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

Missouri senators prepare to start the new legislative session.

As always, reaching success means different things to different senators.

Incoming, new Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Cindy O’Laughlin of Shelbina says she went into this past year skeptically…

 **O’Laughlin :09 Q: we did that.**

The First Regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly starts at noon on Wednesday.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Doug Beck of Affton says the Legislature was able to increase teacher salaries in 2024…

 **Beck :08 Q: it a continuation.**

Opening day is largely ceremonial, and includes swearing in all 34 Missouri senators. This year, there are 10 new Missouri senators.

Session will end in mid-May. The budget is due one week prior.

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