***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script: Budget Preview**

For some Missouri senators, budget work started in January.

Now, time is closing in on lawmakers to finish their portion of the task.

Senator Dan Hegeman of Cosby, who serves on the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/), says it’s the Missouri Senate’s turn to take what the Missouri House of Representatives has produced…

**Hegeman 1 / Runs :10 / OC: state of Missouri.**

*“Looking at priorities for our districts, including them in the budget to tend to the concerns that we learn about through the budgeting process, as well as what we hear on the floor and from constituents throughout the year [in the] state of Missouri.”*

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur warns “fully funding” education no longer means what it did just a year ago…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :08 / OC: we had before.**

*“We took $400 million out of what it takes to fully fund the formula last year. So, we’re dealing with a much lower cap than we had before.”*

Missouri’s $27.8 billion budget for the upcoming fiscal year has to be delivered to the executive branch no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 5.

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