

SS SB 1298 -- COTTON TRAILERS

SPONSOR: Bean (Brown)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 17 to 0. Voted "Do "Pass" by Rules-Regulatory Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

Currently, the maximum speed at which cotton trailers may travel is 40 miles per hour. This bill increases the maximum speed to 65 miles per hour and removes the requirement that the trailer is to be used exclusively for transporting cotton. The bill also specifies that cotton trailers are not in violation of the provisions relating to securing of loads if certain conditions are met and no portion of the load becomes dislodged.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that farmers have modernized the methods of harvesting and transporting cotton and that the means of transporting cotton from the field to the gin are safer. This bill would modify the law regarding transporting cotton to reflect these improvements in harvesting and transporting.

Testifying in person for the bill were Senator Bean and Missouri Farm Bureau.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony and witnesses testifying online can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.