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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review another issue already starting to populate the pre-filed bills for next year…

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Every year, it seems, there is some sort of approach to taxation in the Missouri Legislature. For those Missouri senators who were not able to get something passed this year, 2024 will probably provide another opportunity.

Among the larger taxation measures this year was [Senate Bill 131](https://www.senate.mo.gov/23info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=44637).

Missouri Senate President Pro Tem Caleb Rowden of Columbia says this proposal became a vehicle for multiple ideas…

 **Rowden 1 :12 Q: sometimes, it doesn’t.**

Missouri Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo of Independence says adding to the original legislation meant having to compromise on things…

 **Rizzo 1 :17 Q: have to do.**

Senator Rowden also says part of the added language in the bill included potential changes to the state grocery tax…

 **Rowden 2 :27 Q: of our skis.**

On April 6, Sen. Rizzo says the vote on the firearms excise tax credit — which was also featured in the measure — could have gone differently…

 **Rizzo 2 :23 Q: to were there.**

On Dec. 1, Missouri senators learned what bill numbers their pre-filed proposals will have next year. So far, more than 520 bills and 34 joint resolutions have already been filed, ahead of the 2024 regular legislative session. Lawmakers may continue to pre-file legislation through the end of the year.

The Second Regular Session of the 102nd General Assembly will start at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

And remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate — plus, see a list of all pre-filed [Missouri Senate](https://www.senate.mo.gov/24info/BTS_Web/BillList.aspx?SessionType=R) legislation — by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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