***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script  
Criminal Justice**

Another of the items that carries over into the new session is that of legal matters.

In recent years, Missouri senators have been looking at how local prosecutors conduct themselves.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says some lawmakers are still looking at additional legal protections for Missourians…

**Rowden :07 Q: in the air.**

Some lawmakers have had questions about whether some local prosecutors are truly carrying out assigned duties.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence adds most local prosecutors in question continue to get re-elected…

**Rizzo :06 Q: do their job.**

Missouri senators were still in their respective districts for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. They return to the Capitol for a shorter week than usual, but with a growing list of committees that plan their first hearings of the year.

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.