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ACT OF PARLIAMENT – **Budget 2020**
*Lord Sam Maude*

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**
*Speaker of the House*

I will now call the House to order. The first item on the agenda is the Budget 2020 in the name of Lord Maude, so I call Lord Maude to introduce the bill.

**Lord Sam Maude (INP)**
*Minister of Finance*

Thank you Emperor and thank you everyone in the House. May I first apologise for the tardiness with which this bill was brought; I had an exam, and I unfortunately prioritised that. Also thank you to the Prime Minister for his great assistance in writing most of this with me. This bill is presenting the Budget, pretty standard for Adammia, but the biggest change this year is that we are proposing to introduce a voluntary progressive tax scheme. This will be where, based on your income within the UK, or whichever macronation you are, you pay a certain percent of that to Adammia, a very small amount. Anyone who doesn't earn an income, such as students, retired people and unemployed people, will not be asked to pay anything, and anyone who does earn an income can opt out whenever they wish, and each year citizens will be asked whether they wish to opt in or opt out.

We are aware that the Storm Party wishes to amend this to say that if you opt in you can choose how much you pay; it doesn't have to be within the bands sets in Section 2e). That's absolutely fine.

We envisage that this scheme will raise at minimum £50, probably more; we're not sure how many people will take part. I think, roughly if you earn say around £30,000 a year you pay £10-15 each year in taxes, so it's very small amount, but it will go some way towards funding our ambitious agenda. Again, thank you Emperor for the Sovereign Grant, £175, and you have stipulated what that should be spent on so that is within the budget. In addition to that, with the £50 we have, we are funding this year the website which is £38 and then a few other bits mostly for Lord Colonel Bond's Ministry of National Development to look and merchandise and such, all detailed in Section 3.

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**
*Speaker of the House*

I shall now call Lady Anna Worthington to introduce the Storm Party's amendment.

**Lady Anna Worthington (STM)**
*Minister of Citizenship and Information*

The amendment is based on the fact that some people may not wish for their income to be disclosed, even though it's not like we announce it: "by the way, this person earns this much amount". But they might have privacy issues, so we wanted to make sure that if people wanted to keep things secret, that's some sort of way of covering that. Also, some people either may not want to pay the full amount or may want to pay more, and both of those options mean that we still get the money and as much money as people are willing to give as possible, rather than having to only accept it from people who are willing to pay the specific percentage. Thank you.

**H.G. Lord Juliano Saunders (INP)**
*Prime Minister*

Thank you to the Minster of Finance for the voluntary progressive tax, I think this is a good step for us to be able to spend more on fun things for the people. I think the amendment to make it so that people can put value of their choice is a good one. I mean we're all about giving our citizens the freedom of choice and we don't want to make it seem like they're forced to do this, this is completely voluntary, so in that sense I'm quite happy to support that amendment. I'm looking quite forward actually to this budget, if you've noticed. We have the cultural campaigns and games, we have £10 allocated for prize money. I know that everyone enjoyed the Games last year and I think it'd be really good for us to do it again this time around, with some money for the winner, or maybe some sort of prize that we can buy with that money. So I'd just like to congratulate everyone in the coalition for helping out and coming up with these.

**H.G. Lord Charles Michael (LMP)**
*Leader of the Opposition*

I think the package is a good step forward. I have to wonder though, Section 3c) where we talk about the general budget of prize money for our Adammic games. Now, the Prime Minister has made a big part, which I celebrated of course, making Adammia more fun and having more of these games and like. I have to wonder is a annual budget up to £10 – am I misreading this and it is supposed to be £10 per event, or is it £10 overall for the prize pot for any events in the year? Could the Prime Minister clarify that one for me?

**H.G. Lord Juliano Saunders (INP)**
*Prime Minister*

That's a good question. That is for the year, so the Ministry would be allocating that to different events. That will be up to the Minister, [Lord Bond] to decide. I wanted to make sure it was quite vague, because some events we might want to invest bit more in prize money, some games maybe won't include a prize at the end, so I wanted to keep it open up for discussion, and I just wanted to allocate those funds so that we encourage this sort of activity, but it's a good question.

