

HCS HB 813 -- LAND CONVEYANCE

SPONSOR: Veit

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Standing Committee on Corrections and Public Institutions by a vote of 8 to 1. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules-Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill authorizes the Governor to sell, transfer, grant, convey, remise, release, and forever quitclaim all interest in specific property, described in the bill, along with an easement, located in Cole County, Missouri.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this is about economic development and transportation. Missouri has a great asset known as the rivers and can develop the rivers and be the expressway of the Midwest. Developing the rivers would also take vehicles off the roadways. This legislation would allow the Governor to transfer the land to the Port Authority of Missouri. It also provides great potential for jobs. There does need to be more planning completed after the feasibility study, so there needs to be more money. The hope is to get this completed in 10 years; most ports take between five and 10 years to develop fully.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Veit; J. Rick Mihalevich; and the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.