

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29 [SCR 29]**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service collects and publishes information on the prices and inventories of rice; and

WHEREAS, this information is used for estimations of farm income and determinations of government program payments to farmers; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to the rice industry that the estimations of farm income and determinations of government program payments more accurately reflect the current market prices and stocks of rice:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby request that the United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service add the dates of June 1 and September 1 as additional reporting dates to the "Agricultural Statistics Board" calendar to more accurately reflect prices and stocks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the United States Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, and to each member of Missouri's Congressional delegation.

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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31 [SCR 31]**

WHEREAS, Chamois, Missouri, is a community located along the Missouri River in northern Osage County which has no means to cross the river except by way of bridges located approximately 45 miles to the west and 30 miles to the east; and

WHEREAS, the people who live in Chamois incur increasingly high costs using present routes in order to reach destinations on the north side of the Missouri River for employment, recreation, and business; and

WHEREAS, people who live on the north side of the Missouri River are equally restricted from accessing destinations on the south side of the Missouri River, respectively; and

WHEREAS, locating a ferryboat on the Missouri River at Chamois would allow residents on both sides to cross the River, reducing travel times and travel costs, provide a safer route, and conserve fuel; and

WHEREAS, locating a ferryboat at Chamois would establish the only reported ferry on the Missouri River and would thereby promote Journal of the Senate 268 tourism on both sides of the River by attracting more visitors to the area and creating a driving destination for tourists visiting such communities as Hermann, Fulton, and Jefferson City; and

WHEREAS, locating a ferryboat at Chamois would likewise give residents on the south side of the River access to the Katy Trail located on the north side of the River; and

WHEREAS, numerous organizations have endorsed the ferryboat at Chamois, including but not limited to the Hermann Area Chamber of Commerce, the Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce, the county commissions for Osage and Callaway counties, the City of Mokane, the City of Chamois, and the Missouri Division of Tourism; and

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WHEREAS, the promoters of the ferryboat at Chamois have requested federal and state funding for the project:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby express support for the Chamois ferryboat and urge the Missouri Department of Economic Development and the Missouri Department of Transportation, along with other state agencies and the Missouri Congressional Delegation, to assist in securing moneys for locating and construction of the ferryboat; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for Governor Matt Blunt, Gregory A. Steinhoff, the Director of the Department of Economic Development, Peter Rahn, the Director of the Missouri Department of Transportation, and each member of the Missouri Congressional Delegation.

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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39 [SCS SCR 39]**

WHEREAS, public and teaching hospitals in Missouri serve as an integral part of the safety net system in this state. Major teaching hospitals account for approximately twenty-five percent of all Medicaid discharges; and

WHEREAS, currently there are thirty-three teaching hospitals and mental health centers in Missouri receiving graduate medical education funds. Such funding is used to train cardiologists, oncologists, neurologists, pediatricians, and numerous other types of physicians; and

WHEREAS, such hospitals are recognized for offering the most advanced and state-of-the-art services. Therefore, such training for the future health care workforce is an important and critical policy objective for this state; and

WHEREAS, such public and teaching hospitals are concerned about proposed regulations from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services asserting that the federal Medicaid program lacks statutory authority to match payments for direct graduate medical education and activities. Such a rule change represents a significant reversal of long-standing Medicaid policy; and

WHEREAS, the State of Missouri will annually lose between 65 and 70 million dollars in lost federal funding starting May 25, 2008, should the rule take effect; and

WHEREAS, Truman Medical Center, in particular, is concerned that the proposed regulations would narrow the definition of "public" so that many current public hospitals, including Truman Medical Center, would no longer qualify as public for purposes of providing the local match required to obtain federal Medicaid funds. Initial estimates of the impact to Truman Medical Center are that it would exceed \$37 million in lost Medicaid funding; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives is considering extending the proposed rule by one year until May 25, 2009, prohibiting implementation of the proposed rule on Medicaid match for direct graduate medical education:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby request that the Missouri Congressional delegation ask the Centers

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for Medicare and Medicaid Services to withdraw this rule or delay implementation until May 25, 2009; and Journal of the Senate 732

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution to each member of Missouri's Congressional delegation and to the administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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