**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on HB 2014**

Missouri senators spend more time on the budget.

Tuesday morning saw debate on the supplemental budget for the *current* fiscal year.

[Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) Chair, Sen. Kurt Schaefer of Columbia, says they had to make some adjustments in [House Bill 2014](http://www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB2014&year=2016&code=R)…

**Schaefer 1 / Runs :11 / OC: by 1.2 million.**

*“For the pharmacy line, we reduced it by 21 million [dollars]. For the physician services line, we reduced it by five million [dollars]. And, for the managed care pick up for tobacco, we reduced it by 1.2 million [dollars].”*

During debate, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur said she still believes increasing [Medicaid](https://www.medicaid.gov/) is necessary…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :10 / OC: out of poverty.**

*“Making less than $5,000 a year, for a family of four, I would suggest that it is incumbent upon our government to help them raise themselves out of poverty.”*

The *current* fiscal year will expire on June 30.

In the meantime, conference committee work on the Fiscal Year 2017 budget will soon be underway.

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