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## Committee Work Begins in the Missouri Senate

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When Missourians envision the path a bill takes to become law, they think of debate on the floor in the Senate and House of Representatives and even the moment when the bill is signed by the governor into law. However, much of the work to get legislation to the governor's desk happens in committee.

The Missouri Senate has [18 standing committees](#) that range from Agriculture to Veterans' Affairs. Bills are referred to these committees based on legislative topic and each of these panels has the task of listening to important testimony, voting a measure out of the committee (with or without amendments), and sending the bill to the Senate floor for debate.

I have been named to serve on four committees this session: Administration; Financial and Governmental Organizations and Elections (chair); General Laws; and Transportation.

The [Administration Committee](#) has oversight and complete control of all financial obligations and business affairs pertaining to the Missouri Senate, including office and seat assignments. The panel also supervises certain designated employees, among other duties.

This will be my fifth session as chair of the [Financial and Governmental Organizations and Elections Committee](#). This panel considers all measures relating to banks and banking, savings and loan associations, and other financial institutions in our state. The committee also handles bills relating to the internal operations of any state agency and election law.

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The [General Laws Committee](#) covers a wide variety of legislation that may not be related to only one type of issue.

Finally, the [Transportation Committee](#) considers measures relating to our state's roads, highways, bridges, airports and aviation, railroads, port authorities, and other means of transportation — including matters involving motor vehicles and drivers' licenses.

In the coming months ahead, much work is to be done in these committees. As one of the senior members of the Missouri Senate, I look forward to working with new members on these committees as well as returning members to help move beneficial legislation on to the governor's desk.

To find out the Senate hearing schedule for each of these committees as well as a list of assigned bills, please visit [www.senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov), click on Committees, then Standing Committees to see a list of the 18 panels.

If you have comments or questions about this week's column or any other matter involving state government, please feel free to contact me at 573-751-8793 or by e-mail at: [delbertscott@senate.mo.gov](mailto:delbertscott@senate.mo.gov).

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