***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Mid-Session Recess**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the first half of the 2024 regular legislative session and take a look at what could be ahead…

**Nat Snd 1 :03 Q: part of session.**

Session started on Jan. 3. Since then, lawmakers have been working on a number of measures, both in committee and on the floor of the Missouri Senate.

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says they have sent priorities to the Missouri House of Representatives for consideration…

 **Rowden :11 Q: to the House.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence adds they have been able to work together on these issues…

 **Rizzo 1 :09 Q: pretty good compromise.**

Among the proposals now in the Missouri House of Representatives…

 **Nat Snd 2 :08 Q: floor sometime soon.**

…is [Senate Bills 754, 746, 788, 765, 841, 887 & 861](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=438). This legislation seeks to modify provisions relating to public safety.

Senator Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville sponsors this measure, which includes his root proposal…

 **Luetkemeyer :10 Q: three years ago.**

In addition to the other six bills that were combined, with the original, Sen. Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County says this measure also includes her [Senate Bill 820](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=275)…

 **McCreery :08 Q: excited about that.**

There will also be unfinished business in the second half of session…

 **Nat Snd 3 :07 Q: really lengthy debate.**

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Cindy O’Laughlin of Shelbina says [Senate Bill 748](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=38) would modify provisions relating to reimbursement allowance taxes…

 **O’Laughlin :09 Q: talking about that.**

Senator Rizzo says he believes the FRA could have been handled already…

 **Rizzo 2 :09 Q: I guess, indefinitely.**

There are also plenty of items left for the remaining eight weeks of session…

 **Nat Snd 4 :08 Q: 18 is imperative.**

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

 **Thompson Rehder :09 Q: more prosperity, long-term.**

Senator Lauren Arthur of Kansas City sponsors [Senate Bill 1342](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=1604608), which has been combined with Senate Bill 767…

 **Arthur :08 Q: abuse and poverty.**

Senate Bills 767 & 1342 awaits time on the floor of the Missouri Senate.

So far, the Missouri Senate has passed 10 bills and two joint resolutions to the Missouri House of Representatives, with no legislation yet sent to the governor for his signature…

 **Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: adjourned until Monday….**

Lawmakers will return to the Capitol on 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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