Sept. 23, 1975

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was Sept. 23, 1975, second day of the Extra Session of the First Regular Session of the 78th General Assembly.

This was a Tuesday.

The governor called this extra session to secure funding for the Bi-State Development Agency in St. Louis and the Area Transportation Authority in Kansas City, both of which were in what he believed to be dire need of funding improvements. It was estimated 60 million road Bi-State buses in St. Louis and another 20 million people rode the ATA buses in Kansas City each year. The governor was asking lawmakers to give each city the ability to raise those funds, as needed. Each city had an existing sales tax to pay for those buses, plus buildings to house them, bus stations, etc.

To this end, Senate Bill 1 had been introduced the previous day. This measure was second-read and referred to the Missouri Senate Ways and Means Committee on this day.

After a recess, during which Senate Bill 1 was heard in committee, the committee report was read in and senators then moved to adjourn until 10 the next morning.

This extra session would end on Sept. 30.

September 23, 1975, the date marking the second day of the Extra Session of the First Regular Session of the 78th General Assembly, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

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