***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
FY ’25 Coming**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we preview Fiscal Year 2025…

**Nat Snd :06 Q: because they will.**

Each year, state officials go through months of preparation toward having the budget ready for the following fiscal year. Lawmakers’ role in this tends to begin shortly after the regular legislative begins in January.

Senator Lincoln Hough of Springfield chairs the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3). He says the budget process, for him, started in December…

 **Hough :21 Q: transportation, water projects.**

The deadline to have appropriations measures sent to the executive branch is one week before the regular legislative session concludes. Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Cindy O’Laughlin of Shelbina says it took the entire Missouri Senate to make it to this year’s deadline…

 **O’Laughlin :12 Q: that they did.**

Senator Rusty Black of Chillicothe serves on the Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee. He says the Show-Me State will have a balanced budget…

 **Black :09 Q: the governor recommended.**

Senator Lauren Arthur of Kansas City also serves on the panel. She says, unfortunately, there are still no firm solutions to child care for our state…

 **Arthur :18 Q: a positive resolution.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says he worries the governor may have to call an extra session for a supplemental budget…

 **Rizzo :09 Q: come back in.**

Senator Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County shares his concern…

 **McCreery :15 Q: next budget cycle.**

Missouri’s next fiscal will start on Monday, July 1.

And remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate — plus, see a complete list of [truly agreed to and finally passed legislation](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/BTS_Web/TrulyAgreed.aspx?SessionType=R) — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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