***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Priority Legislation**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another busy week for lawmakers…

**Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: Senate Bill 742….**

On Tuesday afternoon, [Senate Bill 742](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=816) was brought to the floor of the Missouri Senate.

Senator Lauren Arthur of Kansas City is the sponsor. This measure seeks to authorize tax credits for child care…

**Arthur 1 :10 Q: for life-long learning.**

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Majority Floor Leader Cindy O’Laughlin of Shelbina mentioned Senate Bill 742 would create three new tax credits…

**O’Laughlin :12 Q: totally not support.**

Senator Arthur also says there is a Missouri House of Representatives counterpart. She says child care tax credits have bipartisan support…

**Arthur 2 :08 Q: on this issue.**

Senate Bill 742 has been laid over for future talks…

**Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: Senate Bills 754….**

Missouri senators spent Monday afternoon on [Senate Bills 754, 746, 788, 765, 841, 887 & 861](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=438).

Senator Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville is the sponsor. He says his proposal would modify provisions relating to public safety…

**Luetkemeyer :06 Q: in this legislation.**

Most of the provisions in this measure were also in [Senate Bill 189](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44562) last year, which the governor vetoed.

These include [Senate Bill 788](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=146), which Sen. Greg Razer of Kansas City presented to the [Missouri Senate Judiciary and Civil & Criminal Jurisprudence Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/39) on Jan. 17…

**Razer :09 Q: matters and vetoed.**

Senate Bills 754, 746, 788, 765, 841, 887 & 861 was given first-round Missouri Senate approval on Tuesday. Another “yes” vote would send this measure to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: Resolution No. 71….**

On Wednesday afternoon, Missouri senators discussed [Senate Joint Resolution 71](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=1586).

Senator Rusty Black of Chillicothe is the sponsor. He tells his colleagues this resolution, if approved by Missouri voters, would continue costs and fees to support the salaries and benefits of sheriffs, prosecuting attorneys and circuit attorneys…

**Black :10 Q: the retirement fund.**

Senate Joint Resolution 71 has received first-round Missouri Senate approval, as has…

**Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: Bill No. 1039….**

…[Senate Bill 1039](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=7).

Senator Doug Beck of St. Louis is co-sponsor. He says this measure would create the Missouri Geospatial Advisory Council…

**Beck :08 Q: and almost done.**

Another positive vote would send both of these bills to the Missouri House of Representatives for consideration…

**Nat Snd 5 :04 Q: process as well.**

There are still several items on the docket for Missouri senators.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says he remains eager to see action taken on [Senate Bill 727](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=244), legislation that seeks to modify provisions of the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program and authorize charter schools to operate in Boone, St. Charles and St. Louis counties…

**Rowden :09 Q: the support lies.**

Missouri senators are now close to completing the first half of the 2024 regular legislative session…

**Nat Snd 6 :02 Q: adjourned until Monday….**

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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