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

With two weeks left in session, some people wonder what can still cross the legislative finish line.

Missouri senators are poised to start work on their version of the budget *this* week.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia points to [Senate Bill 727](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=244) and [House Bill 2287](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2287&year=2024&code=R) as examples of compromise…

**Rowden :06 Q: things getting done.**

Before May 17, lawmakers may consider not only the budget, but the [FRA](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=38) and [initiative petition reform](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=209).

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says anything is possible…

**Rizzo :07 Q: desk on Friday.**

Missouri’s next budget is due on the governor’s desk by 6 p.m. this Friday. The Second Regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly will conclude exactly one week later.

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