

HB 1642 -- HOLIDAY NAMES

SPONSOR: Cunningham (145)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on General Laws by a vote of 4 to 1.

This bill requires state agencies, public schools, public colleges and universities, and political subdivisions to use the traditional names of holidays. The traditional names include, but are not limited to, "New Year's Day," "Martin Luther King Jr Day," "Lincoln's Birthday," "Washington's Birthday," "Easter," "Truman Day," "Memorial Day," "Fourth of July" or "Independence Day," "Labor Day," "Columbus Day," "Veterans Day," "Thanksgiving Day," "Hanukkah," "Christmas," and "Kwanzaa."

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will preserve the use of traditional holiday names.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Cunningham (145).

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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