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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review the 14th week of the 2025 regular legislative session…

**Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: the Missouri Senate….**

The [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/3) spent part of the week looking at thousands of line items in the Missouri House of Representatives’ version of the Fiscal Year 2026 state operating budget.

Committee chair, Sen. Lincoln Hough of Springfield, says three days were initially set aside for this review…

**Hough :10 Q: as we can (2x).**

The governor’s proposal had lowered education funding. Senator Maggie Nurrenbern of Kansas City, who also serves on the panel, says this is a concern to her…

**Nurrenbern :10 Q: foundation formula requires.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Doug Beck of Affton says he agrees education should be a budgetary priority…

**Beck 1 :08 Q: the voucher program.**

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville says the full Missouri Senate could discuss the Fiscal Year 2026 state operating budget within the next two weeks…

**Luetkemeyer :06 Q: to the Senate.**

Any changes could lead to a Missouri Senate-House conference committee.

By law, Missouri senators have to have the budget delivered to the executive branch no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 9. Fiscal Year 2026 will start on Tuesday, July 1…

**Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: for House Bills….**

Wednesday was dedicated to [House Bills 567, 546, 758 & 958](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB567&year=2025&code=R), legislation that seeks to modify provisions relating to employee compensation. Senator Mike Bernskoetter of Jefferson City handles this bill in the upper chamber…

**Bernskoetter :08 Q: to the economy.**

During lengthy discussion on this proposal, Sen. Beck told the sponsor he opposes the idea behind this measure…

**Beck 2 :11 Q: that looks like.**

House Bills 567, 546, 758 & 958 is now on the Informal Calendar and could return to the floor of the Missouri Senate for consideration at any time…

**Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: Resolution No. 40….**

Among the measures discussed on the floor of the Missouri Senate on Monday afternoon is [Senate Joint Resolution 40](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=125). Senator Jill Carter of Granby is the sponsor. She tells her colleagues this resolution, if approved by voters, would require most Missouri counties to elect their sheriffs…

**Carter :09 Q: of the sheriff.**

Missouri senators have given this resolution preliminary approval. Another “yes” vote would send it to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 4 :02 Q: Thank you, Mr….**

Also on Monday, the Missouri Senate perfected [Senate Bill 271](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=379), a measure that would modify provisions relating to fire protection ordinances.

During discussion, Sen. Tracy McCreery of St. Louis County talked about similar moves that were made nearly 40 years ago…

**McCreery 2 :08 Q: a negative impact.**

Thursday morning, the Missouri Senate sent Senate Bill 271 to the Missouri House of Representatives for its consideration…

**Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: adjourned until Tuesday….**

There are now only four 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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