***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script
Priority Legislation**

For some Missouri senators, the goal is not as much *passing* legislation as it is to keep unwanted things from happening.

This has become a recurring theme for lawmakers.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville says a growing number of senators want to focus on our state’s largest cities for one, specific purpose…

 **Luetkemeyer :09 Q: on public safety.**

Some senators want to maintain the status quo on one item in particular.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Doug Beck of Affton says, in regard to changing rules on initiative petitions, the book is closed…

 **Beck :04 Q: do going forward.**

Committee assignments have been made known. There are 19 Missouri Senate committees, altogether, for this and next year. The first legislation could be heard as early as next week.

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