***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
FY ’24 Budget Coming**

April is the month when the Missouri Senate typically puts its seal of approval on the next operating budget.

Senator Denny Hoskins of Warrensburg serves on the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3).

He says the Missouri House of Representatives sent its version of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget to the upper chamber last week…

 **Hoskins :05 Q: budget as well.**

After the Missouri Senate comes up with its own version, a Senate-House budget conference committee usually hammers out any differences.

Senator Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County adds she believes crafting the budget is the most important thing the Legislature does…

 **McCreery :08 Q: of our values.**

By law, the Fiscal Year 2024 state operating budget has to be complete no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 5. Missouri’s next fiscal year will begin on July 1.

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