***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script  
Budget**

Missouri senators start work on their version of the Fiscal Year 2025 state operating budget.

Senator Lincoln Hough of Springfield chairs the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3).

He says the focus needs to stay on [Senate Bill 748](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=38), which he sponsors…

**Hough :08 Q: get it done.**

Senate Bill 748 equals $4.5 billion in federal reimbursements to hospitals.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says the $4.5 billion connected to the FRA remains the unknown…

**Rizzo :10 Q: entire committee process.**

By law, the budget has to be delivered to the executive branch no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 10.

Fiscal Year 2025 will start on July 1.

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.