

HB 1197 -- TURNER SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

SPONSOR: Elmer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Tourism and Natural Resources by a vote of 19 to 0.

This bill designates the month of February as "Turner Syndrome Awareness Month" in Missouri. Turner Syndrome only occurs in females and is caused by a chromosomal abnormality that results in all or part of one of the X chromosomes being absent. The physical abnormalities caused include short stature, swelling, broad chest, low hairline, low-set ears, and webbed necks. The bill encourages Missouri citizens to participate in activities and events to increase awareness of the characteristics, diagnosis, and treatment of Turner Syndrome.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that say that the bill brings awareness to a syndrome that affects many females in Missouri. Turner Syndrome is not a commonly known abnormality and the bill promotes awareness of the syndrome.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Elmer.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.