

HB 2320 -- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT CAPITAL OF MISSOURI

SPONSOR: Seitz

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- Regulatory Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill designates Branson as the "Live Entertainment Capital" of Missouri.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that Branson is known as a tourism destination all across the country. Recognizing Branson as the Entertainment Capital of Missouri would be an economic driver for not only the city of Branson but the entire state of Missouri.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Seitz; Monica Evinger, Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau; and the City of Branson.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that this would be picking winners and losers and this could put other communities at a disadvantage.

Testifying in person against the bill was Arnie C. Dienoff.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.