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PRESS RELEASE

Sen. John Cauthorn Calls on Transportation Officials to Fulfill Promise to Mow Highway Brush

JEFFERSON CITY, MO – Sen. John Cauthorn, R-Mexico, today called on the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) to fulfill its promise to clear excessive brush growth along Missouri highways. MoDOT did not clear brush in 2005 because of high fuel costs, but promised in a letter to Sen. Cauthorn to clear the dangerous growth this year.

“Excessive brush growth along Missouri highways creates eyesores that attract wildlife to roadways and endanger motorists,” Cauthorn said. “MoDOT promised to mow this brush from fence row to fence row, but I have yet to see any results.”

According to a letter from MoDOT to Sen. Cauthorn, the District 3 staff opted in 2004 to conduct a final mow-out every other year. Last year the mow-out was postponed, causing roadside brush to grow out of control. Officials have since committed to mowing the brush and treating it to prevent further growth.

“MoDOT has yet to live up to its promise to remove brush growth along Northeast Missouri highways,” said Cauthorn, who has relayed his concerns in a letter to Mike Kehoe, a member of the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission, the panel that oversees MoDOT operations. “I simply ask that MoDOT officials stick to their word.”

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