***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
More Priority Legislation**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review more of the legislation continuing to make its way through the process…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: you, Mr. President….**

Wednesday afternoon and evening were dedicated to [Senate Bill 30](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44557).

Senator Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville is the sponsor. He tells his colleagues this measure would authorize sports wagering…

 **Luetkemeyer :08 Q: Compulsive Gamblers’ Fund.**

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Steven Roberts of St. Louis talked about the financial status of the Missouri Veterans Commission Capital Improvement Trust Fund…

 **Roberts :08 Q: due to inflation.**

Senate Bill 30 has been set aside for further consideration…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: with Senate Committee….**

The Missouri Senate spent part of its Tuesday afternoon talking about childcare.

Senator Lauren Arthur of Kansas City sponsors [Senate Bill 184](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44546), a measure that would modify provisions relating to tax relief for child-related expenses…

 **Arthur :08 Q: toddlers’ healthy development.**

During discussion, Sen. Bill Eigel of Weldon Spring points out he does not believe tax credits should be used as a tax relief mechanism…

 **Eigel :07 Q: me some concern.**

Senate Bill 184 has been set aside for further dialogue…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: up from the….**

Monday afternoon and evening saw time on several measures, including [Senate Bill 35](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44511).

Senator Karla May of St. Louis is the sponsor. She says her proposal seeks to modify provisions relating to child custody and child support enforcement…

 **May :08 Q: they can start.**

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Rick Brattin of Harrisonville added an amendment…

 **Brattin :06 Q: equal, shared parenting.**

Missouri senators give Senate Bill 35 preliminary approval. Another “yes” vote would send this legislation to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 4 :08 Q: is coming up.**

April is also the month when the Missouri Senate puts its seal of approval on the next operating budget.

Senator Denny Hoskins of Warrensburg serves on the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3). He says the Missouri House of Representatives sent its version of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget to the upper chamber last week…

 **Hoskins :05 Q: budget as well.**

Senator Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County adds she believes crafting the budget is the most important thing the Legislature does…

 **McCreery :08 Q: of our values.**

By law, the Fiscal Year 2024 state operating budget has to be complete no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 5. Missouri’s next fiscal year will begin on July 1.

Session will resume on Tuesday, following lawmakers’ Easter break.

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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