***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
More House Bills**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another active week for the upper chamber…

**Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: House Joint Resolution….**

Wednesday afternoon was dedicated to [House Joint Resolution 43](https://www.house.mo.gov/bill.aspx?bill=HJR43&year=2023&code=R).

Senator Sandy Crawford of Buffalo is the Missouri Senate handler. She tells her colleagues this resolution would let voters decide how future constitutional amendments would be handled…

**Crawford :05 Q: changed 60 times.**

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Steven Roberts of St. Louis says he believes this wording would keep people from putting initiative petition language on future ballots…

**Roberts 1 :11 Q: of Missourians support.**

House Joint Resolution 43 has been set aside for further dialogue…

**Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: Senate Bill 22….**

Monday afternoon became Monday evening when Missouri senators gave preliminary approval to [Senate Bill 22](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44524).

Senator Mike Bernskoetter of Jefferson City is the sponsor. He says this measure seeks to modify provisions relating to eligibility for parole…

**Bernskoetter :08 Q: make to it.**

During discussion, Sen. Roberts expressed his concern over potential unintended consequences from this becoming law…

**Roberts 2 :09 Q: after 30 years.**

Missouri senators sent Senate Bill 22 to the Missouri House of Representatives on Thursday…

**Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: with the Senate….**

Tuesday afternoon and evening saw several measures discussed, including [Senate Bills 56 & 61](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44625).

Senator Jason Bean of Holcomb is the sponsor. He says this proposal would enact provisions relating to operating motor vehicles…

**Bean :10 Q: by distracted drivers.**

During discussion, Sen. Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County points out there is currently a law that bans *some* Missourians from texting and driving…

**McCreery :09 Q: text and drive.**

Senate Bills 56 & 61 is also now in the Missouri House of Representatives for consideration…

**Nat Snd 4 :08 Q: and not guns.**

The conclusion of this week means the 2023 legislative session is now two-thirds complete.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says sports wagering may come down to the House version of the bill…

**Rowden :07 Q: VLTs in it (2x).**

At the same time, Missouri Senate proposals continue to see time.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says he still has concerns about [Senate Bill 131](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44637)…

**Rizzo :05 Q: and not guns.**

This legislation mainly focuses on tax relief for firearms…

**Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: before the body….**

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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