***This Week in the Missouri Senate* Script
First Half Ends**

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

**Nat Snd 1 :09 Q: a half months.**

Senator Nick Schroer of Defiance handled [House Bill 495](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB495&year=2025&code=R), which replaced [Senate Bills 52 & 44](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=290) as this year’s public safety legislation…

 **Schroer :06 Q: were putting in.**

The most noted portion of this legislation creates a panel to oversee the St. Louis Police Department.

Senator Steven Roberts of St. Louis says he was able to help produce a compromise…

 **Roberts :07 Q: city of St. Louis.**

Monday afternoon, Missouri senators sent House Bill 495 *back* to the Missouri House of Representatives. On Wednesday, House Bill 495 was truly agreed to and finally passed, which means it is now in the executive branch and could be signed into law as early as this coming week…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: Bill No. 77….**

Another piece of the public safety puzzle was discussed on the floor of the Missouri Senate on Wednesday afternoon. Senator Adam Schnelting of St. Charles sponsors [Senate Bill 77](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=188), a proposal that would modify provisions relating to the carrying of firearms on public transit systems…

 **Schnelting :09 Q: to defend ourselves.**

An amendment to the bill would expand the state’s Castle Doctrine laws, which drew opposition from several senators, including Sen. Karla May of St. Louis…

 **May :06 Q: life was threatened.**

Senate Bill 77 has been placed on the Informal Calendar for future talks…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: Committee Substitute for….**

Missouri senators spent time on Tuesday afternoon discussing [House Bills 594 & 508](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB594&year=2025&code=R). Senator Curtis Trent of Battlefield is the bill handler. He says this measure would authorize an income tax deduction for capital gains…

 **Trent :09 Q: over the decades.**

But Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Doug Beck of Affton says there is no *state* capital gains tax, since Missouri uses the income tax rate for this…

 **Beck :07 Q: this bill does.**

House Bills 594 & 508 has been set aside for future consideration…

 **Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: Jason Bean representing….**

Committee hearings also continue.

Monday afternoon, the [Missouri Senate Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/53) heard Sen. Jason Bean of Holcomb present [Senate Bill 254](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=60), legislation that seeks to specify drivers would stop at railroad crossings for "any on-track equipment," in addition to trains…

 **Bean :06 Q: as railroad workers.**

The panel also heard…

 **Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: appreciate the time….**

…Sen. Stephen Webber of Columbia present [Senate Bill 173](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=486), a measure that would create provisions relating to grants for nonprofit organizations at risk for terrorist attacks…

 **Webber :06 Q: here in Missouri.**

Committee action has not yet been taken on either of these proposals…

 **Nat Snd 6 :02 Q: before the body….**

Missouri senators are now on their annual mid-session recess. The First Regular Session of the 103rd General Assembly will resume on Monday, March 24, at which point there will be eight weeks left in session.

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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