***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Floor Discussion Begins**

The first legislation of the 2023 regular session could see time on the floor of the Missouri Senate this week.

In past years, committee assignments have happened as late as the second or third week of February.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Cindy O’Laughlin of Shelbina says committee *hearings* started two weeks ago…

 **O’Laughlin :08 Q: those things out.**

At the beginning of this week, four measures were on the Missouri Senate calendar for consideration.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says he would like to see the maternal mortality rate tackled first…

 **Rizzo :06 Q: have that conversation.**

In the meantime, committee hearings continue in the Missouri Senate.

This is the fifth week of the First Regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly. Session will end on Friday, May 12, at 6 p.m.

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