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SB62-12/13: Amending House Rules

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Resolution Amending House Rules  
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Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) has a vested interest in timely ASUM Senate meetings;  

Whereas, roll call votes can be unnecessary for routine resolutions that often pass by near unanimity;  

Whereas, roll call votes are vital to the student body for knowing which Senators and Executives support divisive issues;  

Whereas, students who wish to know which Senators vote which way on resolutions can urge Senators to call a roll call vote on resolutions they are interested in;  

Whereas, ASUM should update its by-laws and policies to suit a changing organization;  

Whereas, Article 1, Section 2, Subsection K of ASUM House Rules states:  

The final vote on all resolutions voted on by the ASUM Senate requires a roll call vote unless approved by unanimous consent.  

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article 1, Section 2, Subsection K of ASUM House Rules shall be amended to state:  

Unless approved by unanimous consent, the final vote on all resolutions voted on by the ASUM Senate shall be initially by a show of hands or other physical indication. If a vote does not obviously appear to pass by a two-thirds majority of members present, the vote shall immediately go into a roll call vote. The vote of each member of the Senate shall be included in the minutes for a roll call vote; otherwise, the minutes shall indicate the distribution or approximate distribution of final votes.  

Passed by Committee: _____________________________, 2013  

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Damara Simpson,  
Relations and Affairs Chair  

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Bryn Hagfors,  
Chair of the Senate