***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Floor Discussion Begins**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review two key pieces of legislation that dominated discussions…

**Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: with Sen. Hoskins….**

The week began with a long hearing on a dozen different approaches to initiative petition, or I.P., reform. The measures were heard in the [Missouri Senate Local Government and Elections Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/40) on Monday afternoon.

[Senate Joint Resolution 74](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=209) is among these. Senator Mary Elizabeth Coleman of Arnold is the sponsor…

**Coleman :10 Q: very long time.**

Missouri voters would decide any change made to how initiative petitions would get onto future ballots.

During committee discussion, Sen. Barbara Anne Washington of Kansas City told the sponsor some people have a lot of questions about these resolutions…

**Washington :10 Q: elect us individually?**

The panel voted Senate Joint Resolution 74 “do pass” on Tuesday morning. Elements of Senate Joint Resolutions [48](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=162), [59](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=464), [61](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=410) and [83](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=287991) have also been added. Missouri senators could discuss this resolution on the floor of the Missouri Senate at any time…

**Nat Snd 2 :07 Q: process is important.**

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says any changes made to the initiative petition process this session would most likely not have an impact on current petition drives…

**Rowden :09 Q: rules in November.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says voters added a check and balance to the Legislature a few decades ago…

**Rizzo :09 Q: the voters approved.**

Also this week…

**Nat Snd 3 :07 Q: Federal Reimbursement Allowance.**

…[Senate Bill 748](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=38) moved forward. This measure would modify provisions relating to reimbursement allowance taxes.

Senator Denny Hoskins of Warrensburg says this proposal does not contain what he considers to be pro-life language…

**Hoskins :08 Q: in the state.**

But Sen. Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County says she does not believe such wording belongs in this legislation…

**McCreery :07 Q: funding for hospitals.**

Senate Bill 748 is the first measure on the Missouri Senate Perfection Calendar and could be taken up for discussion at any time…

**Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: bill is a….**

Monday afternoon, the [Missouri Senate Judiciary and Civil & Criminal Jurisprudence Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/39) heard two proposals on the same topic.

[Senate Bill 767](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=226) would modify rules relating to the age of marriage. Senator Holly Thompson Rehder of Scott City sponsors this legislation…

**Thompson Rehder :10 Q: an adult mindset.**

**Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: a constituent who….**

Senator Lauren Arthur of Kansas City sponsors [Senate Bill 1342](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=1604608)…

**Arthur :08 Q: to protect children.**

Committee action has not yet been taken on either of these bills…

**Nat Snd 6 :02 Q: fifth at 4 p.m.**

The first five weeks of the 2024 regular legislative session are now completed. Session will end of May 17.

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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