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REPRESENTATIVE ERIC CROFT

Memorandum

TO: Representative Bruce Weyhrauch
Chair House State Affairs Committee

FROM: Representative Eric Croft

DATE: January 23, 2004

RE: House Bill 237, House Concurrent Resolution 15

I respectfully request that House Bill 237 and House Concurrent Resolution 15 be scheduled for a hearing in the House State Affairs Committee at your earliest possible convenience. Because the resolution and the bill address the same issue, please schedule them together for the benefit of the committee and those who may wish to testify on both proposals. I have attached a sponsor statement and public support for this proposed legislation.

Thank you.





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Sponsor Statement HCR 15 and HB 237

These two pieces of legislation eliminate committee bills and allow only individual legislators and the Governor to introduce legislation.

Currently, a committee can introduce a bill if a majority of the committee votes to do so, and the Governor can introduce legislation through the rules committee. This process is unnecessary and often confuses members of the public. HCR 15 and HB 237 will streamline the process and make it more transparent to voters.

Many times voters assume that all members of a committee support or are co-sponsors of a committee bill from their committee even if some of the members oppose or are undecided about the bill. These two pieces of legislation allow individual members to take ownership of ideas that are good enough to be introduced as bills while giving voters a clear idea of who is sponsoring each bill that is introduced.

HCR 15 and HB 237 are important tools in helping the public better understand and participate in the legislative process.



Please help restore faith in our political process by passing SB 167 and SCR 8 out of the Senate so the House will have time to do the same prior to session end.

Thank you.

Signed: Mike McBride

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