***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Second Half Begins**

The Missouri Senate is back in Jefferson City for the final eight weeks of the 2023 regular legislative session.

The second half of session also sees Missouri senators spend more time on legislation from the Missouri House of Representatives.

Senator Rusty Black of Chillicothe says [House Joint Resolution 43](https://www.house.mo.gov/bill.aspx?bill=HJR43&year=2023&code=R) would let Missouri voters decide new initiative petition rules for our state…

 **Black :07 Q: impact their government.**

At the same time, several Missouri Senate measures remain unanswered from the first half of session.

Senator Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County says she was able to add language to [Senate Bill 131](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44637)…

 **McCreery :08 Q: that are unhoused.**

The main proposal relates to firearm tax relief and awaits a final vote to send the bill to the Missouri House of Representatives for consideration.

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