***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
2025 Session Underway**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review some of the activity from the first full week of the 2025 regular legislative session…

 **Nat Snd 1 :09 Q: people of Missouri.**

Among the “new” aspects of this session is new leadership.

New Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville says 10 of Missouri’s 34 state senators are new to their role…

 **Luetkemeyer 1 :09 Q: them this session.**

Returning Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Doug Beck of Affton says he is glad to be a part of this session…

 **Beck 1 :07 Q: in this building.**

There are also differences in priorities…

 **Nat Snd 2 :05 Q: it last year.**

Senator Luetkemeyer says a growing number of Missouri senators want to focus on our state’s largest cities for one, specific purpose…

 **Luetkemeyer 2 :09 Q: on public safety.**

For some Missouri senators, there is unfinished business…

**Nat Snd 3 :05 Q: our constitutional obligations**

This past session, Sen. Mary Elizabeth Coleman of Arnold sponsored a measure relating to initiative petitions in our state, which she spoke about shortly before the end of the 2024 session…

 **Coleman :09 Q: procedural games with.**

Senator Beck says, in regard to changing rules on initiative petitions, the book is closed…

 **Beck 2 :04 Q: do going forward.**

 **Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: basic health care coverage.**

By the same token, Sen. Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County says she remains concerned about women’s health issues…

 **McCreery :09 Q: state’s abortion ban.**

 **Nat Snd 5 :03 Q: bringing that forward.**

Senator Rusty Black of Chillicothe sponsors [Senate Bill 139](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=372), a measure that would create provisions relating to electric utilities…

 **Black :08 Q: across our state.**

 **Nat Snd 6 :03 Q: the scenes now.**

Time ran out in 2024 for [Senate Bill 739](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=36). Senator Steven Roberts of St. Louis was involved with this legislation, which would have modified provisions relating to solid waste disposal area permits…

 **Roberts :06 Q: legislation moving forward.**

Some variations of this proposal have been introduced *this* year…

 **Nat Snd 7 :02 Q: adjourned, Tuesday, January….**

Lawmakers will return to Jefferson City on Tuesday, following the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday.

And remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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