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**
*Speaker of the House*

Just as a point of information from a legal perspective, the wording there is actually correct as well, because were the the bill to suggest that it were £10 per event and there's an unlimited number of events, at that point supply becomes undefined because you could have 1000 competitions. Each of which gives £10, and suddenly the budget becomes £10,000, so obviously we never want to be in a situation where supply is undefined. So yes, the prime minister's wording is correct.

**Lord Sam Maude (INP)**
*Minister of Finance*

Thank you, I just wanted to further respond to the Leader of the Opposition and say that we have been deliberately conservative with our sums in Section 3. We expect that the voluntary income tax scheme will bring in some more money. We already have reserves within the Treasury anyway that Adammia is sitting on, so if needed, if we do more events, and we deem it that we are able to spend more money on prizes, then we will, but we've just been conservative here in the written Budget.

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**
*Speaker of the House*

Just to clarify, any expansion of expenditure beyond what's in this budget will be done through the usual means, either through a separate bill, or through Emergency Appropriation, both of which will of course be subject to the review of the House.

## ACT OF PARLIAMENT – **Budget 2020 – Amendment A**

*Question: that Amendment A be made.*
*Moved by: Lady Anna Worthington*
DIVISION

**The ayes to the right: 7**
• H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)
• Lord Colonel Asher Bond (STM)
• Lord Patrick Gilbert (LMP)
• Lord Sam Maude (INP)
• Lord Charles Michael (LMP)
• Lord Juliano Saunders (INP)

• Lady Anna Worthington (STM)

**The noes to the left: 0**

**Recorded abstentions: 0**

**Did not vote: 6**
• Lord Oscar Gilmour (LMP)
• Lord Alexander Helliker (INP)
• Lady Hermione Peace (DNK)
• Lady Emily Simpson (RGA)
• Lord Billy Thompson (RGA)
• H.G. Lady Sophie Thornton (RGA)

*The ayes had it.*

ACT OF PARLIAMENT – **Budget 2020**
*Question: that this House passes the Budget 2020 as amended.*
DIVISION

**The ayes to the right: 7**
• Lord Colonel Asher Bond (STM)
• Lord Oscar Gilmour (LMP)
• Lord Sam Maude (INP)
• Lord Juliano Saunders (INP)
• Lady Emily Simpson (RGA)
• Lord Billy Thompson (RGA)
• Lady Anna Worthington (STM)

**The noes to the left: 0**

**Recorded abstentions: 4**
• H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)
• Lord Patrick Gilbert (LMP)
• Lord Charles Michael (LMP)
• H.G. Lady Sophie Thornton (RGA)

**Did not vote: 2**

• Lord Alexander Helliker (INP)
• Lady Hermione Peace (DNK)

*The ayes had it.*

ACT OF PARLIAMENT – **Investigations Act 2021**
*Lord Juliano Saunders*

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**
*Speaker of the House*

We come now to the Investigations Act, which has been brought back having been amended after it was defeated in the other place. I call on the Prime Minister to introduce the bill.

**H.G. Lord Juliano Saunders (INP)**
*Prime Minister*

This is the bill that abolishes the police. It passed the House of Citizens previously, as many of you hopefully remember, but it was rejected in the Ruling Council. So I decided to revisit and address a main concern that I heard on both sides of the House. [In Section 2f)] Originally, everyone would have the right to withdraw information if they had given that during an investigation. I know some there were some worries around the House on both sides regarding abuse of power and accountability, and so we decided to add section F, which makes it so that ministers would not be able to withhold information that relates to duties as ministers, so for example, statistics, government papers and so on; those cannot be withdrawn if there is a case of an investigation going on. I would like to iterate, though, that we still protect personal privacy, so no one is being forced to give information regarding themselves, and if they give it they can still withdraw it, but for things related to the ministries and government, we will be protecting that.

