***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Session Begins**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the opening week of the Second Regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: The Second Regular….**

The 2024 session started on Wednesday.

Lawmakers have a long list of items they would like to see become law, including several held over from last year…

**Nat Snd 2 :09 Q: a long time.**

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 1 :08 Q: It sounds ridiculous.**

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 1 :05 Q: however you’d like.**

Initiative petition reform could also see a return…

 **Nat Snd 3 :07 Q: out that way.**

Speaking during the last week of *last* year’s regular session, Sen. Rowden says he believes initiative petition reform could have happened last year…

 **Rowden 2 :09 Q: constitution or not.**

Senator Rizzo adds he believes initiative petition reform may precede an effort to put a women’s health question on the ballot statewide…

 **Rizzo 2 :06 Q: over their body.**

Saint Louis, and its police department, also became a focal point last year…

 **Nat Snd 4 :06 Q: the federal standards.**

Senator Rowden says, along these lines, lawmakers may still be giving consideration to regaining state control of the St. Louis Police Department…

 **Rowden 3 :06 Q: look at it.**

Senator Steven Roberts of St. Louis says he tried to add a gun safety amendment to some legislation last year…

 **Roberts :04 Q: pushing for that.**

Lawmakers may take another look at who can own land in Missouri…

 **Nat Snd 5 :05 Q: pretty good package.**

Senator Rowden says the Missouri Senate sent a version of language restricting foreign ownership of Missouri property to the Missouri House of Representatives last year…

 **Rowden 4 :07 Q: wanted to accomplish.**

Just this week, the governor signed an executive order banning foreign land ownership with certain restrictions…

 **Nat Snd 6 :02 Q: the home-school bill.**

Educations also remains a priority. In this case, the number of days schools hold classes is the issue.

Senator Doug Beck of St. Louis says he added a five-day requirement to a measure that did not pass in 2023…

 **Beck :05 Q: that I file.**

Session will resume Monday…

 **Nat Snd 7 :04 Q: Monday, Jan. 8….**

And remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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