***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Committee Hearings Begin**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the first committee hearings of the year…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: on General Laws….**

The first panel to gavel in this year is the [Missouri Senate General Laws Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/8). Senator Curtis Trent of Battlefield is the chair. He also sponsors the first measure the panel heard on Tuesday afternoon: [Senate Bill 47](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=150), which would amend a Supreme Court ruling relating to class actions…

 **Trent :09 Q: adopted in 2018.**

During lengthy testimony, Sen. Stephen Webber of Columbia asked about this decision’s impact on agriculture…

 **Webber :08 Q: by this decision?**

Committee action has not yet been taken on Senate Bill 47…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: has occurred sometimes….**

Wednesday is dedicated to the top-two priorities for the Legislature year.

The [Missouri Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/4) heard [Senate Bill 4](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=66) and [Senate Bill 5](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=67), both of which relate to utilities.

Senator Karla May of St. Louis serves on the panel…

 **May 1 :09 Q: the next month.**

Before this, the [Missouri Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/53) met…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: For the record….**

The panel heard [Senate Bill 44](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=208) and [Senate Bill 52](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=290), both of which relate to public safety.

Senator Nick Schroer of O’Fallon sponsors the latter…

 **Schroer :08 Q: Metropolitan Police Department.**

All of these proposals await further committee action…

**Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: about any bill.**

Senator Steven Roberts of St. Louis says he is hopeful any legislation relating to state control of the St. Louis Police Department would be carefully written…

 **Roberts :09 Q: St. Louis Police Department.**

There are still several items on the agenda for this session...

 **Nat Snd 5 :04 Q: across the state.**

Senator Joe Nicola of Grain Valley says his first, three bills all relate to property taxes…

 **Nicola :09 Q: assessing our homes.**

In addition…

**Nat Snd 6 :02 Q: to bring it….**

Some rule changes have been proposed for the 2025 session.

Senator May says [Senate Resolution 18](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=2146392) would modify Senate Rule 29 regarding seniority for assignment of Senate offices, seats in the Senate chamber and parking spaces…

 **May 2 :09 Q: in the Senate.**

Plus…

 **Nat Snd 7 :02 Q: resolution. Please proceed….**

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Cindy O’Laughlin of Shelbina says [Senate Resolution 19](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=2147312) will change Senate Rules 25 and 28 regarding standing committees of the Senate…

 **O’Laughlin :09 Q: hundred and 40.**

Missouri senators approved this change, 33 to nothing, on Jan. 15…

 **Nat Snd 8 :02 Q: 27th at 4 p.m….**

Session will resume on Monday.

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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