***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script: HB 14**

Before work begins on Missouri’s Fiscal Year 2018 operating budget, Missouri senators make changes to the supplemental budget for the *current* fiscal year.

[House Bill 14](http://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB14&year=2017&code=R) was sent to back the Missouri House of Representatives last Thursday.

Senator Bill Eigel of Weldon Spring says, despite the fact the supplemental is the lowest in years, he wants to see *all* state spending decreased…

**Eigel 1 / Runs :09 / OC: increase in spending.**

*“The budget has grown by a third, 33 percent, since 2010. I think there are some reasonable things that we can do to control that increase in spending.”*

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur contends up to 90 percent of low-income Missourians would be eligible for [Medicaid](https://www.medicaid.gov/), with expansion…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :10 / OC: the emergency room.**

*“To go to the doctor when they’re sick. To go to the doctor for preventative health care. And, to — perhaps — avoid waiting so long that they end up in the emergency room.”*

Full Missouri Senate debate of the 2018 budget could start next week.

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