***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Sports Gambling**

The Second Regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly is nearing its halfway point.

In the nine weeks that have passed — so far — during the 2024 regular legislative session, lawmakers have focused on core ideals.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says Missouri senators have not been able to take action on sports betting in our state…

 **Rowden :06 Q: what it is.**

Over the years, more states have legalized sports gambling.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says sports wagering could still happen in Missouri…

 **Rizzo :10 Q: state of Missouri.**

The 2024 regular legislative session began on Jan. 3. Session will end on Friday, May 17. Missouri senators are two weeks from their annual mid-session recess.

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