

HB 123 with HCA 1 -- OFFICIAL STATE GAME ANIMAL

SPONSOR: McGaugh

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 11 to 0. Voted "Return to Committee of Origin" by the Select Committee on Rules by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill designates the "white-tailed deer" as the official game animal of the state.

HCA 1: Changes from official game animal to official big game animal

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the deer hunting industry is over a \$1 billion industry in the state. This bill would recognize the importance of the white-tailed deer to the economy of Missouri.

Testifying for the bill was Representative McGaugh.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.