

King Robert I (UP)



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Secretar del Statu Talossa
Secretary of State Talossa



RT CLARK

For:

the Month of APRIL, in the Year 1988/IX.

VOTE "Për", "Contra", or "Abstain" on each bill. VOTE "Yes" or "No" on the Vote of Confidence.

VOTES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 11:59pm, 30 Apr 88/IX.

RC15 THE ROYAL BAKER ACT

Whereas Ann Lorentz's (AKA Ann Harding) multicolored brownies were the "hit" of the recent Coronation ceremony, let us proclaim her the Royal Baker and hope that she will join us in future gala celebrations. *FAILED Widely*
Proposed by: Jean Williams (PL-Mussolini)

RC16 ROYAL PURVEYOR OF IMPORTED BEERS ACT

Assign the title mentioned above to Daniel Lorentz. That guy sure knows his beer.
Proposed by: Jean Williams (PL-Mussolini) *Failed hugely*

RC17 ANNEXATION

Resolved: That the land of the City of Milwaukee west of the Milwaukee River to 27th Street and from Capitol Drive on the north to west Brown Street on the south be annexed by the Kingdom of Talossa. In addition, let it be resolved that John A. Jahn be charged with the responsibility of gaining members from said territory. May I suggest door-to-door visitations.
Proposed by: Jean Williams (PL-Mussolini) *Failed hugely - only DRL backed it*

RC18 THE CRY FREEDOM ACT

Whereas, sanctions have proven a dismal failure in South Africa, and have only increased the misery of Blacks and dissolved Western leverage, Therefore, Talossa sets an example for the West by removing the sanctions it imposed on 23 Aug 86. Talossa will continue to seek more productive ways to bring about an end to Apartheid.
Proposed by: John Jahn (TNP-Pört Maxhestic) *Failed by wide margin.*

RC19 PRIME MINISTER COSA VOTE RESTRICTION ACT (Removal of Double-Vote Provision)

Resolved, that furthermore, any PM of the RT receives, in addition to his normal number of votes, 5 additional votes. These extra votes are not used for Votes of Confidence or on new Citizen applications.
Proposed by: John Jahn (TNP-Pört Maxhestic) *Failed hugely.*

RC20 TALOSSA SUPPORTS PRO-WESTERN, ANTI-COMMUNIST NATIONS ACT

Proposed, that Talossa declare "Moral Support"-as it did for Israel in December, 1987- to the following pro-Western, anti-communist nations: Taiwan (R.O.C.), Chile, South Korea, and Paraguay. Furthermore, that the Foreign Minister be instructed to write the UN delegations of these nations to notify them of RT support (as he was instructed to do for Israel).
Proposed by: John Jahn (TNP-Pört Maxhestic) *Failed hugely.*

RC21 THE ATATÜRK PROVINCE AUTONOMY ACT

The Federal Cosã hereby empowers the Province of Atatürk to advance to self-governing status, along the lines established historically by Vuode and Pört Maxhestic provinces. The governments of these two provinces will assist Atatürk in drafting a provincial constitution, which will be ratified by referendum in the province. The province will then elect its own government and become a fully self-governing province within the Regipats Talossã. Proposed by:

(Robert Madison, UP-Vuode)

Passed enormously

RC22 THE PEOPLE TO PROVINCES ACT ✓

Whereas the addition of citizens has been more rapid than provincial bookkeeping, the Cosã hereby resolves that any citizen not currently assigned to a Province be assigned to whatever Province that citizen lives in, or nearest to. Furthermore that all future citizens be dealt with in the same manner. Exceptions may of course be made when all concerned agree. Proposed by:

(Robert Madison, UP-Vuode)

Unanimous passed.

RC23 DOUBLE VOTE REVISION ACT

The Prime Minister's double vote is hereby totally revised. First, the PM henceforth does not get a double vote, but an additional 10 votes (above his normal voting power); this will give every PM the same benefit for being PM, and won't discriminate against parties which have too many members. (Trust us, but it makes sense.) Second, the additional votes cannot be used in votes on new citizens (one person-one vote must be maintained in this sensitive case). Third, the additional vote is henceforth discretionary, i.e. the PM doesn't have to use it if he doesn't want to. Finally, the PM cannot use the additional 10 votes on the monthly Vote of Confidence.

Proposed Jointly By: Robert Madison (UP-Vuode); Robert Murphy (BFT-Vuode); & Dan Lorentz (BFT-Dandenburg).

Nearly unanimous passed

The six - month rule act (RC24)

Whereas, the "Vote of Confidence" part of each Clark represents an election each month, and elections are only called for every six months, then let the "Vote of Confidence" be hereby repealed and not included in any more Clarks. Give the people the right to decide who rules.

