***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script**

Missouri senators have the budget.

Senator Rusty Black of Chillicothe is vice-chair of the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3).

He says the upper chamber will have to finish the Fiscal Year 2026 state operating budget within two weeks…

 **Black :04 Q: is May 9.**

Senator Maggie Nurrenbern of Kansas City also serves on the panel.

She says she believes the version of the budget the Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee is bringing to the full Missouri Senate is better than what they received…

 **Nurrenbern :09 Q: vital support services.**

After the Missouri Senate creates its version of the budget, Missouri Senate-House conference committees will be formed to hammer out any differences.

Then, the Missouri House of Representatives will send its *final* version to the Missouri Senate for approval and ultimate delivery to the governor.

Fiscal Year 2026 will start on July 1.

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