

SB 329 -- MOTOR VEHICLE FRANCHISE PRACTICES

SPONSOR: Kehoe (Kolkmeyer)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 12 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 10 to 3.

This bill allows engine manufacturers to provide warranty service to their own engines so long as it does not control more than seven facilities in Missouri and provides franchise dealers with support for completing repairs. This is an exemption to unlawful merchandising practices law which precludes non-emergency repairs except by specified franchisees or under a fleet contract.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will fix an oversight from existing legislation and allow engine manufacturers who also own their own shops to service the engines that they manufacture. There are seven auto shops which will benefit from the legislation that employ 225 or more persons.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Kehoe; Missouri Trucking Association; and Lawrence McCormack, Cumins, Inc.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.