HB 981 -- COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SPONSOR: Rowden

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 10 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Governments by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill specifies that it must not constitute a conflict of interest for a county commissioner to participate or vote on a budget request from a board or commission on which he or she has a duty to serve.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill does not change the conflict of interest rules, but clarifies the position taken by the state extension council.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rowden and Tony DeLong, University Of Missouri Extension.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.