SB 265 -- PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

SPONSOR: Nieves (Rowland)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Committee on Downsizing State Government by a vote of 8 to 2.

This bill prohibits the State of Missouri and all political subdivisions from adopting or implementing policy recommendations that infringe or restrict private property rights without due process as may be required by policy recommendations originating in or traceable to Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations, or any other international law or ancillary plan of action that conflicts with the Constitution of the United States or the Missouri Constitution. Agenda 21 is a non-binding action plan regarding sustainable development adopted by the United Nations in 1992 at its Conference on Environment and Development.

The State of Missouri and all political subdivisions are also prohibited from entering into any agreement with, expending any sum of money for, receiving funds from, contracting services from, or giving financial aid to nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations as defined in Agenda 21.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill allows for due process as it pertains to private property rights.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Nieves; and Missouri Family Network.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.