



NEW RICHMOND REPUBLIC CONGRESS OF PEOPLE'S COUNCILS

Minutes of the 2nd Ordinary Session *17th-21st of February 2022 (1 RY)*

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17th of February 2022 (1 RY)

Convocation and roll call

The Congress of People's Councils of the New Richmond Republic convened its second semiannual ordinary session virtually on the NRR discord server in accordance with the requirement of the Basic Law for an ordinary session every winter. The session was initially scheduled for the 10th of February but was delayed by one week due to unforeseen circumstances regarding certain delegates. Comrade Brooklyn Kennedy presided over the session in her capacity as Chair of the Central Executive Committee (hereinafter called Prime Minister).

The presiding officer took roll. The session saw a turnout of 80%, with one delegate - Comrade Savannah Wellman of Cumberlandia Commune - not attending due to illness. Those in attendance were:

- Comrade K. Riley Kennedy, representing the City of New Richmond;
- Comrade Brooklyn Kennedy, representing the City of New Richmond;
- Comrade Larissa, representing Mount Hatfield Commune; and
- Comrade Commandant-General Chris Faine, representing Nubes Peaks Military District.

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First Amendment to the Basic Law

The presiding officer announced that the agenda for the session as published by the Central People's Government Press Office would be slightly deviated from, with speeches from the People's Commissioner of the Republic and the Prime Minister rescheduled for the end of the session, whereas it was intended to be the first order of business.

The new first order of business was deliberation and voting on a slate of amendments to the Basic Law of the Republic as proposed by Comrade Brooklyn Kennedy. The amendments - collectively referred to as the First Amendment to the Basic Law - were grouped into four parts, though all four were voted on collectively.

The floor was opened for deliberation; however, no arguments or inquiries were raised. The presiding officer called the motion to a vote. The First Amendment was approved by a unanimous vote of those in attendance, and the People's Commissioner of the Republic granted consent in accordance with Article VII of the Basic Law. The amended Basic Law has since been published on

the Official Government Web Portal.

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Election of the Minister for State Security and the Minister for Home Affairs

Following the enactment of the First Amendment, Comrade Brooklyn rose to nominate Comrade Chris Faine for election to the newly-established office of Minister for State Security, as well as to replace Comrade Larissa as Minister for Home Affairs. The nomination of Comrade Chris was approved by a unanimous vote of those in attendance, and he took his seat on the Central Executive Committee thereafter.

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Report from the Prime Minister on the work of the Central Executive Committee and the ministries

The Prime Minister rose to deliver her report to the Congress of People's Councils on the work of the Central Executive Committee and the ministries, in accordance with Article IV, Section 2, Clause 5 of the Basic Law. Comrade Brooklyn reported that from the close of the first ordinary session in August 2021 (1 RY) until the convocation of the current ordinary session, the Central Executive Committee and its ministries have executed the following actions:

- The Central Executive Committee enacted four Decrees.
- The Central Executive Committee unilaterally ordered an extraordinary session of the Congress of People's Councils which was held on the 9th of September 2021 (1 RY).
- The Central Executive Committee issued a memorandum disavowing the use of the shorthand title of "Premier" for the Chair of the Central Executive Committee and advising the use of "Prime Minister" in its stead.
- The Central Executive Committee revoked the state awards held by Elizabeth Lewis of Shoreline and Sophia Albina of Nordale.
- The Ministry of Foreign and Military Affairs signed and ratified the Charter of the Grand Unified Micronational, thereafter becoming an observer-state and later a provisional member on the course towards full membership.
- The Ministry of Foreign and Military Affairs signed and ratified the Augusta Accord, an intermicronational diplomatic accord devised by the Prime Minister (then President of New Virginia) alongside the leaders of the Social System states which is dedicated to firmly opposing transphobia in the micronational community.
- The Ministry of Foreign and Military Affairs signed and ratified various treaties with the Socialist Federal Union of Ponderosa Hills, the Free Socialist State of Paloma, and the Kingdom of Ikonian.
- The Ministry of Foreign and Military Affairs formally recognized the sovereignty and independence of the Commonwealth of New Virginia, the Empire of Austenasia, the Empire of Adammia, the State of Sandus, the Kingdom of Überstadt, the Republic of Molossia, the Kingdom of Northwood-Oregon, and the Principality of Sancratosia. Furthermore, the Ministry established cordial informal relations with all of them, with the long-term goal of signing treaties with all excluding the Empire of Austenasia and the Republic of Molossia.

