**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on SB 612**

Illegal immigration is a focal point for some Missouri senators.

[Senate Bill 612](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246488) seeks to change the law relating to the offense of illegal reentry.

Senator Mike Cunningham of Rogersville is the sponsor, and says time was spent debating his proposal last week…

**Cunningham 1 / Runs :10 / OC: people in Missouri.**

*“These are criminals. These are the people who have committed crimes, a felony crime, not a misdemeanor. But, it will come up again, I’ve been promised by the leadership. But, I’m really passionate about that issue. I just don’t want those people in Missouri.”*

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says she is not in favor of the idea…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :11 / OC: the federal government.**

*“One of the reasons that I am opposed to this bill is, it’s very clearly unconstitutional. It is very clear that immigration matters are federal law and they are under the purview of the federal government.”*

Senate Bill 612 has been set aside for further debate.

Missouri senators are now entering the ninth week of session. Their annual mid-session recess is now three weeks away.

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