***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Committee Hearings Begin**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review some of the first legislation heard in committee…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: meeting of the….**

On Wednesday, the [Missouri Senate Economic Development and Tax Policy Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/74) gaveled in for the first time.

Among the three measures this panel heard was [Senate Bill 8](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44415). Senator Bill Eigel of Weldon Spring is the sponsor. He says his proposal would reduce the personal property assessment percentage…

 **Eigel :06 Q: property tax bill.**

During committee discussion, Sen. Doug Beck of St. Louis used a fire department as an example, along with $1 in property tax…

 **Beck :08 Q: by a dollar (2x).**

Committee action has not yet been taken on Senate Bill 8…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: and get started….**

Wednesday also saw the [Missouri Senate Health and Welfare Committee](https://senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/79) consider two proposals.

Senator Elaine Gannon of De Soto sponsors [Senate Bill 45](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44414), legislation that seeks to modify provisions relating to MO HealthNet services for pregnant and postpartum women…

 **Gannon :09 Q: year after birth.**

The other measure is similar. Senator Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County sponsors [Senate Bill 90](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44445)…

 **McCreery :07 Q: our beautiful state.**

Committee action has not yet been taken on either of these bills…

 **Nat Snd 3 :04 Q: think I like.**

The State of the State address is also another major highlight for the week. The executive branch presented goals and ideas for the current legislative session that include a major transportation upgrade.

After hearing the governor’s annual budget address on Wednesday, Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says he ranks I-70 improvements near the top of his budget priorities…

 **Rowden 1 :06 Q: its ongoing issues.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence adds he is still going over details on the entire proposal for Fiscal Year 2024…

 **Rizzo 1 :07 Q: could have been.**

**Nat Snd 4 :03 Q: prosecutors are elected.**

Senator Rowden says some lawmakers are still looking at additional legal protections for Missourians…

 **Rowden 2 :07 Q: in the air.**

Senator Rizzo says most local prosecutors in question continue to get re-elected…

 **Rizzo 2 :06 Q: do their job.**

 **Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: business coming before….**

Session will resume on Monday.

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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