- The Ministry of Foreign and Military Affairs severed treaties, recognition, and relations with the State of Shoreline, the Republic of Nordale, and the Confederation of the Northern Coast.
- The Ministry of Foreign and Military Affairs appointed Comrade Chris Faine to serve as Commandant-General of the Corps of Revolutionary Guards.
- The Ministry of Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs adopted the first annual economic plan for the November 2021 (1 RY) - November 2022 (2 RY) planning period.
- The Ministry of Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs established the National Development Fund to serve as the Central People's Government's primary financial account, through which it allocates funds to government agencies and projects, and additionally provides financial aid to citizens in need.
- The Ministry of Economic Development and Fiscal Affairs oversaw the incorporation of two state cooperative entities - Testerman State Agricultural Cooperative and Chakra Deity State Metaphysical Artisans' Cooperative.
- The Ministry of Culture and the Arts established the Wellman Center for Culture as a digital venue for the discussion and appreciation of New Richmonder culture.
- The Ministry of Culture and the Arts established the Central People's Government Press Office to serve as the state's mouthpiece.
- The Ministry of Culture and the Arts recognized the establishment of the Church of New Richmond as the first autonomous Christian church based in the Republic.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs conducted the first census of all citizens of the Republic.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs naturalized five new citizens.

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Review of the Decrees of the Central Executive Committee

Following the report, the Prime Minister moved that the Congress should uphold each Decree of the Central Executive Committee enacted between the first and second ordinary sessions of the Congress of People's Councils.

The floor was opened for deliberation; however, no arguments or inquiries were raised. Each Decree was then opened for voting individually:

- *CEC Decree 001-1RY (on the first bestowal of State Awards)*, enacted by the Central Executive Committee on the 17th of August 2021 (1 RY).
 - Four in support.
 - None in opposition.
 - None in abstention.
- *CEC Decree 002-1RY (on the revocation of citizenship, the annexation of Mount Hatfield, and an Extraordinary Session of the Congress of People's Councils)*, enacted by the Central Executive Committee on the 7th of September 2021 (1 RY).
 - Four in support.
 - None in opposition.
 - None in abstention.

- *CEC Decree 003-1RY (on the cession of New Saint Josephsburg Borough to the United States of America)*, enacted by the Central Executive Committee on the 30th of September 2021 (1 RY).
 - Four in support.
 - None in opposition.
 - None in abstention.
- *CEC Decree 004-1RY (on the District of Fayette and Special Administrative Districts)*, enacted by the Central Executive Committee on the 4th of December 2021 (1 RY).
 - Four in support.
 - None in opposition.
 - None in abstention.

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

Comrade Brooklyn rose to present the legislative program of the Blair Mountain League in her capacity as Party Secretary-General. The following bills were introduced:

- *Counter-Revolutionary Crimes Bill.*
- *Flag Bill.*
- *District of Fayette Administration Bill.*
- *Nubes Peaks Administration Bill.*

The floor was opened for deliberation, wherein the Secretary-General answered questions posed by delegates regarding the legislation:

- *Counter-Revolutionary Crimes Bill:* Comrade Chris asked if exile and banishment were the only punishments which the People's Tribunal could issue for those convicted of a counter-revolutionary offense. Comrade Brooklyn responded that those are the harshest penalties the Republic could realistically impose on a convicted criminal, and asked Comrade Chris if he had any other potential punishments in mind. Comrade Chris concurred with the Prime Minister and raised no further questions.

