***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script  
Sports Wagering**

The Missouri Senate is preparing for the next regular legislative session.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says one issue that may see time on the floor of the Missouri Senate this year is sports wagering.

He says lawmakers tried to create this type of legislation last year…

**Rowden :08 Q: stations. That’s it.**

A growing number of states now allow betting on electronic mobile devices.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says the arguments for and against sports gambling have been the same for years…

**Rizzo :05 Q: however you’d like.**

The Second Regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly will start at noon on Wednesday.

So far, more than 563 Senate bills and 35 Senate Joint Resolutions have been pre-filed for the 2024 session. Lawmakers could start hearing these measures as early as next week.

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