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

Missouri’s Fiscal Year 2018 budget moves to a Missouri Senate-House conference committee.

The constitutional deadline for having the $27.8 billion financial plan to the executive branch is 6 p.m. Friday.

Senator Dan Hegeman of Cosby, who serves on the [Missouri Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/), says one aspect of the budget is most encompassing…

**Hegeman 1 / Runs :10 / OC: Medicaid every year.**

*“*[*Medicaid*](https://www.medicaid.gov/) *budget, seems like it grows and grows and grows every year. Really takes up a lot of the room in our discretionary money, our General Revenue money, to fund Medicaid every year.”*

Senator Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur says several voices are heard in making the state’s financial plan…

**Schupp 2 / Runs :08 / OC: are in charge.**

*“The budget reflects our priorities and our priorities as a Legislature are the priorities of those people who are in charge.”*

Fiscal Year 2018 will start on Saturday, July 1.

The First Regular Session of the 99th General Assembly will end at 6 p.m. one week from Friday.

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