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

A new administration equals a later start to beginning work on the budget.

Senator Mike Cunningham of Rogersville serves on the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/).

He says the full Missouri Senate is getting the budget later than normal…

**Cunningham 1 / Runs :09 / OC: start running short.**

*“That’s going to take quite a bit of time, once we get that on the floor. There’s a number of issues we feel very important to the growth of Missouri. It’s got to come up. So, time’s going to start running short.”*

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur adds money could be taken from the [Missouri State Public Defender’s](http://www.publicdefender.mo.gov/) office…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :08 / OC: with counsel provided.**

*“For us to pay enough of them, so that they can handle their caseload, we’re really not providing people a right to a fair trial with counsel provided.”*

Missouri Senate discussion of the $27.8 billion budget could start this week.

Missouri’s Fiscal Year 2018 financial plan has to be delivered to the executive branch no later than 6 p.m. on Friday, May 5.

Fiscal Year 2018 will start on Saturday, July 1.

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