



# HOUSE OF CITIZENS OF ADAMMIA

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### **Friday 21st August**

ACT OF PARLIAMENT – **Constitutional Basis for the Emperor Act 2020**

*Lord Callum Gurr*

### **H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**

*Deputy Speaker*

Order, we come now to the Constitutional Basis of the Emperor Act 2020 in the name of Lord Gurr. Can I please call Lord Callum Gurr to introduce the bill, and the floor shall then be open for debate for 24 hours.

### **Lord Callum Gurr (STM)**

Thank you Mr Deputy Speaker. I have introduced this bill on the back of successive democratic reforms in Adammia carried out by previous governments. Indeed, just this week the government has proposed a bill to introduce greater democracy into our police force, which I was happy to support. The purpose of this bill is to continue that trend and decide for a generation the constitutional basis on which the title of Emperor rests. Should the referendum this bill proposes be introduced, it would decide whether the people are happy to have the status quo with an Emperor born into the role, or whether some form of election should take place to decide the occupier of this great office. Either outcome is a satisfactory one, as it will provide a clear mandate for the Emperor to proceed.

What I would like to make clear is this bill is not designed to remove the current occupier of this office. We all owe a debt to the Emperor's continued work in creating an Adammia to be proud of, and I would like to pay tribute to that. It is my belief that regardless of this proposed referendum's outcome, that he will continue to hold this role. Certainly, I have no intention of

standing for Emperor should the people decide it should be elected, and I would make it clear to my party that we should not put forward another candidate either. The purpose of this bill, as the Act states, is to give the current Emperor the mandate he requires to carry out actions befitting of the office. I hope you will support this bill for a more democratic Adammia.

**Lady Anna Worthington (STM)**

*Leader of the Opposition*

But Empress Anna has such a nice ring to it.

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**

*Deputy Speaker*

The following is my personal view and is not in my capacity as Deputy Speaker.

The constitutional basis for my reign derives from the Supreme Directive as it was originally enacted on 30th June 2013, which designated me as the Empire's Founder. This constitution was agreed upon by the population at the time unanimously in a referendum on this date. In so doing, the people explicitly endorsed my reign, and this is the source of my mandate. The Supreme Directive has seen numerous amendments since that date that have further altered or defined the Monarch's powers, all of which were near-unanimously approved by referendum. Although the population has changed significantly since June 2013, virtually all citizens who have joined since have explicitly agreed to this system of governance in applying for citizenship; the only exceptions I can think of would be young members of my family at the time the Empire was founded, and more recently Lord Gilmour's daughter.

I am sure that hon. Members will appreciate that I do not see the Empire as solely being "my" project and that I have strived to involve citizens in the decision-making processes as much as is practical. Indeed, the Supreme Directive represents the contract between the Monarch and the People to run the Empire in tandem, which is represented by this very Parliament. However, as the nation's Founder I am entitled to reserve certain rights to prevent the project from veering wildly away from my vision. Although I trust Lord Gurr's judgement in his belief that I would be unopposed in a monarchical election, we cannot know this to be the case, and I am very hesitant to allow even the slightest possibility that somebody could replace me and take the Empire in a radically different direction.

Constitutionally the Founder's rights terminate with my death. At that point, it is perhaps more conceivable that the Monarch's mandate could be reviewed, particularly if any future offspring of mine decline to assume the throne. Actually, it is a little-known fact that provisions exist for a monarchical election do already exist in the event that the line of succession is exhausted. We do, of course, employ a hereditary system at present, but this is largely to ensure that the Crown stays within the Adammic heartlands and eliminates the chance of the Empire falling into the "wrong hands", as it were, in the event of my premature death.

In conclusion, my democratic mandate to rule for life as the nation's Founder was given by unanimous referendum result in June 2013. Whilst there may be a conversation to be had in a few decades' time towards the end of my reign, I do not believe that now is that time.

**Lady Anna Worthington (STM)**

*Leader of the Opposition*

Given the Emperor has the power to veto the actual introduction of Emperor elections, all that is at stake here is whether the people believe that the position should be elected or not. If his imperial majesty is so convinced that the people have given him a mandate to rule, then allowing a referendum where the people can express this shouldn't be such a threat. Lord Callum Gurr] believes in the people and just wants to give them a chance to have their say.

### **Lord Callum Gurr (STM)**

I would also suggest a referendum which most modern citizens did not vote in, and tacit consent, are not a suitable mandate to rely upon.

## **Saturday 22nd August**

### **ACT OF PARLIAMENT – Constitutional Basis for the Emperor Act 2020 DIVISION**

#### **The ayes to the right: 6**

- Lord Colonel Asher Bond (STM)
- Lord Callum Gurr (STM)
- H.G. Lord Sam Maude (RGA)
- Lady Emily Simpson (RGA)
- Lord Billy Thompson (RGA)
- Lady Anna Worthington (STM)

#### **The noes to the left: 7**

- H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)
- Lord Oscar Gilmour (LMP)
- Lord Edward Hilton (LMP)
- H.I.H. Emperor Mother Jayne (LMP)
- Lord Charles Michael (LMP)
- Lady Hermione Peace (DNK)
- H.G. Lady Sophie Thornton (LMP)

#### **Recorded abstentions: 0**

#### **Did not vote: 0**

*The noes had it.*

## **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

### **BUSINESS MOTION – Appointment of Judges**

*His Imperial Majesty the Emperor*

#### **H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**

*Deputy Speaker*

Order, we come now to the business motion in my name, "That this House agrees to appoint

Colonel Sir Will McCracken and Sir Grant Hawkins to serve as Judges under Section 1 Subsection c) of the Judicial Reform Act 2020."

