

HB 2082 -- FOX TROTTER WEEK

SPONSOR: Eslinger

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill designates the first full week in September of each year as "Fox Trotter Week" and encourages citizens to recognize our state horse which originated in the Ozarks and is known to cowboys and ranchers for its comfort and reliability.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the Association has a packed week full of recognition and activities every year and this official designation would help them further promote the breed and the events.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Eslinger and Missouri Foxtrotting Horse Breed Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the Division of Tourism does not take positions on these bills, but always likes to do their part to learn about the activities going on in the state and putting them on the tourism calendar.

Testifying on the bill was Missouri Department of Economic Development.