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

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

 **Nat Snd 1 :02 Q: Bill No. 742….**

Wednesday afternoon and evening, Missouri senators spent a few hours on [House Bill 742](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB742&year=2025&code=R), a measure that would prohibit state departments from spending money on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives. Senator Rick Brattin of Harrisonville handles this proposal in the upper chamber…

 **Brattin :07 Q: that in statute.**

Senator Stephen Webber of Columbia is among those who oppose this bill…

 **Webber 1 :08 Q: for our kids.**

House Bill 742 has been set aside for future talks…

 **Nat Snd 2 :02 Q: for a motion….**

The Missouri Senate then returned to [House Bills 567, 546, 758 & 958](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB567&year=2025&code=R), for the second time in a week Senator Mike Bernskoetter handles this legislation, which seeks to modify provisions relating to employee compensation, in the upper chamber…

 **Bernskoetter :06 Q: piece of legislation.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader Doug Beck of Affton says they were close to a compromise on this a week earlier, before discussions were ended early on April 17…

 **Beck :10 Q: be on those.**

After nearly nine hours, House Bills 567, 546, 758 & 958 was, again, laid over for further consideration…

 **Nat Snd 3 :02 Q: for House Bills….**

Tuesday afternoon and evening were dedicated to [House Bills 595 & 343](https://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB595&year=2025&code=R), legislation that seeks to prohibit counties and cities from enacting, maintaining or enforcing certain ordinances relating to landlords and tenants. Senator Nick Schroer of Defiance handles this bill in the upper chamber…

 **Schroer :06 Q: of its people.**

During discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate, Sen. Patty Lewis of Kansas City told the bill handler there are some who wonder if this measure would usurp local ordinances…

 **Lewis :09 Q: of this bill.**

House Bills 595 & 343 now returns to the Missouri House of Representatives for further consideration…

 **Nat Snd 4 :04 Q: bills on this.**

With only three weeks now left in the 2025 regular legislative session, there are still hundreds of measures that await discussion on the floor of the Missouri Senate.

Missouri Senate Majority Floor Leader Tony Luetkemeyer of Parkville says some lawmakers continue to work on extending something that became law two years ago…

 **Luetkemeyer :09 Q: Women’s Sports Act.**

This is also contained in [Senate Bill 10](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=132), which continues to move through the Missouri House of Representatives…

 **Nat Snd 5 :02 Q: is an issue….**

Also among unfinished business is [Senate Bill 45](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=209). Senator Travis Fitzwater of Holts Summit is the sponsor. On Jan. 22, he told the [Missouri Senate Families, Seniors and Health Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/87) his proposal seeks to enact provisions relating to payments for prescription drugs…

 **Fitzwater :10 Q: somehow raises costs.**

Senate Bill 45 is currently on the Missouri Senate Informal Calendar and could be taken up for discussion at any time…

 **Nat Snd 6 :02 Q: committee, Stephen Webber….**

Another is [Senate Bill 89](https://www.senate.mo.gov/25info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=483). Senator Webber is the sponsor. On Jan. 23, he told the [Missouri Senate Education Committee](https://www.senate.mo.gov/Committees/CommitteeDetails/7) this legislation would make Veterans Day a holiday for all employees of the University of Missouri System…

 **Webber 2 :07 Q: not Veterans Day.**

The panel voted Senate Bill 89 “do pass” on Feb. 11…

 **Nat Snd 7 :02 Q: until Monday, April….**

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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