***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Session Begins**

The First Regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly is scheduled to begin on Wednesday.

For some Missouri senators, this year may be more of a continuation of this past year.

Incoming, new Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Cindy O’Laughlin of Shelbina talked about finishing the current fiscal year budget back in May…

 **O’Laughlin :05 Q: that they did.**

Lawmakers’ successes this past year may have been small in number, but they were large in scope.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Doug Beck of Affton says he would also like to take up where lawmakers left off in 2024…

 **Beck :08 Q: in the state.**

There will be 10 new Missouri senators who are expected to be sworn in on Wednesday. The 2025 regular legislative session will end in the middle of May. Before this happens, lawmakers have to pass the budget for the *next* fiscal year and send it to the governor

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.