

HB 807 -- OFFICIAL STATE WATERWAY

SPONSOR: Wilson (130)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Tourism by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill designates the Missouri River as the official state waterway.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the Missouri River was chosen because it shares our state's name and provides water to more than 50% of the state. The river reflects our history and culture because Lewis and Clark began their expedition of the territory gained from the Louisiana Purchase on this river. The river travels across the state, passing directly in front of the State Capitol and has been critical for transportation and economic development throughout Missouri's history.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Wilson (130); Dylan Graber; and Sean Wilson.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.