***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Sports Wagering and Taxes**

The conclusion of this week will mean the 2023 legislative session is two-thirds complete.

Traditionally, this time of year, Missouri senators spend more time on legislation from the Missouri House of Representatives.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says sports wagering may come down to the House version of the bill…

 **Rowden :07 Q: VLTs in it (2x).**

At the same time, Missouri Senate proposals continue to see time, both on the floor of the Missouri Senate and in committee.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says he still has concerns about [Senate Bill 131](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44637)…

 **Rizzo :05 Q: and not guns.**

This legislation mainly focuses on tax relief for firearms.

In the weeks to come, the Missouri Senate will start to work through the state operating budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

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