***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script  
Prescription Drug Costs**

Missouri senators look at prescription drug costs.

Senator Curtis Trent of Battlefield sponsors [Senate Bill 978](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=223).

He tells the [Missouri Senate Insurance and Banking Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/12) this measure would enact provisions relating to payments for prescription drugs…

**Trent :07 Q: compromise go through.**

Senate Bill 978 says no health carrier or pharmacy benefits manager would be ale to discriminate against a federally qualified health center or a specified pharmacy.

Senator Doug Beck of St. Louis sponsors [Senate Bill 1035](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=51), which he tells the panel is identical to Senate Bill 978…

**Beck :08 Q: the 340-B Program.**

Both of these proposals await committee action.

Missouri senators also continue to discuss initiative petition reform, and have done so since Monday afternoon.

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