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**
*Speaker of the House*

Actually I'm going to throw something out there myself. I just want to suggest that perhaps them exemption for ministers which prevents them from withdrawing evidence might be extended to, if not all officers of corporate bodies, be that any kind of government body, private company or political party – [but] in general, any instance in which a person is providing evidence on behalf of some sort of organisation, rather than themselves. Because, for example, you could see situations in which a legal representative of a political party might withhold evidence related to a sensitive issue, or so on. So I just wanted to know if there's any appetite towards expanding the scope of this.

**H.G. Lord Juliano Saunders (INP)**
*Prime Minister*

I think you had suggested this to me previously. I think my position remains unchanged, I think we should be careful not to put too much responsibility on Members [of the House] or citizens of Adammia that perhaps are not interested in investing so much time and effort, honestly, into Adammia. For people such as ministers and so on, I think it's fair to have some accountability and it's relatively safe to assume that they are willing to dedicate themselves, but I'm not sure if... I mean there's been a few silly parties out there that were created, and haven't really played a massive political role, and would they still be engaged is my question, if we started asking them to provide all this information to be liable and so on. I'm a bit skeptical about those details, and regarding corporations, Adammia doesn't really have that many corporations; besides yourself [Your Majesty] you are CEO or something of some Adammic corporations. If there are others,

would they also be interested in remaining committed to Adammia if they had to pay attention to everything that's going on? I think those are my concerns.

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**
*Speaker of the House*

Okay, firstly note Section C) which states that the Attorney General may not compel citizens to give evidence. What we're talking about is withdrawing evidence after it has been given, which Section F) only relates to. So I'm not suggesting that we compel anybody to be to be forced to give evidence on anything. It's just that if they choose to do so, they cannot then withdraw it, if they are representing a body corporate. I hope that clarifies things.

**H.G. Lord Charles Michael (LMP)**
*Leader of the Opposition*

I maybe wanted to supply my support to the Emperor's proposition. I believe there isn't necessarily harm. As much I think, in general interest, if you're at the point that you're supplying evidence for some sort of legal situation within Adammia. There comes a point where [unintelligible] if you can withdraw or not. Certainly, I think, at the least it would maybe be appropriate to apply to corporation leaders as well, those who are COO or CEO positions. At the very least, that is something I would encourage to add in.

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**
*Speaker of the House*

What I'm going to do is introduce a late amendment, and I'm not going to worry too much about the technicals because, due to the state of emergency, the Standing Orders are suspended, which is the only reason why we can right now have the meeting through live video chat anyway. So basically, in Section F) replace all references to ministers with ministers, representatives of registered companies, and representatives of political parties. So that is the amendment that I will put forward. We will retroactively consider my original suggestion of it five minutes ago as being the proposal of that amendment. So with that in mind, I'll open the floor again, so just consider that now there's an amendment on table as well.

**H.G. Lord Juliano Saunders (INP)**
*Prime Minister*

You are correct regarding that we're not compelling anyone to give evidence to begin with, this is only for withdrawing. With that in mind I'm a bit less worried. So I'll just announce that I'll be abstaining on this one, I think it's reasonable, but I still have some concerns.

**Lord Colonel Sir Asher Bond (STM)**
*Minister of National Development*

Sorry, Your Imperial Majesty, I was just wondering if you could clarify the amendment for me again, please.

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**
*Speaker of the House*

The amendment will replace in Section 2 F) all references to ministers, with ministers, representatives of registered companies, and representatives of political parties.

**Lady Anna Worthington (STM)**
*Minister of Citizenship and Information*

I first want to say that, I know Standing Orders have been suspended, but introducing an amendment at such a late time is a pain, having to think it through with not much time to think about it. I think the issue with private companies being able to withdraw information is that some of these businesses may have a stake macronationally, and don't want certain details about themselves being caught up in Adammic politics, especially given this stuff gets published online, and I feel like it's best if we didn't involve ourselves in trying to drag details out of them. I just think it could get messy. So, for that reason, I do not support the amendment. This is the sort of thing where I'd probably have to think about it quite a bit, and I don't have enough time to think about it, and it could be complicated, so I think rushing into voting for something like that after it's just been suggested last minute is unwise.

