

HB 28 -- DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

SPONSOR: Pike

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the House Consent and House Procedure Committee by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill designates the month of November as "Diabetes Awareness Month" and encourages Missourians to participate in appropriate activities and events to increase awareness of diabetes.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the prevalence of diabetes in Missouri is above the national average with over 650,000 Missourians having diabetes. This bill would bring awareness to the disease and some lifestyle changes that may help stop or delay onset of diabetes.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Pike; Corey Scott; John Miller, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation; Patricia Miller, Missouri State Alliance of YMCAs; Alyson Harder, Health Nevada; Missouri Optometric Association; and Carolyn Amacher, American Diabetes Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.