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

Part of Missouri senators’ week focuses on ethics reform.

Senator Bob Onder of Lake St. Louis handled [House Bill 2166](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB2166&year=2016&code=R), which seeks to modify provisions of law relating to ethics.

He claims more than $900,000 in gifts went to lawmakers last year alone…

**Onder 1 / Runs :08 / OC: the public’s attention.**

*“My concern on subtle influence on our behavior remains, and this situation creates — at least — an appearance of impropriety that has captured the public’s attention.”*

During discussion, Sen. Jason Holsman of Kansas City mentioned he is among those senators who believe one critical element is missing from the measure…

**Holsman 2 / Runs :10 / OC: in Jefferson City.**

*“Any legislation that we pass, without dealing with campaign finance reform, will not make a dent in the perception problems that we have in Jefferson City.”*

House Bill 2166 has been set aside for further debate. Missouri senators pass [House Bill 1983](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB1983&year=2016&code=R), which would create new provisions of law relating to elected officials acting as paid political consultants.

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