**H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)**
*Speaker of the House*

First of all I do apologise for the the last minute nature of the amendment. All, I would say on a final note, again: firstly, I cannot think of any corporations [that] would be in such a position macronationally. No Adammic company is also registered as a as a macronational company or anything like that. And secondly, of course, this still does not compel anybody to give evidence, it only relates to whether they withdraw evidence after it has been freely given. Note also as well that the use of evidence in court cases, the actual public court report is usually a redacted version, and of the names of witnesses usually would be redacted from the public reports so any evidence that we would ever expect somebody to give would only be for the purposes of allowing a court to make a just decision. There's no expectation that we'd be sharing such information all over the Internet, because the official reports can be redacted.

**H.G. Lord Juliano Saunders (INP)**
*Prime Minister*

I think [Lady Worthington] raised a very good point. Even though we might not have massive companies being within both Adammia and also in the macronational world, we need legislation not only for the present but for the future, and I think if we want to avoid this mess we should vote no and keep things simple, and really allow businesses to thrive inside Adammia, as well as outside.

ACT OF PARLIAMENT – **Investigations Act 2021 – Amendment A**
*Question: that Amendment A be made.*
*Moved by: His Imperial Majesty the Emperor*
DIVISION

**The ayes to the right: 3**
• H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)
• Lord Patrick Gilbert (LMP)
• Lord Charles Michael (LMP)

**The noes to the left: 6**
• Lord Colonel Asher Bond (STM)
• Lord Juliano Saunders (INP)
• Lady Emily Simpson (RGA)
• Lord Billy Thompson (RGA)
• H.G. Lady Sophie Thornton (RGA)
• Lady Anna Worthington (STM)

**Recorded abstentions: 1**
• Lord Sam Maude (INP)

**Did not vote: 2**
• Lord Oscar Gilmour (LMP)
• Lord Alexander Helliker (INP)
• Lady Hermione Peace (DNK)

*The noes had it.*

ACT OF PARLIAMENT – **Investigations Act 2021**
*Question: that this House passes the Investigations Act 2021.*
DIVISION

**The ayes to the right: 10**
• Lord Colonel Asher Bond (STM)
• Lord Oscar Gilmour (LMP)
• Lord Alexander Helliker (INP)
• Lord Sam Maude (INP)
• Lord Charles Michael (LMP)
• Lord Juliano Saunders (INP)
• Lady Emily Simpson (RGA)
• Lord Billy Thompson (RGA)
• H.G. Lady Sophie Thornton (RGA)
• Lady Anna Worthington (STM)

**The noes to the left: 0**

**Recorded abstentions: 2**
• H.I.M. Emperor Adam I (LMP)
• Lord Patrick Gilbert (LMP)

**Did not vote: 1**
• Lady Hermione Peace (DNK)

*The ayes had it.*

## QUESTIONS – **Questions to the Prime Minister**
*Lord Juliano Saunders*

**H.G. Lord Charles Michael (LMP)**
*Leader of the Opposition*

We have our chess tournament later, of course. Is the Prime Minister confident so far that he has been maintaining his manifesto promise of creating a more engaging Adammia overall for the citizens?

**H.G. Lord Juliano Saunders (INP)**
*Prime Minister*

I think that's a fair point. We not only renamed the Ministry of Memes to Joy and Social Engagement, but also changed responsibilities so that the government was held to account with the yearly report. I am still in contact with ministers and with the government as a whole for organising these events. I think we've had a bit of a slow beginning because of the winter holidays. And also, I've been moving around so I've been a bit busy myself, but thank you for reminding me, it's very much one of the priorities of the government.