

HB 1002 -- MUD FLAPS

SPONSOR: Busick

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 5 to 1.

This bill requires dump trucks to be equipped with mud flaps that have up to 12 inches of ground clearance, instead of the eight inches required for other vehicles.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that mud flaps should be raised from 8 inches to 12 inches. Mud flaps on dump trucks get caught on piles and rip off. Raising mud flaps will help dump trucks maneuver better. This bill will allow mud flaps to be adjusted and prevents wasting mud flaps. The purpose of the bill is to save drivers money and to facilitate consistency. Supporters also say that there are 13 states that do not require mud flaps and only three states have the eight inch requirement.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Busick; Missouri Dump Truck Association; Jim Marcum, Missouri Dump Truck Association; and Andrew Buchanan, Capital Hauling.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.