***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script  
Senate Budget Process**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we preview what the next state budget process could be like…

**Nat Snd :06 Q: increasing teacher pay.**

Crafting our state’s operating budget is the only constitutionally mandated job for the Missouri General Assembly.

[Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3) Chair, Sen. Lincoln Hough of Springfield, says there is nothing wrong with negotiating…

**Hough 1 :21 Q: got the win (2x).**

He adds the budget for the current fiscal year was carefully crafted, as it always is…

**Hough 2 :22 Q: work with everybody.**

Of course, not every Missouri senator agrees with everything in the state’s spending blueprint for Fiscal Year 2025.

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Doug Beck of Affton says he did not like some of the changes made to the budget that came from the Missouri House of Representatives…

**Beck :27 Q: from the budget.**

Senator Barbara Anne Washington of Kansas City says some questions remain over professional sports teams and stadiums in her hometown…

**Washington :27 Q: at as well.**

Lawmakers will soon be back in Jefferson City for the start of the 2025 regular legislative session. With nearly 530 bills and 50 resolutions already pre-filed, the First Regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly will begin at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

And remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate — plus, see a complete list of [pre-filed legislation](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS_Web/BillList.aspx?SessionType=R) — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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