

HCS SS SB 210 -- STATE EMBLEMS

SPONSOR: May

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Special Committee on Tourism by a vote of 6 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill designates the following state emblems:

- 1) The pappaw tree the state fruit tree of Missouri (Section 10.105, RSMo);
- 2) The "Show Me" tartan as the official tartan (Section 10.190); and
- 3) The hellbender salamander the state endangered species (Section 10.200).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the endangered hellbender salamander and pawpaw tree are both unique to a limited part of the United States, so we should recognize these unique natural resources.

Testifying for the bill were Senator May; Saint Louis Zoo Association; Cameron Gehlert; The Nature Conservancy & Conservation Federation Of Missouri; Missouri Coalition For The Environment; and the Sierra Club.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.