***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Initiative Petition Reform**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another active week in the upper chamber…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: to the order….**

The week began with more than 20 hours spent on initiative petition reform.

Senator Brian Williams of University City says he believes citizens create initiative petitions because the Legislature is not listening to them…

 **Williams :07 Q: of the people.**

Missouri senators seemed to reach a compromise that was reflected in an amendment to [Senate Joint Resolutions 74, 48, 59, 61 & 83](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=209) offered by Sen. Mike Cierpiot of Lee’s Summit…

 **Cierpiot :09 Q: reflect those changes.**

Senate Joint Resolutions 74, 48, 59, 61 & 83 was then given preliminary approval…

**Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: row to hoe.**

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says getting to this stage of initiative petition reform has been a long journey…

 **Rowden :10 Q: devil-in-the-details stuff there.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence reiterates passing this resolution would not impact any current signature-gathering efforts that are underway…

 **Rizzo :08 Q: it might be.**

Missouri senators voted to send the resolution to the Missouri House of Representatives on Thursday morning…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: to the order….**

Wednesday afternoon saw time spent on [Senate Bill 799](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=1551). Senator Travis Fitzwater of Holts Summit is the sponsor. He tells colleagues his proposal seeks to modify provisions relating to motor vehicle assessments…

 **Fitzwater :10 Q: a 99.9 percent depreciation.**

During discussion, Sen. Lauren Arthur of Kansas City mentioned this legislation would change the method to measure a vehicle’s trade-in value…

 **Arthur :08 Q: for used vehicles.**

Senate Bill 799 has been set aside for future talks.

Committee hearings also continue…

 **Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: the senators, and….**

Senator Curtis Trent of Battlefield sponsors [Senate Bill 978](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=223). He tells the [Missouri Senate Insurance and Banking Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/12) this measure would enact provisions relating to payments for prescription drugs…

 **Trent :07 Q: compromise go through.**

Senator Doug Beck of St. Louis sponsors [Senate Bill 1035](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=51), which he tells the panel is identical to Senate Bill 978…

 **Beck :08 Q: the 340-B Program.**

Both of these proposals await committee action…

 **Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: to come before….**

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