**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on Ethics Reform**

Part of this year’s agenda for Missouri senators includes another attempt at ethics reform.

Several measures have been prefiled, in advance of the 2016 legislative session.

Senate President Pro Tem Ron Richard of Joplin says there are some people who are worried lawmakers may have lost some respect, without changes made in ethics laws…

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*“Well, I’m not sure they ever lost it, but I think having a reasonable amount of reform would probably be in the best interest of the taxpayer, and let them know elected officials do the right thing.”*

Senate Minority Floor Leader Joseph Keaveny of St. Louis adds he does not believe there is a “culture of corruption” at the Capitol…

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*“You know, people like to say that. I don’t think we do. No matter what business you’re in, you have people that do the right thing. By and large, most people do the right thing, and that’s the same kind of thing that we have here in the General Assembly.”*

The Second Regular Session of the 98th General Assembly will start at noon on Wednesday.

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