



**THE MINUTES**  
*of the* **SECOND ORDINARY SESSION**  
*of the* **THIRD CONGRESS OF PEOPLE'S COUNCILS**  
*in session from the 26<sup>th</sup> of November to the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2022 (2RY)*

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***Opening of the Session and roll call***

The third convocation of the Congress of People's Councils of the New Richmond Republic convened its second ordinary session virtually on the NRR Discord server, in accordance with the requirement of the Basic Law for an ordinary session beginning in November every year. The respected Mother Hewitt, People's Commissioner of the Republic and Party Chairwoman, presided in her capacity as the Chairwoman of Congress.

The Chair took roll. The first sitting saw a turnout of 100%, with all delegates in attendance. Those in attendance were:

- Mother of the Revolution Brooklyn J. Hewitt, representing the Fayette Commune People's Council.
- Comrade General Christopher Faine, representing the Soldier's Council.
- Comrade K. Riley Hewitt, representing the New Richmond City People's Council.
- Comrade Savannah Collins, representing the Northern Grove Commune People's Council.
- Comrade Charles Kitchen, representing the New Richmond City People's Council.

### ***Report from the Prime Minister on the work of the Central Executive Committee and the Ministries***

The respected Comrade General Faine rose to deliver his first report to Congress as Prime Minister regarding the work of the Central Executive Committee and the Ministries, in accordance with Article IV, Section III, Clause 3 of the Basic Law. The Prime Minister reported that from the close of the previous ordinary session of the Third Congress in September 2022 (1RY) until the beginning of the current ordinary session, the Central Executive Committee and its ministries executed the following actions:

- The Central Executive Committee enacted one decree:
  - CEC Dec. 001-2RY: Decree on Foreign Policy.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs negotiated, signed, and ratified treaties the Treaty of Fraternitas with the Commonwealth of New Virginia, which is still pending ratification by that nation's parliament.
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs suspended the Prarial Peace with the Republic of Nordale, briefly called the Empire of the Nordalians, due to issues with the public conduct of Citizen-Premier (formerly Citizen-Empress) Sophia Albina.
- The Ministry of Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs compiled the Second Annual Economic Plan for the 2022-2023 planning period.
- The Ministry of Culture and the Arts, through the Central People's Government Press Bureau, has compiled and released the First Edition of the NRR Criminal Code in conjunction with the People's Senate.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs has continued to fulfill its standard duties.
- The Ministry of State Security has continued to fulfill its standard duties.

### ***Review of the Decree on Foreign Policy***

Following the report, the Prime Minister moved that Congress should uphold *CEC Dec. 001-2RY: Decree on Foreign Policy*, the sole decree of the Central Executive Committee enacted since the conclusion of the previous ordinary session. The floor was opened for deliberation; however, no arguments or inquiries were raised. The Decree was then presented for voting, and was upheld by a unanimous vote of the whole Congress in favor.

### ***Deliberation on and enactment of the Second Amendment to the Second Basic Law***

The respected Mother Hewitt rose to propose her draft for a Second Amendment to the Second Basic Law of the Republic, which contained the following major changes to the system of governance in the Republic, in addition to the mending of minor writing errors:

- the federalization of the Cantons, granting them sovereignty which is held in communion with and under the supremacy of the federal sovereignty of the Republic, and enabling them to enact local constitutions with assemblies of people's deputies elected by the people's councils, effectively repealing the Cantonal Governance Act of 2022;

- lowering the minimum age for Blair Mountain League membership and political participation from eighteen years to sixteen years;
- establishing unincorporated territories – uninhabited lands under the direct administration of the Central People’s Government – as a new form of administrative region;
- renaming the Central Executive Committee to the Federal Council to reflect the new federal nature of the NRR Central People’s Government;
- renaming the Canton of Meditullia to the Canton of Old Roanoke; and
- renaming territories to counties and territorial administrators to county sheriffs, and transferring the authority to appoint sheriffs from the Central People’s Government to a county’s respective cantonal governor.

The floor was opened for deliberation on the proposed Amendment; however, no arguments or inquiries were raised. The Amendment was then presented for voting, and was approved by a unanimous vote of the whole Congress. Thereafter, the People’s Commissioner of the Republic exercised her prerogative to grant final consent to the Amendment and it became law.

***Deliberation on and enactment of the Blair Mountain League’s legislative program***

The respected Mother Hewitt rose to present the legislative program of the Blair Mountain League in her capacity as Party Chairwoman. The following bills were introduced:

- Naturalization Act of 2022
- Apportionment of Delegates (Fourth Congress) Act of 2022
- National Holidays Act of 2022

The floor was opened for deliberation; however, no delegate rose to make debate. The Chair thereafter moved each bill to a vote. The Naturalization Act of 2022 was approved with four delegates in favor and one delegate – Comrade Charles Kitchen – not voting; the other two bills were approved by a unanimous vote of the whole Congress. With all of the bills having passed, they were all signed by the People’s Commissioner of the Republic, thereby becoming Acts of Congress.

***Presentation of the Second Annual Economic Plan and any other business***

The respected Mother Hewitt, in her capacity as Minister for Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs, rose to present the Second Annual Economic Plan for the 2022-2023 planning period to the Congress. No objections, arguments, or inquiries were raised regarding the plan.

The Chair thereafter opened the floor for questions to state officers, private delegates’ proposals, and any other business; however, none were raised.

***Adjournment of the Session***

The Chairwoman of Congress proclaimed the adjournment of the Second Ordinary Session of the Third Congress. The National Anthem was played and all delegates thereafter departed.