

HCR 71 -- JUDICIARY

SPONSOR: Riggs

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This resolution urges the Missouri Congressional delegation to lend its influence to the cause of access to justice for all Missourians within the federal court system by renewing the commitment to keeping the Hannibal Federal Building operational with the proper and consistent allocation of resources and assignment of staff.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the Northern Division has not received any new magistrates nor courthouses even though other places have received those. They see mostly bankruptcy cases, and there are not a lot of cases heard there so local people sometimes have to travel for hours for their cases. A number of people in that area would love to see this happen. There has been lots of support to keep the Hannibal federal building open and functional. There is a concern that, with the new US senators coming in, no one will be as committed to keeping it open. There is no AUSA serving there permanently.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Riggs; Arnie C. Ac Dienoff-State Public Advocate; Louis J. Leonatti; Terrell Dempsey; Vicki Dempsey; Andy Briscoe.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.