

## **Missouri Cattlemen's Association News**

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### **Missouri Cattlemen's Association stands against the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009**

(Columbia, MO) – Missouri Cattlemen's Association applauds Missouri's U.S. House of Representatives that voted against H.R.-2454, the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, which unfortunately passed by a vote of 219 to 212. Those representatives who voted against the bill include Rep. Todd Akin, Rep. Roy Blunt, Rep. Jo Ann Emerson, Rep. Sam Graves, and Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer.

MCA remains concerned that the changes in policy regarding Climate Change Legislation severely hamper agriculture and business, placing them at an economic disadvantage to foreign competitors. This 1200+ page bill could raise taxes and production costs on an agricultural industry already under economic pressure.

Steve Willard, president of Missouri Cattlemen's Association said, "Our members are under severe economic pressure, and we don't need more costs heaped on their backs at this time."

The next step for the Climate Change Bill will be the U.S. Senate, where it is expected to undergo increased scrutiny later this summer.

MCA is concerned that many legislators did not fully comprehend the impact passing this bill will have on agriculture.

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The Missouri Cattlemen's Association was initiated in 1911 and is dedicated to improving profitability of Missouri's cattle industry. MCA will work tirelessly to promote, preserve and protect the future of our great cattle industry and the people who depend on us. To join, contact MCA at 573-499-9162 or at [www.mocattle.com](http://www.mocattle.com).