***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
First-Half Concludes**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review more items making their way through the upper chamber…

**Nat Snd 1 :04 Q: we’re all worried.**

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says [Senate Bills 45 & 90](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44414) still has several steps to take…

 **Rowden :05 Q: they see fit.**

At issue is an amendment to the measure.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says he is not happy to see this development…

 **Rizzo :06 Q: for a year.**

On Thursday morning, the Missouri Senate sent Senate Bills 45 & 90 to the Missouri House of Representatives for consideration…

**Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: you, madam president….**

Tuesday afternoon saw time spent on [Senate Bill 151](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44571).

Senator Travis Fitzwater of Holts Summit sponsors this measure, which would authorize a property tax exemption for certain property used for childcare…

 **Fitzwater :07 Q: into the workforce.**

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City mentioned she agrees with the need for this legislation…

 **Arthur :08 Q: and often inaccessible.**

After lengthy talks, Senate Bill 151 was set aside for further discussion…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: Senate Bill 1….**

Missouri senators spent part of Wednesday afternoon talking about tax credits.

[Senate Bill 131](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44637) would modify provisions relating to firearms tax relief. Senator Rick Brattin of Harrisonville is the sponsor…

 **Brattin :10 Q: exercise that right.**

During discussion, Sen. Karla May of St. Louis told the sponsor she opposes this idea…

 **May :08 Q: of our state.**

Senate Bill 131 receives first-round Missouri Senate approval. Another “yes” vote would send this legislation to the Missouri House of Representatives for its consideration…

 **Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: would give Missourians….**

On Monday afternoon, the [Missouri Senate Local Government and Elections Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/40) heard [Senate Bill 210](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44518).

Senator Jason Bean of Holcomb is the sponsor. He tells the panel his proposal would allow for the curing of incomplete absentee ballot envelopes…

 **Bean :09 Q: sure they count.**

During committee discussion, Sen. Barbara Anne Washington of Kansas City — who serves on the panel — says she has questions about this measure…

 **Washington :07 Q: pick those up.**

Committee action has not yet been taken on Senate Bill 210…

 **Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: no further business….**

With nine weeks now complete, Missouri senators are one-half of the way through the 2023 legislative session. Lawmakers’ annual mid-session recess will happen during the week of March 13.

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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