***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Committee Hearings Underway**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review a full week of committee activities…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: the Senate Appropriations….**

Wednesday morning saw time spent on [Senate Bill 748](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=38), legislation that seeks to modify provisions relating to reimbursement allowance taxes.

Senator Lincoln Hough of Springfield is the sponsor. He says the federal reimbursement allowance, or F.R.A., is a voluntary tax hospitals pay. Senator Hough says the F.R.A. bring approximately 3.6 billion federal dollars into our state…

 **Hough :07 Q: almost $4.5 billion.**

During the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3) hearing, Sen. Karla May of St. Louis mentioned how some Missouri senators want certain funding removed from the F.R.A…

 **May :10 Q: to go there.**

Thursday morning, the panel voted Senate Bill 748 “do pass,” which means the full Missouri Senate can take up the measure at any time…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: St. Joseph police….**

On Wednesday afternoon, the [Missouri Senate Judiciary and Civil & Criminal Jurisprudence Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/39) heard four measures, three of which were part of a bill that was vetoed by the governor last year.

Senator Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville sponsors [Senate Bill 754](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=438), a measure that would modify provisions relating to law enforcement animals…

 **Luetkemeyer :05 Q: should protect them.**

The panel also heard…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: better known as….**

…[Senate Bill 788](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=146), which would create the offense of unlawful discharge of a firearm. Senator Greg Razer of Kansas City is the sponsor…

 **Razer :06 Q: gunfire is reckless.**

Committee action has not yet been taken on either bill…

 **Nat Snd 4 :08 Q: improve Missouri schools.**

When it comes to education, Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says he is for school choice…

 **Rowden :10 Q: kids and parents.**

However, Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says he does not believe the solutions can be found in [Senate Bill 727](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=244) or [Senate Bill 729](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=249), both of which were heard in the [Missouri Senate Education and Workforce Development Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/75) this past week…

 **Rizzo :07 Q: in our budget.**

Missouri senators may start to discuss legislation on the floor on the Missouri Senate next week…

 **Nat Snd 5 :04 Q: 22nd at 4 p.m.**

…when they return to start the fourth week of the Second Regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly.

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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