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Tuesday 5th May

TOPICAL DEBATE – Review of Standing Orders

His Imperial Majesty the Emperor

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

Deputy Speaker

Order,

I am calling a topical debate on the matter of reviewing the House's Standing Orders.

We first introduced the Standing Orders shortly after the general election in order to define the proper rules and procedures of the House. We've now had several sessions which have seen the Standing Orders in action, including all types of items of business, and most types of procedural motions. This gives us an opportunity to evaluate how the Standing Orders are working so far, and amend them if necessary.

I invite hon. Members to share their thoughts on any parts of the Standing Orders that they find do not work, or are otherwise inappropriate.

Wednesday 6th May

The House did not sit.

Thursday 7th May
The House did not sit.

Friday 8th May
QUESTIONS – Questions to the Prime Minister
Lord Charles Michael

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

Order,

There have been a few unforeseen delays, but I am pleased to present Prime Minister's Questions, albeit a couple of days late.

All members are welcome to pose questions to the Prime Minister, Lord Charles Michael. This session will remain open until tomorrow evening.

Saturday 9th May
TOPICAL DEBATE – Law enforcement and judicial reform
His Imperial Majesty the Emperor

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

Order,

I am now calling a topical debate on the matter of law enforcement and judicial reform.

Last summer, I presented the Police Act before the Ruling Council, where it was quickly ripped to shreds by members of all parties for being impractical. The problem, which appears at first intractable, is basically how do we approach the powers to arrest and to search for evidence in a way that is appropriate for a micronation. Clearly the use of force is not practical as we do not hold a monopoly on violence.

A potential solution is to expect co-operation, and to escalate charges where people do not co-operate. For example, it is possible to inform someone that they are under arrest without physically restraining them, and to charge them with resisting arrest if they do not comply with the conditions of their arrest (i.e. not appearing before court). The threat of a harsher sentence should motivate people to comply. Similarly, refusal to comply with a court-issued search warrant could be considered contempt of court, without us having to send police officers to physically break in to someone's property.

Furthermore, the Mercian Parliament recently passed a couple of landmark judicial bills written by renowned micronational lawyer, Anthony Clark. Whilst they are probably a bit too complicated to be implemented in full for our needs, there are some sections which would be

useful for us to adopt, such as the section on the overriding objectives of the court.

Finally, I fully intend to implement the change requested by many politicians before the last election of having judges appointed by Parliament rather than by the Crown.

Please let me know your thoughts.