

SCS SBs 999 & 1000 -- HIGHWAY DESIGNATIONS

SPONSOR: Rowden (Justus)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill designates the portion of Interstate 70 from Rangeline Street continuing west to Business Loop 70 in Boone County as the "Highway Patrol Sgt. Benjamin Booth Memorial Highway" and the portion of Interstate 70 from the eastern edge of the intersection of U.S. Highway 63 and Interstate 70 continuing west to Rangeline Street in Boone County as the "Sheriff Roger I. Wilson Memorial Highway."

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would designate two stretches of Interstate 70 for members of law enforcement who gave the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of this state. Sergeant Booth and Sheriff Wilson were killed during a road blockade while trying to apprehend bank robbery suspects in 1933. Sergeant Booth was the first patrolmen shot and killed in the line of duty in the state.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Rowden; Missouri Sheriff's Association; Missouri Troopers Association; and Sandra K. Karsten, State Highway Patrol.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.