

HCS HB 340 -- DAYLIGHT SAVING AS THE NEW STANDARD TIME PACT

SPONSOR: Johnson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Emerging Issues in Agriculture by a vote of 9 to 3.

This substitute establishes the Daylight Saving as the New Standard Time Pact consisting of this state and any other state desiring to abstain from observation of daylight saving time. The substitute exempts all areas of the state from the federal daylight saving time provisions.

In the year in which at least 20 states have passed legislation entering those states into the pact, each state will switch clocks to daylight saving for the last time and daylight saving time will be eliminated.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the reasons for implementing daylight saving times vary depending on the sources. One of the most cited reasons for daylight saving time is energy efficiency; however, the federal National Bureau of Standards has stated that daylight saving time has no impact on energy savings.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Johnson.

OPPONENTS: Opponents say that the bill will put a hardship on Missouri television stations, especially if the whole central time zone did not participate in the pact. The stations that broadcast in more than one state, such as the Kansas City and St. Louis television stations, would also have programs airing at the wrong times in portions of their viewing area due to the one hour time difference.

Testifying against the bill was Missouri Broadcasters Association.