

Kusari Parliament.

Structure:

Name:

National Diet (国会 *Kokkai*)

Authorisation:

Article 12 of the Constitution of the Republic of Kusari mentions the National Diet as the highest ranking organ of law within the Republic.

Branches:

Prime Minister (内閣総理大臣 *Naikaku-sōri-daijin*)

Cabinet (内閣 *Naikaku*)

House of Representatives (Shūgiin)

House of Councillors (Sangiin)

House of Representatives:

The lower house of the National Diet, known as the House of Representatives, comprises the main arm of the government and includes the Prime Minister as well as the Cabinet.

This is the only section of the Diet with the power to propose bills for submission and handles most dealings for the Kusari Republic.

Length of Term:

A typical term of office is recognised as lasting for six (6) months from date of swearing in.

After a period of five (5) months has passed the incumbent Executive has to call an election date with a notice period lasting between four(4) and six(6) weeks.

Election time will be exactly one (1) week in length.

Membership:

Each player may have a total of two (2) positions in the House of Representatives which must apply for membership in one of the voted in parties.

Each of those characters may represent different parties.

A party may only recruit as many members as they have seats.

The requirements for membership from a player are as follows.

- A character currently active in Kusari (lawful or unlawful)
- Basic understanding of Kusari lore

- Accepting to play within the basic framework as applies to each party
- Each representative character must be of lawful standing within Kusari to gain admittance to the Diet

Powers of the House of Representatives:

- Power to propose bill [1].
- Power to second bill for voting [2].
- Power to vote on bill and pass or reject them [3].

House of Councilors

The upper house of the National Diet is the House of Councilors.

The duty of this section is to act as a second tier of scrutiny to any bills passed by the lower house.

The House of Councilors has the power to veto bills but can not submit any bills itself.

Membership:

The House of Councilors is made up of the faction leader and one other member of his choosing from each active lawful faction within Kusari.

Powers of the House of Councilors:

- Power to vote and pass or veto proposed bill by vote [3].
- Power to declare war
- Execution of the law.
- Conduct of foreign affairs.
- Conclusion of treaties

Powers explained

Proposing Bills:

Any Minister of the House of Representatives may propose a bill before the House.

A bill must have a clearly defined purpose that falls within the power of the Diet and does not contravene the constitution.

There is a seven (7) day time limit between the same minister proposing bills.

Seconding a bill for voting:

For a bill to be processed and voted on by the parliament, it must gain the support of three (3) other ministers to be considered seconded.

If it achieves this number it is considered tabled and must then be voted on by the assembly of ministers.

Bills which fail to receive support must be ignored.

A bill has seven (4) days to be seconded.

Voting on bills.

- As House of Representatives:

Once a bill has been proposed and seconded , all members are required to vote on it merits.

Each member may choose to vote once with either an affirmative, negative or abstain vote.

Discussion before voting is allowed and even encouraged.

A timer will begin upon tabling the bill granting the lower house one (1) week to discuss and vote on the bill.

If the Bill receives a majority affirmative result the bill is considered supported and moves to the House of Councilors for vetting.

If the bill receives a negative majority vote, it is considered rejected and may not be proposed again for fourteen (14) days

If there are any empty seats for parties, the party leadership may choose how to use those votes.

- As House of Councilors:

A bill that receives Supported status from the House of Representatives must be approved by the House of Councilors before it is passed into legislature.

All members are required to vote on it merits.

Discussion may be held in a closed chamber.

Each member is required to vote once with either a pass, veto, amend or abstain vote.

Discussion before voting is allowed and even encouraged.

