

OPINION 994

TATURA BUTLER, [1888] (INSECTA, LEPIDOPTERA): DESIGNATION OF A TYPE-SPECIES UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers all fixations of type-species for the nominal genus *Tatura* Butler, [1888], are hereby set aside, and the nominal species *Hypolycaena lebona* Hewitson, [1865], is hereby designated to be type-species of that genus.

(2) The generic name *Tatura* Butler, [1888] (gender : feminine), type-species, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, *Hypolycaena lebona* Hewitson, [1865], is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1973.

(3) The specific name *lebona* Hewitson, [1865], as published in the binomen *Hypolycaena lebona* (type-species of *Tatura* Butler, [1888]) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2494

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1912)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Lt.-Col. C. F. Cowan in December 1969. The application was sent to the printer on 18 December 1969 and was published on 5 June 1970 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **27** : 63–64. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to eight entomological serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 19 February 1972 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (72)6 either for or against the proposal set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **27** : 64. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 10 May 1972 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twelve (12), received in the following order: Holthuis, Simpson, Eisenmann, Mayr, Bonnet, Sabrosky, Jaczewski, Melville, Tortonese, Forest, Binder, Ride.

Negative votes—three (3): Lemche, Vokes, Ride.

On Leave of absence—one (1): Munroe.

Voting Papers not returned—one (1): Alvarado.

Commissioners Kraus and Starobogatov returned late affirmative votes. The following comments were made by Commissioners returning negative votes:

Prof. H. E. Vokes (28.ii.72): I am inclined to agree with Cowan's para. 7 suggestion that use of the plenary powers is not warranted to save a name that is in jeopardy because of the original author's carelessness; and especially since it only has 'possible future subgeneric' status (para. 6).

Prof. P. Brinck (5.v.72): An affirmative vote would be to confuse a case which is so far quite simple. In my opinion the name should stay where it is: an invalid junior objective synonym.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

lebona, *Hypolycaena*, Hewitson, [1885], *Ill. diurn. Lep.*, *Lyc.* (2) : 51, pl. 23

Tatura Butler, [1888], *Proc. zool. Soc. Lond.* 1887(4) 9 572.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (72)6 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 994.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

7 September 1972



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