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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review more of the legislation moving through the process…

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: senator from the….**

Tuesday afternoon and evening were dedicated to [House Bills 594 & 508](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB594&year=2025&code=R). Senator Curtis Trent of Battlefield handles this legislation in the upper chamber, which has already seen discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate…

 **Trent-McCreery :16 Q: negotiations from there.**

Following more discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate and a recess for lawmakers to hash things out, House Bills 594 & 508 was laid over for further talks.

On Wednesday afternoon, this proposal returned to the floor of the Missouri Senate with new language. During discussion, an amendment was offered, which got the attention of Sen. Brian Williams of University City…

 **Williams-Moon :15 Q: talk about that.**

The amendment, sponsored by Sen. Mike Moon of Ash Grove, is defeated. House Bills 594 & 508 now goes to a Missouri Senate committee before the final Senate vote. It would then return to the Missouri House of Representatives, either for final passage or to a Missouri Senate-House conference committee before final consideration…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: Senate Bill 223….**

Among the items discussed on Monday is [Senate Bill 223](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=438). Senator Mary Elizabeth Coleman of Arnold is the sponsor. She says her measure seeks to establish provisions relating to student surveys…

 **Coleman :06 Q: follow existing law.**

Senate Bill 223 says a school would have to notify parents at least 24 hours before giving students certain types of surveys.

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Maggie Nurrenbern of Kansas City told the sponsor she worries about unintended consequences…

 **Nurrenbern :09 Q: of additional suits.**

Senate Bill 223 has been set aside for future consideration…

**Nat Snd 3 :09 Q: state’s budget balanced.**

Crafting the state’s operating budget is the Legislature only constitutional mandate.

Senator Rusty Black of Chillicothe is vice-chair of the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3). He says the state spending plan always starts in the Missouri House of Representatives…

 **Black :10 Q: the state’s budget.**

For some Missouri senators, ensuring votes cast in this past November’s election stay in-place remains a priority.

Senator Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County says this is her goal with Proposition A…

 **McCreery :09 Q: state’s minimum wage.**

The Missouri Senate could discuss the Fiscal Year 2026 state operating budget as soon as April 22. By law, the budget has to be delivered to the executive branch no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 9…

 **Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: Senate stand adjourned….**

Session is now two-thirds complete. Lawmakers will return to Jefferson City 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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