**This Week in the Missouri Senate:
Digital Audio File Script on Unsuccessful Legislation**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review some of the high-profile legislation from this year that didn’t fare as well as supporters would prefer…

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :04 / OC: a committee meeting.**

*“From what I understand, it’s been a long time since this body has discussed this issue in a committee meeting.”*

[Senate Bill 816](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22749318) would have repealed the death penalty in Missouri.

Senator Paul Wieland of Imperial presented his measure to the [Senate General Laws and Pensions Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/GENL/) on Jan. 19…

**Wieland 1 / Runs :17 / OC: state of Missouri.**

*“Seems to me that if I’m going to be a pro-life person and defend human life, I need to defend not just the earliest stages of life, but also all the way until natural death, So, to me, it made logical sense. In order for me to be congruent with my conscience, I would — in fact — be against the death penalty. And, even further, I would work to try to end the death penalty here in the state of Missouri.”*

Senate Bill 816 was debated on the Missouri Senate floor on Feb. 8…

**Nat Snd 2 / Runs :03 / OC: state of Missouri.**

*“Maybe we can see some long, overdue changes in the state of Missouri.”*

[Senate Bill 653](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246562) would have banned gender discrimination in the Show-Me State.

The measure was heard in the [Senate Progress and Development Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/PROG/), on which Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur serves, on Jan. 27…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :23 / OC: businesses move forward.**

*“Be fired from their job, denied housing, and — if this non-discrimination act passes — then that will no longer be the case. There was a vast amount of testimony, including from the St. Louis regional chamber and the Kansas City chamber. So, we’re glad to hear that people understand that even the business environment in the state of Missouri needs to be welcoming to people who are going to be successful and help their businesses move forward.”*

**Nat Snd 3 / Runs :03 / OC: of Real ID.**

*“Basically, this bill deals with the issue of Real ID.”*

[Senate Bill 902](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=24428910) would have let the state issue Real ID.

The measure was presented in the Senate General Laws and Pensions Committee on Feb. 16 by sponsor, Sen. Ryan Silvey of Kansas City…

**Silvey 3 / Runs :20 / OC: thresholds for that.**

*“Because, you know, the state of Missouri passed a law back in 2009 that prohibited the implementation of the federal Real ID program. So, this is the program on your driver’s license that brings — Theoretically, the federal government wanted us to bring all 50 states into compliance with similar regulations, so that we knew — basically — who had licenses and what the process was for them obtaining them and there weren’t 50 different thresholds for that.”*

**Nat Snd 4 / Runs :05 / OC: by domestic violence.**

*“Creates a right of unpaid leave for employees that are affected by domestic violence.”*

On March 1, [Senate Bill 907](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=24429795) was heard in the [Senate Small Business, Insurance and Industry Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/SBIN/).

The measure was sponsored by Sen. Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors…

**Walsh 4 / Runs :19 / OC: or household member.**

*“Employees may specifically take unpaid leave to seek medical attention for — or recovery from — physical or psychological injuries caused by domestic or sexual violence, obtain victim services for the employee or their family, obtain psychological or other counseling for the employee or the employee’s family or household member.”*

These three proposals were not debated by Missouri senators.

Next up for lawmakers will be the annual veto session, which will start on Sept. 14.

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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