emergency Appropriations could

be issued, preventing a government shutdown, until the National Election, and that Prince Jake would be given a temporary seat on the new Council in order to remain Prime Minister in the interim, although he will not attend any of its meetings for logistical reasons. The Emperor stated that the motion to advance the agenda on this point would be treated as a motion of confidence in the proposed transitional timetable. The motion was passed unanimously.

Any Other Business:

The Cabinet held its monthly meeting on the authority of the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister had to leave at the start of the meeting to attend a party, but the Deputy Prime Minister was still present.