

The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 64-64

The Student Senate 64th Session Texas A&M University

Introduced By:

Senator Scott Bowen, Engineering

Chair Thomas McNutt, Student Services

Tyler Mandry, Engineering

Sean Barry, Southside

Action Taken

PASSED

February 8, 2012

Certified By:

Tanner Wilson

Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

Jeff Pickering

Student Body President

Ticket Pull Power Outage Bill

"A bill advocating that the University staff overnight ticket pull campouts to deal with power outages."

Whereas(1): On the weekend of November 5 and 6, several hundred students were camped in front of Kyle Field to pull tickets for the upcoming football game against t.u.; and,

Whereas(2): Many students had laptops or televisions attached to the outdoor power outlets, half of which were connected to a single breaker, which blew that night; and,

Whereas(3): When the Physical Plant's overnight hotline was called, students were told that no one was on call to reset the breaker and restore power, and that the individuals in charge of Kyle Field maintenance had previously met and made a deliberate decision not to restore power in that circumstance; and,

Whereas(4): The students camped in front of Kyle Field who were affected by the outage went without electricity for the remainder of the weekend. Several street lights also lost power, and at least one emergency blue light phone was not operational; and,

Whereas(5): Every student at Texas A&M pays a \$60 per semester energy fee.



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

Senate Bill

S.B. 64-64 - Page 2 of 2

Further Certified By: James

Tanner B. Wilson

Speaker of the Senate

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1):

That it is the opinion of the students of Texas A&M University that the power outage in front of Kyle Field was not dealt with properly, and that the deliberate inaction of the University in this situation inconvenienced hundreds of students

and may have presented a threat to safety; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted(2):

That in future situations in which high volumes of campers are expected in front of Kyle Field, the University should either assign a staff member to reset the breakers, or deputize one of the many security personnel on site during the night

to see to it that power remains on; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted(3):

That this legislation be sent to Texas A&M Athletic Fields Manager Leo Goertz.

Athletic Director Bill Byrne, Vice President for Administration Rodney

McClendon, Interim Senior Associate Vice President for Facilities James Massey,

and University President R. Bowen Loftin within five (5) days of passage.