

SCR 3 -- PORNOGRAPHY

SPONSOR: Emery

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Judiciary by a vote of 11 to 4. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 7 to 2.

This concurrent resolution recognizes pornography as leading to individual and social harms and recognizes the need for education, prevention, research, and policy change at the community and societal levels

This resolution is the same as SCR 52 (2018).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that there is universal availability of pornography on the internet, which kids have access to. The average age of exposure is 11 to 12 years old, and this can lead to problematic sexual behavior and lower self-esteem. This can also potentially negatively affect brain development similar to addiction. There are 16 other states that have passed resolutions like this one.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Emery; Concerned Women For America of Missouri; and National Decency Coalition.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.