

HB 224 -- OFFICIAL STATE RIFLE

SPONSOR: Boyd

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 2.

This bill designates the Hawken rifle, a muzzle-loading rifle first manufactured in St. Louis, as the official state rifle of the state of Missouri.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the Hawken rifle is a muzzle-loading rifle that was widely used on the prairies and in the Rocky Mountains of the United States during the early frontier days. The Hawken rifle was revolutionary and was invented and manufactured in Missouri. People from all around the world collect Hawken rifles.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Boyd; Abate For Missouri; Paul Fennewald; Arthur J. Russel; Brian Flowers; and Kyle Carroll.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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