Proposed by - Woz (CALL, Vuode or Marrittimi)

Wide margin failed.

The enlightened citizenship act (RC25) ✓

Resolved, that each new citizen to the nation must subscribe to National News or StOtanneu so as to make them aware of the goings on in the nation. Away with ignorance.

Proposed by - Woz (CALL, Vuode or Marrittimi)

2 to 1 support. Passed.

The let's try this again act part I (RC26)

The Cosa officially names the cardinal the national bird of Talossa and not the pigeon. If applicatability is the issue, then why isn't the turkey the national bird of the U.S.? There certainly are more of them.

Proposed by - Woz (CALL, Vuode or Marrittimi)

Enormous failure.

The let's try this again act part II (RC27)

The Cosa officially names the ladybug or Ladybird the official insect of Talossa and not the pillbug. It recognises the economic importance of this insect in it's eating habits of other, crop - destroying insects as the main reason of it's passing.

Proposed by - Woz (CALL, Vuode or Marrittimi)

Hugely defeated.

The maybe, possibly, actually happening finally act (RC28)

Resolved, that Woz has drawn up a democratic constitution for the province of Marrittimi where there was none before and has successfully passed all the requirements for switching his official residence from Vuode to said province except one, the passing of this movement in the Cosa. Therefore, with the passing of this bill, Woz the Indestructible will now reside in Marrittimi.

Proposed by - Woz (CALL, Vuode or Marrittimi)

Passed by wide margin.

The Talossan Tax act (RC29)

Okay, so no one wants to pay taxes in Talossa. But, how are we supposed to buy a flag for the VSM Panache and a time capsule if we have no money? Therefore, each citizen is required to pay 1% of their yearly income towards these and other financial needs of the state. For those citizens that do not have any yearly income, they are obligated to pay at least ten (10) U.S. dollars to compensate for this tax. Sorry, but it has to be done.

Proposed by - Woz (CALL, Vuode or Marrittimi)

Enormous failure.

RC30 THE CÉZEMBRE CONTROL ACT (Resubmitted due to PM's veto)

Whereas, Citizen Frédéric Maugey has abandoned what he calls the "political part" of Talossa and no longer participates, the Cosa hereby revokes his rule (now his non-rule) over the isle of Cézembre and reimposes central rule over the island.

Proposed by: King Robert I (UP-Vuode)

Passed by healthy margin. Overrides PM's veto.

Passed by a bigger margin this month!

STERN ADVICE TO THE PRIME MINISTER ON THE USE OF HIS VETO ACT

The Cosa, in the interests of fairness, hereby kindly requests the Prime Minister to restrict the use of his Cosa-granted veto power to legislation which, in his carefully considered opinion, would dangerously and drastically affect the future course of the Kingdom in a detrimental and unrepealable fashion. The Cosa urges its servant the Prime Minister not to veto legislation with which he merely disagrees. It is the Cosa's opinion that unrestricted use of the PM's veto will sour and perhaps eventually destroy not only the current coalition government but Talossa's vibrant but still precarious democracy. Hear, PM, the voice of the nation.

(Proposed by Robert Madison, UP-Vuode)

Passed.

RC32

AN ACT RELATING TO DOGS AND BAKERS

The Cosa hereby wishes to express its sense of irkedness at the current flood of meaningless, namby-pamby, silly, unimportant and merely-whimsical bills provoked by the recent Coronation. It is the sense of the Cosa that no further bills relating to official dogs, bakers, beer-importers or the like be heard by this august body, and that furthermore we restrict our business to the real issues at hand. Talossa has outgrown its silliness!

(Proposed by Robert Madison, UP-Vuode)

Either!

50.01 against, 42.12 for.

Failed narrowly.



silliness triumphs

RC37 The Talossan Cartographic Institute Act ✓

The Cosà hereby names King Robert I to lead the Talossan Cartographic Institute, which is charged with the task of creating for Talossa a National Atlas of Talossa, as well as the determination of official Talossan place names for places within the RT and on the Talossan Peninsula, as well as Talossan overseas territories.

Proposed by: Robert Madison (UP-Vuode) *Passed by large margin.*

RC38 The National Defence Force Act ✓

(more than 2/1)

Whereas, the Kingdom of Talossa is entirely at the mercy for its security needs upon foreign powers (witness the need to call upon foreign assistance after the riots of 26 March), and Whereas, a goodly portion of the nation is willing to take steps in its own defence, Therefore the Cosà resolves to direct Anti-American Broadships (a.k.a. Defence) Minister Wes Erni and underlings of his choosing, to create a framework for a National Defence Force (*La Fhorziun për Zefençù dal Talossa -- FZT*). Furthermore the Cosà resolves to enforce proper spelling of "Defence."

