***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script**

Missouri is now in Fiscal Year 2026.

Senator Lincoln Hough of Springfield chairs the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3).

He says there are several highlights in this year’s budget…

 **Hough :07 Q: across the state.**

Senator Doug Beck of Affton is the Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader.

He agrees there are several positives in this year’s fiscal blueprint…

 **Beck :09 Q: for higher education.**

In signing the budget into law, the governor also vetoed approximately $300 million in spending.

Missouri lawmakers will have the option of overriding any or all vetoes during the annual veto session, which will be held in September.

Also this week, the [Missouri Senate Insurance and Banking Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/12) took testimony on an ongoing situation involving thousands of Missourians and their health care provider.

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