

SB 991 -- OFFICIAL STATE DESSERT

SPONSOR: Loudon (Schlottach)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 12 to 0.

This bill designates the ice cream cone as the official state dessert.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the ice cream cone was invented in Missouri and designating it as our official state dessert will bring notoriety from around the nation. It will help tourism and could possibly lead to an annual ice cream cone festival in Forrest Park, where it was invented for the 1904 World's Fair.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Loudon; and Elise Kostial.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.