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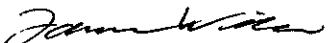
S.B. 64-52

The Student Senate
64th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Senator Scott Bowen, Engineering

Action Taken Passed
November 16, 2011

Certified By:


Tanner Wilson
Speaker of the Senate

New Business Consent Bill
Special Designation: Senate By-Law Bill

"A bill to save time during Senate meetings by placing items brought before the Senate for a first reading on the consent agenda."

Whereas(1): Meetings have now been regularly running past the unofficial 10:30 deadline; and,

Whereas(2): The consent agenda was created to save time on items that were not controversial; and,

Whereas(3): Items for new business have taken an inordinate amount of valuable meeting time; and,

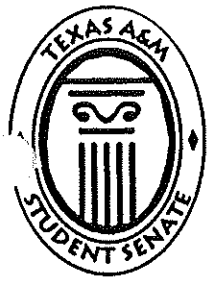
Whereas(4): Adding new business to consent agenda can save time while still allowing Senators to ask questions on bills they believe are controversial; and,

Whereas(5): No item for new business added to the consent agenda can be passed without a vote under this by-law change.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): The following subsection shall be added under Article VI, Section I (f) (1) (ii) of the Senate By-Laws, with all other subsections renumbered accordingly:



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- (iii) All bills being presented for first reading shall be placed on a consent agenda separate from the Consent Resolutions described in Subsection (f) (4). All items on this agenda shall be considered to have received a first reading. Consent items shall be considered such by unanimous consent. If at any time one or more Senators object to the bill being in consent form, the bill must be presented as described above; this presentation shall serve as a first reading. Under no circumstances shall any bill read on a consent agenda be passed without a vote, and no emergency legislation shall be placed on the consent agenda.