

HB 2237 -- UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION

SPONSOR: Rowden

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on Education by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill specifies that it shall not be a conflict of interest for any county commissioner to discuss any matters, including budget matters, of any board or commission on which the commissioner serves, including the University of Missouri Extension Council.

In addition, any member of the University of Extension Council may obtain financing in his or her own name for any real or personal property and that such financing shall not be a debt of the university.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say this bill will move county commissions forward on several fronts. Commissioners, as a function of statute and in the form of county representatives, serve on several different boards within their counties. This allows them to vote on budget requests from those boards without creating a conflict of interest.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rowden; Tony DeLong, University Of Missouri Extension Council; Thomas A. Henderson, University Of Missouri Extension; and County Commission Association Of Missouri.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.