

TENATIVE SGA Bill 05-10-F

A Bill to amend Article IX of the SGA Bylaws, relative to renaming the article and allowing for the use of ‘unanimous consent’ on certain motions;

Whereas: renaming Article IX would make the Bylaws and the aforesaid article more flexible for future legislation; and,

Whereas: allowing the use of ‘unanimous consent’ would allow meetings to run in a smoother, faster, more efficient pace; now,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 73RD CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1: Article IX of the SGA Bylaws, which is designated as the “Introduction and Debate of Bills”, is hereby redesignated as “Legislation and Procedures”.

Section 2: A new section 3 of Article IX of the SGA Bylaws shall be created, which shall read as follows:

Section 3: Unanimous consent may be asked by any member of the senate for any motion allowed under this section. Such a motion shall be styled as “without objection, I move...” (or other like language). Such a motion does not require a second, but merely that no member of the senate rises in objection or objects to the motion. An objection to the motion may be shown by any member of the senate rising (standing) or saying “I object” or “I object to the motion”. If there is an objection to the motion, the motion shall then require a second and favorable passage in accordance with applicable procedures. If there is no objection to such motion, the Speaker or chairperson shall say “without objection, so ordered” or other like language.

A. Unanimous consent may be use on the following motion:

- a. Open, close, or limit (or extend) the time of debate;
- b. Call the question (or previous question);
- c. Lay on (or take from) the table;
- d. Forego the reading of the minutes;
- e. Withdraw a motion (by the person making the original motion);
- f. To reconsider (if made by the prevailing side);

B. Unanimous consent may not be used for the direct passage of any legislation or any other motion not listed in this section.

Section 3: This bill shall take immediate effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

Sponsored by: Senator Burks

Speaker of the Senate

SGA President

VP of Student Affairs