**This Week in the Missouri Senate:
Digital Audio File Script on Committee Hearings and Floor Debate**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review some of the measures either heard in committee or debated on the Senate floor…

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :03 / OC: up for adoption.**

 *“Senate Concurrent Resolution 51 and 52 be taken up for adoption….”*

On Monday afternoon, Missouri Senate action was taken on Senate Concurrent Resolutions [51](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=23926104) and [52](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=23926104), which disapprove the regulation filed by the State Tax Commission on Dec. 29, 2015, that established new values for certain agricultural and horticultural property, as explained on the Senate floor by Sen. Will Kraus of Lee’s Summit…

**Kraus 1 / Runs :04 / OC: the wrong time.**

*“This is the wrong time for us to be raising taxes on our No. 1 industry.”*

During debate, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur voiced her concern that this would take revenue away from schools…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :04 / OC: the school districts.**

*“One of the political subdivisions it might benefit would be the school districts.”*

The combined Senate Concurrent Resolution 51 and 52 received final approval and were sent to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 2 / Runs :02 / OC: you, Mr. President.**

*“The ‘ayes’ do have it. The bill is before the body. Thank you, Mr. President….”*

Tuesday saw time spent debating [Senate Bill 572](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246557), a measure that would modify provisions relating to municipal courts.

Sponsor, Sen. Eric Schmitt of Glendale, tells his colleagues this comes after last year’s [Senate Bill 5](http://www.senate.mo.gov/15info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=160) became law…

**Schmitt 3 / Runs :09 / OC: be in jeopardy.**

*“Mayors were compelling police forces to arrest a certain number of people every month, to write a certain number of traffic tickets every month, or their jobs would be in jeopardy.”*

During debate, Sen. Schupp talked about a couple she met from a St. Louis suburb who have endured the new ways that have been found to get around the new “Mack’s Creek Law”…

**Schupp 4 / Runs :08 / OC: said three days.**

*“Continuously fined for various things and that the gentleman had served in jail for, I think he said three days.”*

Senate Bill 572 has been given final Missouri Senate approval and now moves to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

 **Nat Snd 3 / Runs :06 / OC: in our constitution.**

 *“This is a bill that will actually allow our protections that they’re giving to us in our constitution.”*

Wednesday also saw the Missouri Senate [Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/tran/) hear testimony on [Senate Bill 731](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246427), a measure that would remove the current ban on carrying concealed firearms in higher education institutions, but allow institutions to ban concealed firearms under certain conditions.

Senator Brian Munzlinger of Williamstown is the sponsor…

**Munzlinger 5 / Runs :07 / OC: to protect ourselves.**

*“Well, this is our Second Amendment rights. That Second Amendment right allows us the ability to protect ourselves.”*

During discussion, Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal of University City said colleges and universities may have to be considered differently…

**Chappelle-Nadal 6 / Runs :07 / OC: to Lincoln University.**

*“When you’re dealing with students on college campuses, there are so many variables that we have to consider.”*

No final committee action has yet been taken on Senate Bill 731.

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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