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

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review more priority legislation debated on the Senate floor or heard in committee…

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :02 / OC: House Bill 1979.**

*“House Bill 1979….”*

Ethics reform became a topic of discussion this week.

[House Bill 1979](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB1979&year=2016&code=R) now features some Senate changes that will need to be hammered out with Missouri House lawmakers.

But, some Missouri senators say House Bill 1979 does not go far enough, including Sen. David Pearce of Warrensburg and Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur…

**Pearce-Schupp 1 / Runs :17 / OC: becoming a lobbyist.**

Pearce: *“Limits on campaign contributions, right now, there are no limits. To me, that is probably the most important part of ethics reform.”*Schupp: *“So, this ethics bill is only limited to what we call the ‘revolving door’ of legislators that immediately leaving their seat and becoming a lobbyist.”*

**Nat Snd 2 / Runs :04 / OC: 847 from the.**

*“Senator from Barton, you are recognized for Senate Bill 847 from the….”*

Tuesday afternoon into Wednesday morning, debate was held on [Senate Bill 847](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=23862368), which would modify provisions relating to the collateral source rule.

Senator Ed Emery of Lamar is the sponsor…

**Emery 2 / Runs :08 / OC: to go down.**

*“Then, sometimes, those values go down. If I give you the actual cost of my medical — versus some imaginary cost — then, that value’s going to go down.”*

Senator Schupp says the measure may not be fair to everybody…

**Schupp 3 / Runs :09 / OC: on the job.**

*“It really will severely impact them, should they become the victim of — for example — a serious car accident, or something that happens to them on the job.”*

Senate Bill 847 now moves to the Missouri House of Representatives for similar consideration…

**Nat Snd 3 / Runs :03 / OC: Senate Bill 628.**

*“Next up is Sen. Nasheed with Senate Bill 628….”*

Among the higher-profile pieces of legislation this year was one heard by the Missouri Senate [Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/tran/) on Wednesday.

[Senate Bill 628](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/BTS_Web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246546) seeks to require law enforcement agencies, in certain cities, to require their officers to wear a camera while on duty and in uniform and record all contacts with people.

The proposal is sponsored by Sen. Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis…

**Nasheed 4 / Runs :10 / OC: or undercover officers.**

*“Applies to all off-duty officers and officers that are in uniform. It does not require any recording by desk officers or undercover officers.”*

During discussion, Sen. Dave Schatz of Sullivan mentioned he would like to see assurance from law enforcement officials that they’re okay with this idea…

**Schatz 5 / Runs :06 / OC: considering that conversation.**

*“Obviously, they’re the real people that are out there on the day-to-day that have to put this in motion. I just want to make sure we’re considering that conversation.”*

Final committee action has not yet been taken on Senate Bill 628…

**Nat Snd 4 / Runs :03 / OC: about REAL ID.**

*“Today, we’re going to talk about REAL ID….”*

Tuesday afternoon, the Missouri Senate [General Laws and Pensions Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/GENL/) spent time going through [Senate Bill 902](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=24428910), legislation that would allow the [Missouri Department of Revenue](http://dor.mo.gov/) to issue [REAL ID](http://www.dhs.gov/real-id-public-faqs)-compliant driver's licenses and identification cards.

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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