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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the beginning of the second half of the 2025 regular legislative session…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: 79, senator from….**

Tuesday afternoon and evening were dedicated to [Senate Bill 79](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=1021). Senator Kurtis Gregory of Marshall is the sponsor. He says his proposal would modify provisions relating to health care…

 **Gregory 1 :05 Q: to its members.**

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County was among the senators who would like to see some additions made to this legislation…

 **McCreery :08 Q: that are consistent.**

Missouri senators gave first-round approval to Senate Bill 79 on Tuesday evening. On Thursday morning, the Missouri Senate sent this measure to the Missouri House of Representatives for its consideration…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: Hearing no objection….**

Missouri senators spent part of their Wednesday afternoon on [Senate Bill 190](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=325), legislation that seeks to establish tax credits for certain engineering degrees. Senator Justin Brown of Rolla is the sponsor; however, he was unable to be at the Capitol, so Sen. Gregory handled the bill in Sen. Brown’s absence…

 **Gregory 2 :05 Q: very similar to.**

Discussion briefly turned to charter schools. Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Doug Beck of Affton talked about the differences between when a public school fails and a charter school fails…

 **Beck :06 Q: can answer that.**

Senate Bill 190 has been aside for future consideration…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: No. 61, senator….**

Monday afternoon and evening saw time spent on [Senate Bill 61](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=326). Senator Ben Brown of Washington is the sponsor. He tells his colleagues this legislation would modify provisions relating to professional licensing…

 **Brown :05 Q: current labor shortage.**

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Patty Lewis and Kansas City mentioned she serves on the committee that heard this bill…

 **Lewis :09 Q: work and thrive.**

Missouri senators gave Senate Bill 61 preliminary approval on Monday evening. Thursday morning, the Missouri Senate voted to send this proposal to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: of the committee….**

Among those measures still undecided is [Senate Bill 13](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=311). Senator Justin Brown is the sponsor. On Jan. 22, he told the [Missouri Senate Families, Seniors and Health Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/87) this measure seeks to enact provisions relating to insurance coverage of pharmacy services…

 **Brown :07 Q: against 340B providers.**

Senate Bill 13 is ready for full Missouri Senate discussion…

 **Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: of the committee….**

Senator Steven Roberts of St. Louis sponsors [Senate Bill 36](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=99). Also on Jan. 22, he told the [Missouri Senate Judiciary and Civil & Criminal Jurisprudence Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/39) his proposal would create provisions relating to compensation for wrongful convictions…

 **Roberts :06 Q: spent in prison.**

Senate Bill 36 is also ready for full Missouri Senate discussion…

 **Nat Snd 6 :02 Q: from the senator….**

Session will resume on Monday.

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