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LOG CABIN DAY

House Bill 4673 as introduced
First Analysis (5-4-89)

Sponsor: Rep. Lad S. Stacey
Committee: Forestry and Minerals

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THE APPARENT PROBLEM:

On June 28, 1987, in part as an observance of the Michigan sesquicentennial, a group of people in Berrien County offered a tour of log cabins and homes. The event's popularity was such that a second log cabin day was held on the last Sunday of June 1988 at fifteen locations across the state. People could tour log cabins, observe craft demonstrations, listen to folk music, and participate in traditional games. Shortly after the second log cabin day, the Log Cabin Society of Michigan was formed to promote and organize log cabin day as an annual event. While the first two log cabin days were commemorated by legislative resolutions, the society now seeks legislation to formalize the event in statute, thus lending it additional permanency and stature.

THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:

The bill would create a new public act to designate the last Sunday in June of each year as "log cabin day."

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

Fiscal information is not available. (5-3-89)

ARGUMENTS:

For:

Log cabins occupy a special place in Michigan history, as they do in the history of this country. Log cabins have been celebrated in folklore and serve as symbols of the pioneering past. The sites of nineteenth century originals and twentieth century reproductions are ideal places to hold festivals celebrating not only log cabins, but other aspects of pioneer life and folklife in general. The success of the past two years' log cabin days attest to this. The bill recognizes the significance of log cabins by designating log cabin day in statute; by doing so, the bill aids the efforts to maintain and expand on the folklife festivals of the past two years.

POSITIONS:

The Log Cabin Society of Michigan supports the bill.
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