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Thursday 16th July

ACT OF PARLIAMENT – **Judicial Reform Act 2020**

His Imperial Majesty the Emperor

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

Deputy Speaker

Order,

The following is written in my capacity as this bill's author and proposer, not as Deputy Speaker.

It is my pleasure to lay before the House the Judicial Reform Bill. This is a landmark piece of legislation - the longest bill ever written in Adammia - that greatly expands upon the original judiciary acts passed by Lord Helliker two years ago, creating procedures that are designed to protect the rights of both victims and defendants. It clearly establishes the role of judicial review, by which the courts can hold the government to account. It includes many ideas which seem obvious and should probably have been in place years ago, such as pleas, discovery and preventing double jeopardy. It sets out the rights that clients have when communicating with lawyers, and establishes new offences such as inchoate crimes (attempt to commit, accessory to, etc.) and contempt of parliament.

It also redefines the role of the Adammic Police Force as investigating and preventing crime. The focus has moved away from arrest powers, with the police only allowed to search private property with a warrant, and to use minimal force to prevent people from hurting themselves or others. Unlike last year's heavily criticised law enforcement bill, these powers will come with criminal charges against the officer if they are abused, and particular attention has been paid to macronational privilege. It will be the primary responsibility of the APF to monitor the provinces

and collect evidence of crimes. Although I acknowledge that law enforcement in Adammia cannot have the same powers as our macronational neighbours, I believe it is important that we have officers in place who are empowered to perform these fairly minimal duties.

The following is written in my capacity as Deputy Speaker. There has been one amendment tabled, Amendment A, in the name of the Leader of the Opposition, Lady Anna Worthington, as follows: Remove Section 13 and replace with: "Abolish the Adammic Police Force."

I now call Lady Worthington to move Amendment A. The floor shall then be open for 24 hours, before the House moves to a division on Amendment A, followed by the division on the bill itself.

Lady Anna Worthington (STM)

Leader of the Opposition

There is a lot of personal opinion here in the introduction of this bill, Mr Deputy Speaker, including a statement that seems to be against my amendment, which hardly seems appropriate.

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

Deputy Speaker

Those sections are written in my capacity as the bill's author and proposer - let me make it clearer what hat I'm wearing, my apologies.

Lady Anna Worthington (STM)

Leader of the Opposition

Anyway, introducing my amendment: The Adammic Police Force currently holds too much power, and part of this bill involves removing most of this power. In maintaining a police force but removing their power, this bill is trying to uphold the notion that the police have authority over the great people of Adammia, to celebrate the institution for the sake of it. What will remain is a group who still want to poke their noses into the business of the Adammic people, and as liberals and lovers of freedom, we should not support this! There is no need for half measures, we should take a stand and get rid of the police.

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

Deputy Speaker

Again, bill author hat: I would ask Lady Worthington who should have the responsibilities that the bill prescribes to the APF - to investigate crime, prevent crime, and enforce court decisions? These functions are clearly necessary to a functioning criminal justice system, and if not performed by the police, then by whom?

Lady Anna Worthington (STM)

Leader of the Opposition

The idea that we have police officers patrolling Adammic territory is unrealistic. It doesn't happen now, and the police's associations with violence would probably lead to people feeling less rather than more safe. Beyond that, though, it creates an atmosphere of distrust. Watching and waiting for Adammic citizens to put a foot wrong, this is not the Adammia I believe in.

As for investigating crime, the Ace Attorney model of legal teams investigating crime seems entirely adequate : those involved in prosecuting or defending have an interest in finding the relevant evidence, and the threatening presence of police hardly helps matters.

The Adammic Police Force aren't even obviously available, I would have no idea how to contact them, and history demonstrates this to be the norm.

When you yourself committed crimes, I had no idea how to contact the police, and the community investigated the crime adequately without them. Any situation where a police officer would be required, a citizen would go to the macronational police.

TL;DR, anything that couldn't be sorted out without the need for someone with a ceremonial title stepping in would require the macronational police anyway.

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

Deputy Speaker

The reason why the APF has been inactive, with most constable positions not being appointed, is because it was considered important to fix the law and control police powers first, before giving anybody those powers. We tried to do this last year, but the proposals were quite heavily criticised by the Attorney General and others.

Lord Callum Gurr (STM)

The main questions I have to all those opposing our amendment is this: if a crime were committed against you, who would you go to: the UK police or Adammia's? Given everyone's true answer would be the UK police, we have to ask why it is the Adammic police force exists at all?

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

Deputy Speaker

There are plenty of crimes in Adammia that the UK police would not be interested in because they relate to systems which are separate between the UK and Adammia - such as electoral fraud, contempt of parliament, and things like that. The bill makes clear that violent crimes should be referred to the UK police, but not all crime is violent.

Lord Col. Asher Bond (STM)

This still does not answer the questions raised about the need for the APF when people would consult the Macro-national Police Force. Can you give an example of when the APF would be preferable?

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

Deputy Speaker

See my answer to Lord Gurr.

Lord Col. Asher Bond (STM)

In cases such as these, as Lady Anna Worthington previously mentioned, would it not be better

for the lawyers to conduct the relevant research and conduct the cases without the need for the involvement of an unnecessary APF?

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

Deputy Speaker

The responsibility of lawyers is to advise their clients and represent them in court, not to investigate crimes. Whilst a sort of hybrid lawyer-detective might be possible, people would be much less likely to co-operate with them than an actual police officer.

Lord Col. Asher Bond (STM)

Why?

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

Deputy Speaker

Because a police officer is designated to do that job and has the authority to do so.

Friday 17th July

ACT OF PARLIAMENT – **Judicial Reform Act 2020 – Amendment A**
DIVISION

The ayes to the right: 5

- Lord Colonel Asher Bond (STM)
- Lord Callum Gurr (STM)
- H.G. Lord Sam Maude (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: 1

- Lady Emily Simpson (RGA)

The noes had it.

Saturday 18th July

ACT OF PARLIAMENT – Judicial Reform Act 2020

DIVISION

The ayes to the right: 6

- 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)
- H.G. Lady Sophie Thornton (LMP)

The noes to the left: 5

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

Recorded abstentions: 1

- Lady Anna Worthington (STM)

Did not vote: 1

- Lady Hermione Peace (DNK)

The ayes had it.