Proposed by: Robert Madison and Wes Erni (UP-Vuode) *Passed by large margin*

(more than 2/1)

RC39 The Historical Information of Immigrants Act

Once again, the Cosà is presented with the choice of voting for ignorance, disinterest and lassitude (by voting "contrà" on this bill) or for knowledge, activity and citizenship in the highest sense of the word (by voting "për" on this bill). Resolved, that future immigrants to Talossa be required to purchase, for \$10, within two months of their approval as citizens, one copy of The History of the Kingdom of Talossa for their personal use and self-edification. A "contrà" vote on this bill will be interpreted by all wise Talossans as a vote against the future of Talossa. Please read the Address to the Whole House before you cast your vote on this bill.

Proposed by: Robert Madison (UP-Vuode) and the United Party

42. to 50 (narrowest of margins) Bob's double vote. Failed

An Address to the Whole House

Countrymen and countrywomen, lend me your eyes. Your beloved King kindly petitions you to vote "për" on the "Historical Information of Immigrants Act." The point the bill's opponents have missed is this: Most future immigrants to Talossa are going to be people we don't know yet. How will they know what things like Riverside are unless they read it in The History? Many of us don't need to read The History, because we've lived that history. They haven't. Put yourselves in their totally ignorant shoes; vote to make our immigrants full participants. Please vote "për." Nobody will regret it.

(King Robert I, UP-Vuode)

RC41 Two-thirds Referenda Act

That all referenda must be by a 2/3 majority. Because referenda are brought about to gain insight into and to carry out the national will, it seems ludicrous to assume a simple majority signifies a national consensus. If potentially divisive issues are referendized in order "to let the people decide", then it only makes sense that nothing short of a 2/3 majority constitutes such a decision. Obviously, any referenda that pass, but with less than two-thirds, would still profoundly affect government policy.

Proposed by: MC Robert Murphy (DDP-Vuode)

Nearly unanimous
opposition - only
Bob.

RC42 Støtanneu True-Colour Act

The Cosā recommends that Støtanneu be printed on yellow paper to reflect its style of journalism. This insightful, honesty-supporting proposal was Tom Buffone's idea. Unfortunately, he's not a MC so he couldn't introduce it himself.

Proposed by: MC Dan Lorentz (DDP-Dandenburg)

Nearly unanimous
against. (Several
abstentions)

RC43 Timely Retraction of the Israeli Moral Support Act

Talossa, in an egregious coincidence, voted to express its moral support for Israel just as the current government of Israel began its brutal and morally suspect policy regarding Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Cosā reconsiders and hereby retracts its Israeli Moral Support Act.

Proposed by: MC Dan Lorentz (DDP-Dāndēnbūrġ)

2 to 1 support.
RJW

RC44 Repeal of the Electoral Reform Act

The recently passed Electoral Reform Act, which stipulates a secret ballot, has radically changed the flavor of Talossan elections. Now, the personal and public-spirited spectacle of a Talossan election has now been changed into an impersonal and private bureaucratic function. For this and other reasons involving obscure complications mandated by the Electoral Reform Act, the Cosā hereby repeals it.

Proposed by: MC Dan Lorentz (DDP-Dandenburg)

Nearly unanimous
opposition - only
Dan.

RC45 The Month-to-Month Stability Act

The Cosā hereby resolves that no bill designed to repeal or amend a bill which is less than two months old be allowed to be published in the Clark without the approval of the writer(s) of the bill to be amended. This will cut down enormously on paperwork, lend some stability to our legislature, assert the intelligence of Cosā members to others who are not listening, and prevent the after-the-fact harping which is characteristic of the current legislative session as certain legislators try to tell the Cosā that the previous month's bills were approved stupidly. After the two-month limit is up, bills may of course be amended or repealed without the author's consent.

Proposed by: Robert Madison (UP-Vuode)

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RC46 THE CEZEMBE GOVERNOR REAPPOINTMENT ACT

Whereas the Governor of the Isle of Cézembe, Frédéric Maugey, is being removed from office this month for rejecting what he calls "the political part" of Talossa and thereby neglecting all his governorly duties, the Cosã hereby appoints ROBERT MADISON to succeed him as Governor of Cézembe. Madison has been twice to the Island (as often as Monsieur Maugey) and speaks French, the language of the inhabitants. He will gladly resign his post if Mr Maugey ever rescinds his declaration of disinterest in Talossan affairs. There is no need to worry about vindictiveness; none is inspired by this act. (For vindictiveness, please read the Støtanneu True-Colour Act, the Two-Thirds Referendum Act, etc. etc. etc.)
Proposed by: Robert Madison (UP-Vuode)

Closest bill: ~~VETO-RM~~
52.65 to 50.01. PAS

RC47 THE LEGISLATIVE SANITY ACT

71.47 to
21.06.

