

\$15,000 Appropriation for Turf Research Requested by Midwest Greenkeepers

MIDWEST Greenkeepers Assn. has submitted to Illinois state officials a resolution asking for a state appropriation of \$15,000 for turf grass research by state scientists in cooperation with Illinois greenkeepers.

The resolution reads:

Whereas golf in this State in recent years has become a major sport, offering employment to some 2,500 people (this figure applies to course maintenance only and does not include caddies, dining room employees, etc.); and

Whereas the game is largely dependent on good turf economically maintained; and

Whereas the State has rendered considerable technical assistance to the growers of various plants and has apparently overlooked the study of turf forming plants; and

Whereas the members of our Organization earn their livelihood primarily by raising crops of grass for golf purposes: Therefore be it

RESOLVED First, That the Natural History Survey of the State be urged by the Midwest Greenkeepers Association to include in the next budget Fifteen Thousand Dollars to study grasses for turf purposes in much the same manner as the State has studied various other crop plants.

Second, That the State Legislature be requested to provide adequate funds for such investigations.

Third, That a copy of this resolution be placed in the hands of the Natural History Survey, the State Director of Finance and the Appropriations Committee of the State Legislature, and that it be spread upon the permanent records of the Midwest Greenkeepers Association.

Respectfully submitted,

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