Following deliberation, the presiding officer moved each bill to a vote of the Congress:

- *Counter-Revolutionary Crimes Bill.*
 - Four in support.
 - None in opposition.
 - None in abstention.
- *Flag Bill.*
 - Four in support.
 - None in opposition.
 - None in abstention.
- *District of Fayette Administration Bill.*
 - Four in support.
 - None in opposition.
 - None in abstention.
- *Nubes Peaks Administration Bill.*
 - Four in support.

- o None in opposition.
- o None in abstention.

All of the bills presented as part of the Party's legislative program were declared passed by the presiding officer and have since been countersigned by the People's Commissioner of the Republic.

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Open floor for all other business

Following the conclusion of the main business of the Congress under the agenda, the presiding officer opened the floor for any other business as delegates may wish to present and discuss.

Comrade Brooklyn rose to nominate three individuals - Aulus Tarquitiu Buteo, Cameron I of Ikonian, and Leon Montan - to receive the Order of Blair Mountain in recognition of their actions in the struggle against the inept and reactionary administration team of the MicroWiki website and community. No debate was held on the matter, and the proposal was approved by a unanimous vote of those in attendance.

Comrade Brooklyn additionally announced that the NRR is expected to become a full member of the Grand Unified Micronation in the coming days, and requested that any members of the Central People's Government who are interested in serving on the Republic's delegation should contact her.

Comrade Chris Faine rose to address Congress to thank his fellow delegates for his election, giving a brief speech:

"I want to thank everybody for the opportunity to learn more about government. I am so fascinated by the sociology of man and woman and I feel the governing body has such a major effect on it. I think everybody agrees that the way society is brought up is due to the strength and most importantly, the UNITY of a government. A good government creates limitless opportunities for its citizens, a well-orchestrated government takes some of the tremendous weight off the shoulders of the single mother struggling to scrape up enough money to feed their infant or the family who has to choose between paying their power bill or filling their car with fuel for the week. If a leader has good intentions and his followers are honest then the leader will always lead and followers will always follow. I hope my being a part of this will provide unity and joy for everyone. I'm very happy to be a part of this."

As no other business was presented thereafter, the presiding officer closed the floor.

21st of February 2022 (1 RY)

Speeches from the People's Commissioner of the Republic and the Prime Minister

The People's Commissioner of the Republic, Comrade K. Riley Kennedy, rose to deliver his speech to the Congress of People's Councils:

Comrades, I want to take a moment before the end of this session to congratulate you all on the most substantial meeting of this honorable Congress since the Republic's establishment last August. It has been an honor to serve the Central People's Government as People's Commissioner, representing the New Richmonder people and revolution at home and abroad, and I can never thank you all enough

for giving me this opportunity. As we continue to build up our state and carry out our people's revolution, I must take the time to thank the Central Executive Committee and the Prime Minister for all of the good work they have done in the past six months. I think it was absolutely the right thing for the Congress to uphold the decrees and actions of the Committee. I also want to congratulate my friend and Comrade, Chris Faine, for his election to the Committee as Minister for State Security and Minister for Home Affairs - making him the second person to run two ministries simultaneously, the first being Comrade Brooklyn. I am excited to see the work of the newly-constituted CEC in the months leading up to our next ordinary session in the summer. Comrades, thank you for another great session! Long live the New Richmond Republic and the New Richmonder Revolution!

Following the People's Commissioner's speech, the Prime Minister thanked Comrade Riley on behalf of the Congress and the New Richmonder people as a whole, stating that they are "eternally grateful for [his] role in our Revolution, the history of our land, and the building of our Republic." Comrade Brooklyn then rose to deliver her own speech:

Comrades, this session has been illuminating to me for a number of reasons; indeed, this ordinary session has been anything but ordinary.

