



HOUSE OF CITIZENS OF ADAMMIA

HANSARD

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Tuesday 24th September

STATEMENT – Opening of nominations for Speaker

His Imperial Majesty Emperor Adam I

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

Honourable members of the House of Citizens, welcome and congratulations on your election.

As Lord Chancellor, and therefore responsible for constitutional implementation, and in the absence of any standing orders, I will be overseeing the election of the Speaker of the House. Nominations are now open and will close on Thursday. Be advised that I am nominating myself for this position. Be further advised that, due to the small size of the House and the knife-edge arithmetic, we do not presently expect the Speaker to be neutral, as this would risk putting the House in deadlock.

I am also going to begin drafting the Standing Orders of the House. If any members are interested in helping in drafting the SOs, then let me know and a working group can be formed to that effect.

Nominations for Speaker should be PM'd to me.

Lord Juliano Saunders (STM)

What are the duties of the Speaker?

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

To preside over the business of the House and to adjudicate on matters of order.

Lord Colonel Asher Bond (STM)

If the Speaker is not going to be impartial then I suggest they should be a member of the opposition to prevent the Government from having too much power?

Lord Juliano Saunders (STM)

Agreed.

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

An impartial speaker, as I would assure hon. members I would be, would give no more power to either the government or the opposition. The notion that you believe the Speaker being a member of the government gives it more power implies that you believe that the Speaker being a member of the opposition would give the opposition more power. Neither of these things are supposed to be the case. I have chaired the Ruling Council impartially for six years despite my party membership. As Speaker, whilst I would retain the right to vote down party lines, I would not restrict debate on either side of the House. Anyone who has been to a Ruling Council meeting knows that I allow members of all parties to make their voice heard.

Lord Juliano Saunders (STM)

I am satisfied with this assurance. I still believe the Emperor should not have political affiliations, that is a discussion for another time though.

Wednesday 25th September

The House did not sit.

Thursday 26th September

BUSINESS MOTION – Election of the Speaker of the House

His Imperial Majesty Emperor Adam I

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

Honourable members of the House of Citizens, nominations for Speaker of the House are now closed.

I have received a nomination for Lord Sam Maude. I should also inform that House that I have withdrawn my own nomination.

There shall be general debate on the appointment of Lord Maude in the comments of this post. In particular I invite Lord Maude to set out his case for why he should be elected Speaker. Other honourable members may wish to take this opportunity to put questions to Lord Maude.

We shall move to a vote in 24 hours, which shall take the form of a simple vote of confidence in Lord Maude.

H.G. Lord Sam Maude (RGA)

Honourable members, I invite you to confirm me as Speaker. I have a widely held reputation for fairness and impartiality (demonstrated by my new job!). Whichever position my party serves in - the government or opposition - I will allow all members to speak and have an equal voice so that this chamber can fully represent the interests of the great people of Adammia.

Lord Oscar Gilmour (LMP)

I congratulate the honourable lord in winning the nomination. I would like to start us off by asking what qualifications does he possess that makes him fit for the position of Speaker?

H.G. Lord Sam Maude (RGA)

Well, firstly, I practically had to moderate many energetic disputes between Juliano [Lord Saunders] and Anna [Lady Worthington] v [Lord] Helliker in the Ruling Council last year. I took a moderate and balanced position. Secondly, in my every day life I am known to follow procedures and seek fairness and a voice for all - eg. In meetings I always want to hear everyone speak.

Lady Anna Worthington (STM)

As speaker, will you have a speaker hat, and if so, what will it look like?

H.G. Lord Sam Maude (RGA)

No, sorry. This is a serious role.

Lord Juliano Saunders (STM)

I have had many, many disagreements with [Lord] Maude, but he is an honourable man who will stand for justice and fairness in the house of citizens! Was very happy to see [H.I.M. the Emperor] step down upon noticing he simply is not popular enough in the house. We need less Adam and more Adammia!

H.G. Lady Sophie Thornton (LMP)

I have called [Lord] Maude my good friend for many years - from on the same side beyond Adammia and across the floor within it. He knows how to respectfully disagree and promote equality and fairness. He will also have a keen eye for ensuring balance in diversity when choosing who to speak - something that is key to ensuring the spoken voices reflect Adammic citizens, and indeed the wider micronational world. I fully endorse this nomination.

Lord Charles Michael (LMP)

I support the nomination. Lord Maude is an excellent candidate with clear unity support.

Friday 27th September

BUSINESS MOTION – Election of the Speaker of the House

Question: that this House does elect Lord Sam Maude as its Speaker

DIVISION

The ayes to the right: 12

- H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)
- H.G. Lady Sophie Thornton (LMP)
- Lord Juliano Saunders (STM)
- H.G. Lord Sam Maude (RGA)
- Lord Charles Michael (LMP)
- Lady Anna Worthington (STM)
- H.I.H. Emperor Mother Jayne (LMP)
- Lord Colonel Asher Bond (STM)
- Lord Billy Thompson (RGA)
- Lady Emily Simpson (RGA)
- Lord Oscar Gilmour (LMP)
- Lord Edward Hilton (LMP)

The noes to the left: 0

Recorded abstentions: 0

Did not vote: 1

- Lady Hermione Peace (DNK)

The ayes had it.

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

Congratulations to Lord Speaker Maude. The House is now adjourned until Monday.