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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review more priority legislation…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: for House Bill….**

On Wednesday afternoon, the Missouri Senate sent [House Bill 2016](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2016&year=2024&code=R) to the executive branch for consideration. Senator Lincoln Hough of Springfield chairs the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3) and handles this measure in the upper chamber. He tells his colleagues House Bill 2016 is a supplemental budget bill for the current fiscal year…

 **Hough :10 Q: the “Operation Lone Star.”**

House Bill 2016 now awaits the governor’s signature…

**Nat Snd 2 :07 Q: the Missouri House.**

Senator Rusty Black of Chillicothe serves on the Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee. He says the next big-ticket item for Missouri senators will be the Fiscal Year 2025 state operating budget…

 **Black :10 Q: May 10, constitutional deadline.**

Senator Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County says this deadline is less than one month away…

 **McCreery 1 :09 Q: the state budget.**

The Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee may discuss appropriations measures next week…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: House Bill 22-….**

On Wednesday evening, Missouri senators discussed [House Bill 2287](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB2287&year=2024&code=R), which would establish provisions relating to elementary and secondary education.

During discussion, Sen. McCreery told the bill handler she would like to see voters decide the fate of charter schools…

 **McCreery 2 :08 Q: of the people.**

Her amendment was defeated. On Thursday, House Bill 2287 was sent to the governor for his signature…

 **Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: Hearing no objections….**

Monday afternoon saw time spent on [Senate Bill 782](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=468). Senator Jason Bean of Holcomb is the sponsor. He tells his colleagues this measure would create provisions relating to water exportation outside the state…

 **Bean :10 Q: of Natural Resources.**

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. McCreery mentioned she was initially against this proposal…

 **McCreery 3 :09 Q: these different permits.**

 Senate Bill 782 has been set aside for future talks…

 **Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: Bill 1462 is….**

In addition to more House bills coming up in the Missouri Senate, committee hearings also continue.

Senator Curtis Trent of Battlefield sponsors [Senate Bill 1462](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=5708496). He tells the [Missouri Senate Select Committee on Empowering Missouri Parents and Children](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/82), which he chairs, this legislation would require school districts and charter schools to provide instruction in cursive writing…

 **Trent :05 Q: method of education.**

Also…

 **Nat Snd 6 :02 Q: Bill 1471. What’s….**

…the [Missouri Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/4) heard [Senate Bill 1471](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=5839226). Senator McCreery is the sponsor. She tells the panel this measure would create provisions relating to certain types of billing for water or sewer services…

 **McCreery 4 :07 Q: and sewer usage.**

Both of these proposals await final committee action…

 **Nat Snd 7 :02 Q: before the body….**

The final month of the Second Regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly will start 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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