The following is my personal view and not in my capacity as Deputy Speaker. McCracken and Hawkins served as governors of Adammic colonies in Devon and Ohio between 2014 and 2016. Between them they have a wealth of experience in Adammia and other micronations. Crucially, they have not been involved in partisan politics for a long time, giving them the impartiality needed to serve as Judges.

I will be happy to answer any questions about these candidate judges. Debate is open for 24 hours.

**Lord Callum Gurr (STM)**

When they were involved in partisan politics, who were they involved with?

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**

*Deputy Speaker*

McCracken was the sole member of the Imperial Skelton Party from 2014 to 2016, and briefly joined the Adammic National Party. Hawkins was the sole member of the short-lived Conservative Party around the same time. These parties never held seats in the Ruling Council and mostly only existed to represent the interests of certain former colonies. Neither candidate has been active in a political party since 2016.

**Lady Anna Worthington (STM)**

*Leader of the Opposition*

Would they consider themselves loyal to the Storm cause?

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**

*Deputy Speaker*

Neither are currently active in any political party. Although I could in theory find out how they voted in recent elections, this would obviously be improper.

**Lady Anna Worthington (STM)**

*Leader of the Opposition*

The Storm party rejects these right wing candidates as totally not neutral.

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**

*Deputy Speaker*

I would be happy to hear the Storm Party's alternative recommendations.

**Lord Callum Gurr (STM)**

What was both candidates positions on the Transgender and Non Binary Recognition Act, and the recent decision of both houses to express solidarity with the BLM movement?

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**

*Deputy Speaker*

Neither candidate has expressed a position on those matters. Until recently, neither have been active, but have agreed to come back at my invitation. I do not expect that either would have a particular problem with the decisions the hon. Lord refers to. Although I must state, as a point of information, the BLM motion was never put before the Council, and was only passed by the House.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August**

**BUSINESS MOTION – Appointment of Judges**

**DIVISION**

**The ayes to the right: 6**

- H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)
- Lord Oscar Gilmour (LMP)
- Lord Edward Hilton (LMP)
- Lord Charles Michael (LMP)
- Lady Hermione Peace (DNK)
- H.G. Lady Sophie Thornton (LMP)

**The noes to the left: 3**

- Lord Colonel Asher Bond (STM)
- Lord Callum Gurr (STM)
- Lady Anna Worthington (STM)

**Recorded abstentions: 0**

**Did not vote: 4**

- H.G. Lord Sam Maude (RGA)
- H.I.H. Emperor Mother Jayne (LMP)
- Lady Emily Simpson (RGA)
- Lord Billy Thompson (RGA)

*The ayes had it.*

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

**TOPICAL DEBATE – Dissolution of Parliament**

*His Imperial Majesty the Emperor*

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**

*Deputy Speaker*

Order, we come now to the topical debate on the dissolution of Parliament. This is an opportunity for all members to reflect on the term that has gone by. In particular I would like to invite the party leaders to offer their thoughts. I will then ask the Speaker to formally dissolve the House tomorrow.

Also, a brief statement from me about what will happen next, speaking as the Crown and not as Deputy Speaker. I will give largely the same message in the other place. On approximately the 1st of September I will issue an Imperial Decree dissolving the provinces of Serkatia and Corellia, and ceding most of Metchlia, with the exception of Elgaria. At the same time, I plan to lay claim to Lady Thornton and Lord Thompson's new residence in Sheffield as a new province, and shall upgrade Llanadda to the status of province. Once this is done and the population has been recalculated, I intend to call a general election for the 3rd-4th of October.

Members may notice that in doing this, we abandon the practice of having all provinces in Birmingham or Wakefield district, which was historically considered necessary in order for meetings of the other place to happen in-person. My intention is to move to a hybrid of in-person and online sessions for the other place, with two main in-person meetings per year, the State Opening of Council in October, likely in Birmingham, and Foundation Day in April, likely in Wakefield. My new salary makes it possible to subsidise travel costs for Council members to reach these meetings, and they will of course coincide with other events to make it worthwhile. That being said it is likely that the State Opening will take place online this year due to the state of emergency.

Parties should be advised that if they have prospective members who are honorary citizens who wish to become full citizens for the purposes of standing in the election, arrangements need to be made to claim their residences as territory, and this needs to be done by the 1st of September. Members should also consider this for themselves, in general, as it brings with it seats in the other place.

Finally can I say that I have been impressed by this first term of the House of Citizens and that this experiment with an online venue has been a success. I would like to thank my ministers, in particular Prime Minister Lord Charles Michael and Minister of Defence Lord Oscar Gilmour, for serving in our government. I would also like to thank the opposition, under Lady Anna Worthington, which has been just as scrutinising as I expected in holding the government to account. I thank all honourable Members for their contributions, however minor, and for taking on board my advice to keep the tone of our politics calm and reasonable. I look forward to seeing many of you returned to the House in October. Seek wisdom and honour, and long live the Empire.

**H.G. Lady Sophie Thornton (LMP)**  
*Minister of Citizenship and Information*

I'm looking forward to affirming the province of Sheaffia, a sign of a growing and prosperous empire!

**H.G. Lord Billy Thompson (RGA)**  
*Leader of the Red Green Alliance*

It's been an excellent first session and the RGA is ready to be the next government with what we've learned in opposition this year.

**Lord Col. Asher Bond (STM)**

It's been an honour serving with you all. Glory to Adammia, may she be ever blown by the winds

of truth.

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**  
*Deputy Speaker*

Members, please be notified that the House of Citizens is hereby dissolved.