***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Floor Discussions Begin**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review some key legislation…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: 1168 & 810….**

Wednesday afternoon saw time spent on [Senate Bills 1168 & 810](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=203). Senator Mary Elizabeth Coleman of Arnold is the sponsor. She tells colleagues her proposal would modify provisions relating to public funding of abortion facilities and affiliates, and provisions relating to MO HealthNet providers…

 **Coleman :09 Q: with Planned Parenthood.**

During discussion, Sen. Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County offered an amendment that would add exceptions for rape and incest…

 **McCreery :07 Q: banned all abortion.**

Discussion could continue, at any time, on Senate Bills 1168 & 810…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: Concurrent Resolution No….**

On Monday afternoon, Missouri senators sent [Senate Concurrent Resolution 23](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=906045) to the Missouri House of Representatives.

Senator Nick Schroer of O’Fallon is the sponsor. He says this resolution seeks to make a change relating to Missouri’s Virtual Instruction Program…

 **Schroer :09 Q: schooling from 2022.**

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Karla May of St. Louis this change may be based on funding schools based on attendance vs. enrollment…

 **May :08 Q: based on enrollment.**

Committee hearings also continue…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: Bill 1032 and….**

On Tuesday, the [Missouri Senate Select Committee on Empowering Missouri Parents and Children](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/82) held its inaugural hearing. Committee chair, Sen. Curtis Trent of Battlefield, sponsors [Senate Bill 1051](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=350). He says this proposal seeks to allow the enrollment of nonresident students in public school districts…

 **Trent :08 Q: fits their needs.**

The panel also heard…

 **Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: at football games….**

…[Senate Bill 1081](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=838). Senator Lauren Arthur of Kansas City is the sponsor. She tells the committee her legislation would require public schools to develop cardiac emergency response plans…

 **Arthur :10 Q: of student athletes.**

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

**Nat Snd 5 :04 Q: in my opinion.**

As for what could be coming, Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says some lawmakers plan to look at illegal immigration — in some fashion — yet this session…

 **Rowden :09 Q: safer place, generally.**

In the meantime, the first House bill to come to the Missouri Senate is [House Bill 1989](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB1989&Year=2024&code=R). Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says he wonders how far open enrollment will go this session…

 **Rizzo :05 Q: with open enrollment.**

Missouri senators are now one-third through the 2024 legislative session…

 **Nat Snd 6 :02 Q: the senator from….**

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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