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Senator Scott T. Rupp Files Legislation Calling For Federal Rejection of U.N. "Rights of the Child" Treaty American parental rights could be trumped by government

JEFFERSON CITY -- In another effort to protect the American family, Sen. Scott T. Rupp (R-Wentzville) today filed legislation that called for the rejection of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) treaty because it would give the government authority over parental decisions.

Federal officials have recently been pushing for the ratification of the UNCRC treaty, which was drafted in the 1990s. The United States has been one of the last countries to sign, as many officials have stated the treaty includes provisions that are in direct conflict with the U.S. Constitution and the Missouri Constitution.

Senator Rupp's legislation, [Senate Concurrent Resolution 59](#), tells the federal government that signing the treaty represents an abandonment of the ultimate sovereignty of the United States. SCR 59 states that only American legislatures and the people themselves have the moral authority to make law for our country, including important parental decisions such as corporal discipline and religious upbringing.

"First our federal government sold out our right to choose our own health care, and now they are selling out our rights as parents to make decisions for our child," said Sen. Rupp. "It's really frightening, because these are the freedoms we hold dear and the federal government is going out of it's way to eliminate them, one by one."

According to SCR 59, the United Nations tribunal acknowledges that the treaty:

- 1) Bans all corporal discipline, including reasonable spanking by parents.
- 2) Gives the government authority on a broad scope of parental decisions without proving that parents are unfit or have harmed the child.
- 3) Allows children and the government to override reasonable and ordinary decisions concerning religious upbringing of the child.
- 4) Allows the government the ability to review any parental decision concerning the education of the child, even if that decision fully complies with Missouri law.
- 5) Requires socialized spending programs that will bankrupt America.
- 6) Grants children a legally enforceable right to leisure and other rights that are contrary to American traditions and common sense.

"There is a reason that national leaders from both parties have not signed this treaty, and it's because American citizens know what is best for their children," said Sen. Rupp. "No matter what your personal beliefs are, I think that most Americans do the best they can for their kids. They don't need the whole world, or even worse, the government, to tell them differently."

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