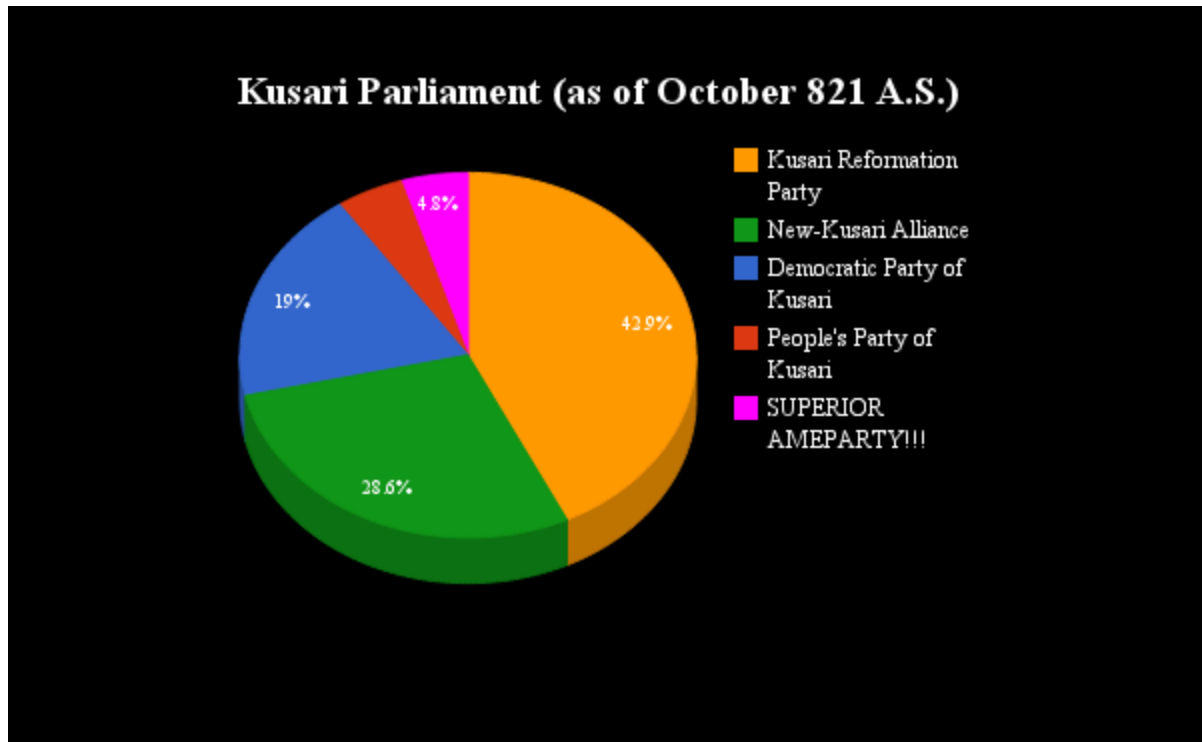
A timer will begin upon tabling the bill granting the lower house three (3) days to discuss and vote on the bill.

If the bill is passed it becomes legislation and will be announced to the people by the executive committee.

If the bill is vetoed it may be rejected outright or passed back to the the House of Representatives with amendments to be voted on by the House of Representatives as a new bill.

If the bill is to be amended a further period of three(3) days will be granted if needed for the bill to be returned to the House of Representatives.

Parties (As of October 2014):



Current Parties:

Democratic Party of Kusari (4)[19%]

Party Leader: TBA

Brief summary:

Kusari Reformation Party (9)[42.9%]

Party Leader: Manabu Yukimura - Markus_Janus

Brief summary: The KRP is focused on repairing the damage caused to Kusari in modern times, mostly blaming the DPK for its blatant attempts at changing Kusari to be more culturally devoid of decency.

The main precepts preached by the KRP are moral fortitude, respect for one's people, state and cultural tradition.

New-Kusari Alliance (6)[28.6%]

Political Alignment : National Democrats 0.0

Imperial Alignment : Moderate Democrats -0.5

Main Issues : Economic Liberalization, Government reform, Security, Sovereignty Expansion

Short Description : The New-Kusari Alliance, abbreviated as N-KA, is a Kusarian-Nationalist and democratic Party. It stands for a National Kusari who cares about his people.

Superior Ame Party (1)[4.8%]

Party Leader: Ame Chan - Ironwatsas

Brief summary: This is BEST PARTY since it AmeParty. AmeParty wants best thing for KusariPlace wat includes making AmeAme Empress, KILLING ALL BAKAS, Make Cabbages Contraband. Will SHOOT all giant pinatas wat pirate people on SpeedyRings.

People's Party of Kusari (1)[4.8%]

Party Leader: Minister for Negai Prefecture, Yoshi Ishigaki - Tabris

Brief summary: The People's Republic of Kusari is a small party which follows the ideology of Communism in order to bring equality to all and allow for a more united Kusari that takes care of the weak and poor.

Elections:

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All citizens of The Republic of Kusari are able to vote.

Changelog:

3/4/14 - 4 day time limit added to getting bills seconded

28/10/14 - Updated to reflect new election results