***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Session Ends**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the final week of the First Regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: Bill 827 be….**

Part of Wednesday was dedicated to [House Bill 827](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB827&year=2023&code=R). Senator Andrew Koenig of Manchester handles this legislation in the upper chamber. He tells his colleagues this bill would modify provisions relating to student enrollment in the Missouri Course Access and Virtual School Program…

 **Koenig :10 Q: months, transfers out.**

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Doug Beck of St. Louis points out the measure was taken back to its original wording, which addresses virtual schools…

 **Beck :06 Q: it goes forward.**

House Bill 827 has been set aside for further consideration…

 **Nat Snd 2 :04 Q: some Medicaid reforms.**

Another major measure this year was found in [Senate Bills 45 & 90](https://senate.mo.gov/23info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R), which seeks to modify provisions relating to health care.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says there were differences between the Missouri Senate and the Missouri House of Representatives’ versions of this proposal…

 **Rowden 1 :08 Q: governor signing it.**

Senator Lauren Arthur of Kansas City adds she believes the version of this legislation that came *back* to the upper chamber is better than what *left* the Missouri Senate initially…

 **Arthur :07 Q: Medicaid program currently.**

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), which was added to Senate Bill 45…

 **McCreery :09 Q: before we adjourn.**

If Missouri senators adopt the conference committee report, Senate Bills 45 & 90 would then go to the governor for his consideration…

 **Nat Snd 3 :05 Q: on that bill.**

Senator Rusty Black of Chillicothe sponsors [Senate Bill 75](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44690). He says his proposal would modify provisions relating to retirement systems…

 **Black :09 Q: a lawn mower.**

Senate Bill 75 now awaits the governor’s signature…

**Nat Snd 4 :07 Q: Year 2024 budget.**

The most important piece of the 2023 legislative session was completed last week, when Missouri senators passed the Fiscal Year 2024 state operating budget.

Senator Rowden says the new budget was passed on time…

 **Rowden 2 :05 Q: during that process.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence adds producing a budget is a collaborative effort…

 **Rizzo :05 Q: our state function.**

The executive branch continues to review the budget. The governor will soon sign the budget, plus veto any line items he deems unnecessary. Missouri’s next fiscal year will start on July 1.

Next up for lawmakers will be the official end to the regular legislative session, which — by law — will be May 30.

The annual veto session will be held in September.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate — plus, see a complete list of [truly agreed to and finally passed](https://senate.mo.gov/23info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) legislation — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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