***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
Annual Budget Address**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another busy week for lawmakers…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: Appropriations Committee to….**

For many, the highlight of the week is the governor’s annual budget address to lawmakers, commonly referred to as the State of the State. The [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3) started dissecting the governor’s spending blueprint on Thursday morning…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: order. Madam secretary….**

The week began with a lengthy hearing in the [Missouri Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/53). The panel heard two measures that relate to illegal immigration.

Senator David Gregory of Chesterfield sponsors [Senate Bill 72](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=523R&BillID=523)…

 **Gregory :05 Q: the state level.**

During discussion, Sen. Barbara Anne Washington of Kansas City — who also serves on the panel — told the sponsor she sees a lot of unknowns in this proposal…

 **Washington :07 Q: everything in here?**

The committee has not yet acted on Senate Bill 72…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: of the Commerce….**

On Tuesday, the [Missouri Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection, Energy and the Environment Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/4) heard [Senate Bill 6](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=68). Senator Mike Cierpiot of Lee’s Summit is the sponsor. He says his legislation would modify and create new provisions relating to electric utilities…

 **Cierpiot :08 Q: for reliable electricity.**

On Thursday morning, the panel voted Senate Bill 6 “do pass,” along with [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 also relate to utilities. This means all three bills could be heard by the full Missouri Senate at any time…

 **Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: Development is now….**

Also Tuesday, the [Missouri Senate Progress and Development Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/45) heard Sen. Karla May of St. Louis present [Senate Bill 111](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=78). Her bill would designate September as "Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month"…

 **May :05 Q: checkups and treatments.**

Senate Bill 111 awaits final committee action…

 **Nat Snd 5 :08 Q: partner with Sen. McCreery.**

Wednesday morning saw two Missouri senators hold a news conference.

Senator Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County sponsors [Senate Bill 66](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=449), which would modify provisions relating to the age of marriage. Her proposal was heard in the [Missouri Senate Families, Seniors and Health Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/87) just before the news conference…

 **McCreery :07 Q: involved to 18.**

Senator Rick Brattin of Harrisonville sponsors [Senate Bill 631](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=3171482), identical to Senate Bill 66 and not yet assigned to a committee…

 **Brattin :07 Q: many generations ago.**

**Nat Snd 6 :10 Q: the governor’s priorities.**

In the meantime, Sen. Rusty Black of Chillicothe says [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) have been combined to become an omnibus public safety measure…

 **Black :10 Q: enhance public safety.**

But Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Doug Beck of Affton says St. Louis is not the only area that needs focus…

 **Beck :10 Q: across the state (2x).**

The Missouri Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee voted “do pass” on Senate Bills 52 & 44 on Monday afternoon. It could be taken up by the full Missouri Senate at any time…

 **Nat Snd 7 :02 Q: Feb. 3 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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