**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on Mid-Session**

The Missouri House of Representatives is the originating point for budget measures, and they have passed their version of the state’s spending plan for the coming fiscal year.

Missouri Senate [Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) chair, Sen. Kurt Schaefer of Columbia, says [Medicaid](https://www.medicaid.gov/) alone will cost the state close to $400 million next year…

**Schaefer 1 / Runs :11 / OC: but Medicaid growth.**

*“So, what that means is, we would have to take every single dime of GR growth for the entire year — plus cut 25 million [dollars] from somewhere else, presumably public education — and put it toward nothing but Medicaid growth.”*

Senate Minority Floor Leader Joseph Keaveny of St. Louis says, even with the budget, there is still time for more priorities in the remaining seven weeks of session…

**Keaveny 2 / Runs :09 / OC: Supreme Court rulings.**

*“I would love to see — at least some talk on — the Medicaid expansion, some talk on deadly force statute, which everybody admits is not in compliance with [U.S.] Supreme Court rulings.”*

The Second Regular Session of the 98th General Assembly will conclude at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 13.

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