***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script: SB 43**

More tort reform legislation comes before Missouri senators.

The week began with lengthy discussion of [Senate Bill 43](http://www.senate.mo.gov/17info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=57095378), a measure that would make changes to the law relating to unlawful discrimination.

Sponsor, Sen. Gary Romine of Farmington, tells his colleagues part of his proposal would take into account “contributing factor” in certain legal cases…

**Romine 1 / Runs :10 / OC: an employer liable.**

*“A contributing factor standard of causation is a minimal burden of proof that imposes liability for something that simply did not cause the adverse action. It holds an employer liable.”*

Senator Shalonn “Kiki” Curls of Kansas City says she disagrees with the sponsor’s premise the legislation seeks to mirror existing federal law…

**Curls 2 / Runs :10 / OC: troubling and hurtful.**

*“Fact that we don’t set with some disappointment. But, for me, as an African-American and as a woman, this is particularly egregious and troubling and hurtful.”*

Senate Bill 43 has been laid over for further consideration.

Reporting from the State Capitol, I’m Dean Morgan.