HB 200 -- COUNTY BUDGETS

SPONSOR: Fraker

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Local Government by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass Consent" by the Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill removes the expiration date for the authority of counties to decrease their annual budgets under certain delineated circumstances.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the expiration date was included originally to make sure that this authorization was not abused by the counties, and it has not been, so it is appropriate to remove it.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Fraker; the County Commissioners Association Of Missouri; Missouri Association Of Counties; County Collectors Association of Missouri; and the Recorders Association Of Missouri.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.