

Border Protection Act

Proposal #73 Border Protection Act was submitted to the [Senate of Yamatai](#) by the [Hoshi no Iori](#) senator in [YE 29](#). It was defeated with a vote of 2 Yay / 1 Abstain / 5 Nay.

Purpose

1. To protect the empire from the interests of enemies.
2. To promote the exploration of our own universe.

Proposal

1. All devices used for trans-universal travel must be immediately destroyed, except for a small reserve kept by the Star Army for emergency use.
2. The senate will develop borders and defensive system for Yamataian space in order to protect the Star Empire's territories.

Discussion

Much of the opposition about this proposal was the limitation on citizens from traveling between universes and the potential for abuse of any devices that could prohibit this movement. The strongest voices in opposition came from the representatives for [Xyainbor](#) and [Nataria](#). The main supporters for this bill were [Hoshi no Iori](#) and the representative for [Lor](#).

Xyainbor Opposition

Original opposition statement: Purpose 1 and Proposal 2 are workable, but it seems like Purpose 2 and Proposal 1 were just made in response to Senate [Proposal 72](#). Now I don't really think these corporations should be allowed to create armies, and maybe they should focus on this area before trying to branch out, but banning trans-universal travel is taking it too far. It seems like the border defense is trying to carry this trans-universal travel ban. I'd like to ask the senators from [Kohana](#) and [Elysia Novus](#) if they even read the portion about banning-no-destroying devices for trans-dimensional travel.

Realistically, the [Star Army of Yamatai](#) can basically destroy any enemies that encroach on its territories. Border defense might be nice, but if the price is destroying devices for trans-dimensional travel to create a border defense that's not even completely necessary, then I absolutely oppose this proposal.

Statement 2: This is utter foolishness.

First of all, people outside of corporations could be affected by this ban. Who are we to restrict their freedom of movement?

Second, I highly doubt that new corporations would be able to raise massive armies like [PNUgen Corporation](#) or conquering any neighboring universes. But I'm not saying it's impossible. It'd be much more fair to simply draft a set of rules for corporations to follow if they're expanding to other universes. Something like, "no use of force except in defense" and "no connection to the [YSA](#) should be apparent" and "any enemies a corporation makes is its own problem, and the [YSA](#) will not protect it in other universes."

Response to Hoshi no Iori: Well, if Star Army has this trans-universal travel negator, what's the threat? Enemies coming straight through the gates? As if the personnel on the other side couldn't hold them off? This could also go under a list of rules for universe-spanning corporations. "If the corporation leads enemies to an open trans-universal gate, Star Army reserves the right to prevent the enemies from entering this universe at any cost."

Also, what's the harm in restricting the technologies allowed to sell, so that the people of the other universe do not destroy themselves? If they're intelligent enough to buy and work the devices anyway, then I think it could be considered an insult to their intelligence to suggest that they don't know what they're doing and they'll kill themselves.

As for exploration and treaties, they could easily be prevented by new laws as well, without need of scaling back present technology.

Nataria Opposition

[Nataria](#) is in agreement with [Xyainbor](#)'s representative. We can see no reason for the destruction of trans-universal technology, or its reduction in application. We have allies in other universes, and close ties, as well as enemies, and cutting them off could have disastrous consequences.

In addition, good sirs, there is already a considerable exploration being enacted at this very moment, primarily in the South East corner. Expansion has never been greater, there is no need to provide an incentive to this travel in the form of limiting us to this universe alone.

Our borders are now, if not safe, becoming so. We have ships that can relocate to any part of the empire in but a few minutes, powerful border stations being made by [NovaCorp](#) which if spread around the borders as they were intended would serve the purpose of protecting them well.

In addition, I would wish to inquire which threat we are keeping out from our universe by not having trans-universal technology? It is not our technology that the enemy will use to get in, but their own. And which threat do we fear from the outside so much that we would wish to wall ourselves out completely?

What, for example, is the danger of having a trans-universal portal to [Ayenee](#)?

Hoshi no Iori Support

Response to opposition: We can't have corporations acting like they're countries and making treaties, doing exploration, and the like. Furthermore, trans-universal travel is something that should probably

have never existed to begin with.

Even if this proposal fails, [Hoshi no lori](#) will do its best to close and/or restrict the gates, so that none of our technology is spread to other universes (where they'll probably destroy themselves with it). We also don't want enemies to come back in.

Response to opposition: The [Star Army](#) is in possession of a device that can negate any transuniversal travel into our universe.

Why does [Nataria](#) care so much? The [Star Army](#) would still have access to the technology, if needed. The only people negatively affected by this would be upstart corporations and undeserving peoples of other universes.

Later, when our own domain is substantially more surveyed, we can reopen the gates.

Lor Support

Additionally, if any additional equipment is required to prevent breaches in our universe's protection, The [Lorath](#) would be glad to aid in researching defensive methods.

Currently our known area of the galaxy is only a small corner of the universe, to abandon our quest for knowledge and strength in this plane is to be ignorant to what we have in front of us.

As long as the promise of the gates being re-opened when exploration is completed or when the mysteries of the universe are uncovered, then there is no fear of running out of new frontiers of exploration.

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