

SCS SB 127 -- MATH, ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE WEEK

SPONSOR: Rupp (Funderburk)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Homeland Security by a vote of 11 to 0.

This substitute requires the Governor to issue an annual proclamation designating the first week of March as "Math, Engineering, Technology and Science (METS) Week." The proclamation must recommend observance of the week through activities that increase community awareness and interest in METS programs and promote METS careers statewide to advance Missouri's workforce. The substitute also recommends that the week be observed with appropriate activities in public schools.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2010, FY 2011, and FY 2012.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that having strong math and science skills is crucial to the strength of our country. Employers want a workforce educated on these subjects.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Rupp; Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce; and Missouri Society of Professional Engineers.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.