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A BILL

TO AMEND ARTICLE II THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS A SUB-SECTION F
UNDER SECTION 7 OF ARTICLE III, LEGISLATIVE BRANCH AFFAIRS, TO ALLOW FOR A
SPECIAL VETO OVERRIDE SESSION SHOULD LEGISLATION BE VETOED AFTER A
REGULAR SESSION HAS BEEN ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

PARAGRAPH 1:        WHEREAS, LEGISLATION IS PASSED EVEN AT THE LAST
                    MEETING OF ANY REGULAR SESSION; AND

PARAGRAPH 2:        WHEREAS, THIS LEGISLATION DESERVES THE FULL SYSTEM OF
                    CHECKS & BALANCES; AND

PARAGRAPH 3:        WHEREAS, A REGULAR SESSION MUST END AT A SPECIFIED DATE
                    TO ALLOW TIME FOR AN ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION; AND

PARAGRAPH 4:        WHEREAS, THIS ADJOURNMENT UNFAIRLY GRANTS THE
                    EXECUTIVE BRANCH AN UNSTOPPABLE VETO POWER THAT THE
                    LEGISLATIVE BRANCH CANNOT CURRENTLY CHECK; AND

PARAGRAPH 5:        WHEREAS, THE SYSTEM OF CHECKS & BALANCES IS ESSENTIAL
                    TO THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS.

PARAGRAPH 6:        WHEREAS, THE FOLLOWING TEXT SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE
                    STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS:
                    
                    ARTICLE III, SECTION 7, SUB-SECTION F
                    "IF LEGISLATION IS VETOED, BUT THE SENATE SESSION THAT
                    PASSED SAID LEGISLATION HAS ADJOURNED SINE DIE, THE
                    SENATE MAY RECONVENE WITH THE MEMBERSHIP FROM THAT
                    LAST MEETING OF THE REGULAR SESSION ONCE AND ONLY ONCE
                    FOR ONLY THE STATED PURPOSE OF OVERRIDING SAID VETO.
                    THE AGENDA SHALL BE: ROLL CALL; PUBLIC INPUT; VETO
                    CONSIDERATION; PETITIONS, MEMORIALS, & OTHER
                    COMMUNICATIONS; & ADJOURNMENT."

PARAGRAPH 7:        WHEREAS, THIS OVERRIDE SESSION MUST TAKE PLACE WITHIN
                    5 SCHOOL DAYS OF THE VETO.

PARAGRAPH 8:        WHEREAS, THIS OVERRIDE SESSION IS INDEPENDENT OF THE
                    SUBSEQUENT ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION, AND MAY OCCUR ON THE
                    SAME DAY AS SAID ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION MEETING.

PARAGRAPH 9:        WHEREAS, AS THIS IS A CONTINUATION OF AN EARLIER SESSION
                    AND NOT A NEW SESSION, PREVIOUS MEMBERS WHOSE SEATS HAVE
                    BEEN TERMINATED OR WHO HAVE SINCE CHANGED BRANCHES
                    SHALL RETAIN THEIR VOTING RIGHT.
THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE THAT A SUB-SECTION F BE ADDED UNDER SECTION 7 OF ARTICLE II OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT BYLAWS TO ALLOW FOR A SPECIAL VETO OVERRIDE SESSION SHOULD LEGISLATION BE VETOED AFTER A REGULAR SESSION HAS BEEN ADJOURED SINE DIE.

This bill shall take effect upon passage by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the LSU Student Senate and signature by the President, upon lapse of time for presidential action, or if vetoed by the President and subsequently approved by the Senate, on the date of such approval.

APPROVED:

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Ben Clark                     J. Colorado Robertson
Student Senate Speaker       Student Body President

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