

HB 2491 -- MISSOURI TRAILS DAY

SPONSOR: Sassmann

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass- Consent" by the Standing Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill designates the first Saturday in June each year as "Missouri Trails Day" and encourages citizens to participate in events and activities to experience and explore trails across the State.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that Missouri is home to many wonderful trails throughout the State, including the longest Rails-to-Trails trail in the Nation, the Katy Trail. This bill would set aside a day each year to celebrate the wonderful trails in the State.

Testifying in person for the bill were Representative Sassmann; Sierra Club Missouri Chapter; Conservation Federation of Missouri; and Joseph M. Wiegand.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say the General Assembly proposes new holidays each year and needs to prioritize which recognitions are important. There are too many for each to be recognized.

Testifying in person on 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.