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Restore Sound Money in Missouri with SB 25, HB 433, SB 194, and HB 630

Members of the Missouri General Assembly are seeking to enact legislation helping restore sound money and enforce the U.S. Constitution's monetary provisions.

Senate Bill No. 25 (<u>SB 25</u>) and House Bill No. 433 (<u>HB 433</u>), titled the Constitutional Money Act, are respectively sponsored by Senator Mike Moon (R-Ash Grove) and Representative Bill Hardwick (R-Waynesville). Additionally, Senate Bill No. 194 (<u>SB 194</u>) and House Bill No. 630 (<u>HB 630</u>), which have the same title, are sponsored by Senator Rick Brattin (R-Lamar) and Representative Michael Davis (R-Kansas City).

SB 25 and HB 433 would officially recognize gold and silver coins as legal tender. SB 194 would do the same, plus ban state agencies from accepting a central bank digital currency as payment. HB 630 would also recognize gold and silver as legal tender, and require the state to establish gold and silver reserves.

The Constitutional Money Act was attached to HB 754, which was <u>sent to the governor</u> for his signature or veto.

These bills are a <u>great first step</u> toward enforcing the Constitution's monetary provisions. <u>Article I, Section 10</u>, of the U.S. Constitution plainly states that "No State shall...make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts." It's long overdue that states begin to enforce this provision once again.

Additionally, these bills are <u>important steps toward nullifying</u> the unconstitutional <u>Federal Reserve</u>, which has a monopoly on money, and also reducing Missouri's financial dependence on the federal government. They will also help Missouri avoid the federal government's planned "<u>Central Bank Digital Currencies</u>," which severely threaten privacy and individual freedom.

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<u>Article VI</u> of the U.S. Constitution obligates state officials to uphold the Constitution and nullify all laws not "made in Pursuance" of it. Officials at all levels of government must push back against the federal government's many unconstitutional laws and agencies, and robustly enforce the Constitution and only those laws "made in Pursuance thereof." SB 25, HB 433, SB 194, and HB 630 are excellent models for other states to follow.

Urge your state representative and senator to support SB 25, HB 433, SB 194, and HB 630, and to fully restore sound money in Missouri.