

HB 2480 -- YIELD TAX ON FORESTRY PRODUCTS

SPONSOR: Rhoads

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Conservation and Natural Resources by a vote of 7 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Rules- Administrative Oversight Committee by a vote of 2 to 0.

Currently, any timber cut on land classified as forest cropland is subject to a yield tax of 6%. This bill repeals the yield tax on forestry products.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the State Forestry Law was passed in the 1940's to encourage good forest management by offering reduced property taxes for those who participate in the programs. The yield tax is a disincentive for private landowners to participate in the Department of Conservation's program and this bill would repeal the yield tax.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Rhoads; Missouri Department of Conservation; and the Missouri Forest Product Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.