

HCS HB 306 -- OFFICIAL STATE DOG DESIGNATIONS

SPONSOR: Hoskins

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 22 to 0.

This substitute designates the dog known as "Old Drum" as the official state historical dog whose death became the subject of an 1870 Missouri Supreme Court case with a famous speech as the closing argument in the case known as the "Eulogy to Old Drum."

Jim the Wonder Dog is designated as the official state wonder dog. Jim the Wonder Dog was a Llewellyn setter and champion hunting dog that could amazingly carry out commands in any language, including morse code and sign language. Jim the Wonder Dog also accurately predicted the winner of seven Kentucky Derbies, the World Series and the gender of unborn babies. As the only animal buried in the Ridge Park Cemetery in the City of Marshall, the grave of Jim the Wonder Dog is the most visited grave in the cemetery.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will help promote tourism and the state's history. The "Eulogy to Old Drum" coined the phrase "Man's Best Friend."

Testifying for the bill were Representative Hoskins; and Donald Butterfield.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.