***The Missouri Senate Minute* Script: HB 339**

Tort reform measures continue to make their way through the Missouri Senate.

Senator Caleb Rowden of Columbia handles [House Bill 339](http://house.mo.gov/Bill.aspx?bill=HB339&year=2017&code=R).

This measure would modify provisions relating to settlement agreements in tort claims and establish a statute of limitations for claims against veterinarians…

**Rowden 1 / Runs :09 / OC: the previous bill.**

*“We change the time limit of demand language to reflect the compromises and vetting that happened on the previous bill.”*

During dialogue on the proposal, Sen. Jacob Hummel of St. Louis questioned the need for some aspects of the measure…

**Hummel 2 / Runs :10 / OC: cause the accident.**

*“Why does that need to be made available to the insurance company? I can’t think of a reasonable excuse for why you would need access to something that has no direct relation to what happened to cause the accident.”*

House Bill 339 now returns to the Missouri House of Representatives.

In the meantime, the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) moves closer to getting the budget to the full Missouri Senate.

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