Whereas, the monthly CLARK since the VBP system has been enacted has averaged 23 bills a month (essentially, one bill per month per Citizen in the country!), it is hereby enacted that a given MC, in a given legislative month, be restricted to NO MORE THAN THREE BILLS, and NO MORE THAN THREE ADDRESSES TO THE HOUSE.
Proposed by: John Jahn (TNP-Pört Maxhestic)

Failed by healthy margin.

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VOTE OF CONFIDENCE:

Do you wish the current Government to continue in its term of office? 60.54 to 42.12 FOR.

***** ADDRESSES TO THE WHOLE HOUSE *****

I urge my fellow MC's to reject the leftist-inspired retraction of the Israeli Moral Support Act. This act was passed by the last Cosa, and Israel deserves moral support - especially now, in the face of Arab/terrorist/rock-throwing hooligans. Talossa defends Israel: in the past, present, forever and ever. Amen.
Opposition Leader John Jahn (TNP)

The Cosã must defeat Andrew Wozniak's bill to abolish the Vote of Confidence. The VOC keeps the Government responsible to the Cosã; without it, we have a needless prolongation of unliked power (as in the USA). The future of our parliamentary form of government depends on the defeat of Andrew's bill.

(Robert Madison, UP-Vuode)

Address to the Cosã from MC Dan Lorentz
Re: Northern Territories Act

Last month the Cosã declared its satisfaction with its present boundaries. This month the hegemonic UP is proposing that Talossa absorb some suburbs. How distasteful. Please let's not get land greedy. How adolescently militaristic and insectoid. Vote against the annexations. Who needs a bunch of upper-middle class Republicans as fellow, albeit second class, Talossans?

Address to the Cosã from MC Dan Lorentz
Re: Stern Advice to the PM on the Use of His Veto Act

The PMship is an office that by its nature is partisan, and so the PM should be given as many weapons as possible to express its partisan self. Thus the UP proposal to discourage the PM from using his or her veto power is utterly inappropriate. The King, however, is another story. The King is a transcendent national symbol: his hands should not be sullied with mere Cosã dirt.

Address to the Cosã from Foreign Minister D. Lorentz
Re: Israeli Moral Support Act

In light of the continuing government-sponsored brutality in Israel, as Foreign Minister of Talossa I decided it would run contrary to the intent and sentiments of the Cosã to enforce its untimely act. According to law I must write to the Israeli UN delegation informing them of Talossa's moral pleasure with their conduct which has become violent and un-Talossan. To carry out this act now would be to send precisely the wrong message. I will not do this, and will resign if the Cosã insists upon it. A proposal to retract the Israeli Moral Support Act has been introduced.

Address to the Cosã from MC Dan Lorentz
Re: Talossan Finances

As CEO of the Talossan Finance Corporation, I am glad to report that the Coronation party of February 27 was a smashing financial success. The TFC's coffers--Talossa's national income--now contain \$10.50. Intense. Please inundate TFC CEO Dan Lorentz with budget recommendations. Before I go, I'd like to express on behalf of the nation, if it will indulge me, a profound gratitude to Ann Lorentz and Mary Ann Lorentz for their indispensable financial and physical help in making the party a success.

Address to the Cosã from MC Robert Madison (UP-Vuode)
Re: The "Two-thirds Referenda Act"

DDP Prime Minister Bob Murphy's "Two-thirds Referenda Act" is a glaring example of the DDP's fear of public opinion. Because he wants to monopolise governing power in the hands of the Cosã and make the public mere spectators, he proposes that a referendum need 2/3 public support to pass. He knows how unlikely this is -- and that a simple majority might oppose his policies if put to a public scrutiny-vote. The United Party has no such fears! Tell the anti-people PM that a majority deserves authority! Stand up for the people's voice! Vote "Contra" on the Two-thirds Referenda Act!

Address to the Cosã from MC Robert Madison (UP-Vuode)
Re: The Støtanneu True-Colour Act

Cosã compatriots, I urge you all to vote "Contra" on MC Lorentz' "Støtanneu True-Colour Act." It is nothing more than a sleazy personal attack and it ought to be beneath the Cosã's dignity to even consider such a measure. (Mr Buffone's remark was made in jest; he bears neither guilt nor shame.) MC Lorentz is in this case not even objecting to Støtanneu's journalism, but to its quoting me when I make remarks critical of the Murphy Government. To punish Støtanneu in any way would be a death-knell to the free press in Talossa. Vote "Contra" on the True-Colour Act!

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