BILL REPORT SUMMARY
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Bills voted on this meeting:

S.B. 65-17  Texas A&M Personal Protection Bill

- Purpose of this bill is to remove the school discretion on concealed handgun policy and leave it up to the state's discretion to allow valid concealed handgun license (CHL) holders to carry inside building on campus at A&M
- No restrictions on residence halls, hospitals (Beutal), religious institutions, et cetera
- This bill calls for a written policy of A&M to allow persons with valid CHLs to be allowed to conceal carry inside buildings and confines on campus
- Also calls upon the state of Texas to change current law and allow CHL holders to conceal carry inside buildings and confines on campus

S.B. 65-20  The Hazelwood Act Bill

- Once someone using GI bill benefits runs out of benefits, they can apply for Hazelwood aid to cover him/her and their dependents
- Money for veterans not covered by the GI bill is made up by student tuition and fees
- This bill advocates for a reevaluation of Hazelwood Act funding, and for the benefits to come from the state and not students
- This bill does not cut funding, just finds alternate sources

S.B. 65-22  SEC Exchange Bill

- The SEC exchange is a conference for SGA that all SEC schools attend every year
- Last year was our first year to attend the conference and at the conference Jeff Pickering accepted the nomination of A&M as the host school for this year
- This bill gives the SEC Exchange Planning Committee the $2,191 they have requested
- The money would come from the SGA reserve account, which currently stands around $23,000
- The money they are asking for is only to get started on things that need to be bought or reserved now and to start their fund raising efforts, which is why they need the money now instead of asking after they have fund raised
- This cost is a one time cost, not a future annual cost as we are only hosting the conference this year