

HB 576 -- OFFICIAL STATE GAME BIRD

SPONSOR: Cooper (120)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill designates the bobwhite quail as the official state game bird.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2008, FY 2009, and FY 2010.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bobwhite quail is found in every Missouri county and making it the official state game bird will bring it more recognition. They hope that increased recognition will encourage people to develop more habitats for the quail which will increase its numbers. Although quail is not an endangered species, their numbers are dwindling.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Cooper (120).

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.