

HCS HB 1209 -- OFFICIAL STATE DINOSAUR

SPONSOR: Jetton

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 18 to 0.

This substitute names the *Hypsibema missouriensis* as the official state dinosaur.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that several other states have a state dinosaur, but the one selected for the bill is special to Missouri. Designating a state dinosaur will have beneficial effects on tourism and education.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Jetton; Guy Darrough; Keir and Richard McIntosh; and Eva Dunn, Bollinger County Natural History Museum.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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