I think it is a fantastic indication that the concept of limiting ordinary sessions to twice per year, so as to give them a certain degree of weight and importance, has absolutely paid off. We took what we've learned from six months of sovereignty, reworked our foundational constitutional statute around what we learned, and set into motion numerous landmark laws. We began to develop our own unique criminal law, we elected a member of what will inevitably be the next generation of leadership to our Central Executive Committee, and we reimagined the foremost symbol of our state and people. I cannot understate the pride I have in this Congress and all of its delegates. Thank you for attending these past few days, for voting on propositions, for raising questions and making speeches - thank you, comrades!

As we close out this session, I just want to reiterate my unyielding gratitude to this Congress for permitting me to serve as the Chair of the Central Executive Committee. Having the ability to guide the Central People's Government through the rough path of revolution, secession, and rebuilding has been a privilege for me, one I have not taken lightly. I am thankful that you all voted to uphold the decrees of the Central Executive Committee, all of which I wrote and proposed. I am thankful that my report as Prime Minister was received by this Congress without any opposition to the measures carried out within. I hope that as we enter the final half of this Committee's year-long term, we continue to govern our Republic in a way that the Congress of People's Councils - the supreme body of state and people's power - can unequivocally support.

Comrades, I believe I speak for both government and party when I say that the New Richmond Republic is a nation which was founded by people who are militant in their progressive works and who are willing to die on the hill of defense for the marginalized. The foundational principles of the Republic, enshrined in our Basic Law, are based entirely in this fact of the nature of our existence. In the past month, I have been actively involved in the hurricane of controversy that has embroiled the MicroWiki Community regarding the abuse of power, defense of potential predators, and veiled bigotry of certain MicroWiki administrators, the so-called community leaders. In the course of my work - which, at times, was carried out in the name of the Republic in my capacity as Foreign Minister - I argued before many of my fellow community veterans and members, including the man

who once reigned over us as Emperor and Autocrat, that Andrew Creed must be removed as a MicroWiki administrator and bureaucrat; especially once screenshots from his Twitter account detailing his flagrant transphobia were uncovered and leaked to the public. In the end, my pleas to men whom I considered to be good friends fell on deaf ears, and at one point the Austenasian Monarch implied that though I was a fool in his eyes, I was at least a noble one. Creed, true to form, has permanently banned my account on that website - a ban which the website co-owners, Emperor Jonathan of Austenasia and Luxor of Mekniy-Lurk, have both described as excessive and stated their opposition towards, in spite of doing nothing to the contrary.

In light of this, it is important that the Central People's Government and its Ministry of Foreign Affairs determines where exactly our Republic's foreign policy priorities should lie - should we continue to prioritize involvement in the MicroWiki community which has so thoroughly and repeatedly demonstrated its lack of care for vulnerable queer (and other) people and its suspicious defense of the most predatory, vile, and bigoted people you could ever meet; or, should we take a new approach to our involvement in the intermicronational community?

As Foreign Minister, and ultimately as Prime Minister, I gladly proclaim before my comrades that the New Richmond Republic will not sign any treaty or engage in active diplomacy with a state that is led by any MicroWiki administrator or which harbors Andrew Creed. This is in accordance with our fundamental principles and the principles of the Augusta Accord. All of these men are either inconspicuously transphobic or defenders of those transphobes. The Republic will continue its productive dialogues with the members of the Social System, it will look towards joining the Borean Community, and it will continue its membership in the Grand Unified Micronational without seeking any sort of leadership position therein. The NRR does not consider itself a member of the MicroWiki Community at this point in time, and it should not be considered to be a MicroWiki nation. We will continue to forge our own path in the intermicronational community in the months and years to come.

Comrades, I thank you again for your diligent efforts to build our nation. Glory to the New Richmond Republic! Glory to the enduring New Richmonder Socialist Revolution! Glory to the Blair Mountain League! Glory to the New Richmonder people and their people's councils - the bedrock of our Republic!

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Adjournment

Following the conclusion of all business, the national anthem was played and the presiding officer adjourned the session.