

HB 1804 -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON MISSOURI'S ENERGY FUTURE

SPONSOR: Riddle

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Rules by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill changes the laws regarding the Joint Committee on Missouri's Energy Future by extending indefinitely the existence of the committee which was to be dissolved by December 31, 2009. Beginning January 1, 2015, the committee must examine Missouri's present and future energy needs to determine the best strategy to ensure a plentiful, affordable, and clean supply of electricity that will meet the needs of Missouri for the next 50 years and ensure that Missourians continue to benefit from low rates. The committee must submit a report to the General Assembly on its recommendations for any necessary legislative action by December 31, 2015, and by December 31 in each odd-numbered year thereafter.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that looking at the future of energy in Missouri is a good idea. This committee was dissolved in 2009. Reauthorizing it will provide Missouri with a good foundation for discussion about the many types of energy generation in the state in the future.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Riddle and Missouri Energy Development Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.