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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the 16th week of the 2024 regular legislative session…

**Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: and welcome to….**

On Tuesday afternoon, the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3) took its first official look at the Missouri House of Representatives’ version of the Fiscal Year 2025 state operating budget. Senator Lincoln Hough of Springfield is the chair. He says what is called the “mark-up process” means going through thousands of individual lines contained in the budget…

**Hough 1 :06 Q: get through. Right?**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says, with [Senate Bill 748](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=38) still undecided, there are still “unknowns” in the next budget. Senate Bill 748 relates to Medicaid reimbursements for hospitals, commonly referred to as the FRA…

**Rizzo 1 :05 Q: $4.5 billion in it.**

**Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: the Senate Appropriations….**

There are some who are starting to wonder if there is enough time left in the regular session to finish both the FRA bill and the budget. Again, Sen. Hough…

**Hough 2 :07 Q: do our job.**

The full Missouri Senate is expected to take up the budget next week. By law, the budget has to be delivered to the governor no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 10…

**Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: Senate Committee Substitute….**

Monday afternoon and evening were dedicated to [Senate Bill 740](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=330). Senator Mike Cierpiot of Lee’s Summit is the sponsor. He tells his colleagues his proposal seeks to modify provisions relating to utilities…

**Cierpiot :06 Q: of moving parts.**

Senator Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County is among those who want to dissect an otherwise all-encompassing bill…

**McCreery :07 Q: get cleaned up.**

Senate Bill 740 has been set aside for future talks…

**Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: from the 13th….**

Senator Angela Walton Mosley of Florissant sponsors [Senate Bill 890](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=21). She tells her colleagues this measure would create the "Missing and Murdered African American Women Task Force"…

**Mosley :08 Q: that have followed.**

Missouri senators gave this proposal first round approval on Wednesday afternoon…

**Nat Snd 5 :03 Q: really, last week.**

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says, with only three weeks left in session, there are still a few legislative priorities left for lawmakers…

**Rowden :08 Q: to finish strong.**

Senator Rizzo again reiterates he believes the FRA is tied to the budget…

**Rizzo 2 :07 Q: needed to do.**

The Second Regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly will adjourn at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 17…

**Nat Snd 6 :02 Q: business coming before….**

Session will resume 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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