***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Transgender Legislation**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another issue that could be revisited next year…

**Nat Snd :05 Q: my own shoulders (2x).**

There were two measures that related to transgender issues from this year’s regular legislative session that have since become law: [Senate Bill 39](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44496) and [Senate Bills 49, 236 & 164](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44407). Getting these proposals from pre-filed status to the governor’s desk included countless hours, not only in committees and discussions on the floor of the Missouri Senate, but time behind the scenes.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says there are some people who believe these new laws are only the beginning…

 **Rowden 1 :23 Q: down that road.**

Senator Greg Razer of Kansas City says he wishes the legislation had not passed at all…

 **Razer 1 :19 Q: probably say yes.**

Part of the length of time involved in crafting the bills, especially Senate Bills 49, 236 & 164, was in finding a way to move forward on something with limited ways for compromise.

Senator Rowden says there is a reason for the wording that was used in the version that ultimately passed…

 **Rowden 2 :19 Q: a detrimental impact.**

Senator Razer says this became a hot-button before this year’s session started…

 **Razer 2 :23 Q: days a week.**

If this issue is revisited during next year’s regular legislative session, there is a chance those proposals could be pre-filed first. Missouri senators have been able to pre-file legislation for the 2024 session since July 1. These pre-filed bills receive their official numbers starting on Dec. 1.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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