**This Week in the Missouri Senate:
Digital Audio File Script on Floor Debate**

This week in the Missouri Senate, we review action taken on the floor…

**Nat Snd 1 / Runs :05 / OC: Resolution 1793 with.**

*“Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Senate Resolution 1793, with….”*

Several hours were spent debating [Senate Resolution 1793](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=33715403), one of two resolutions that stem from work conducted last year by the Missouri Senate [Interim Committee on the Sanctity of Life](http://www.senate.mo.gov/sisl/).

Senator Kurt Schaefer of Columbia chairs the committee and sponsors the resolutions…

**Schaefer 1 / Runs :10 / OC: is doing now.**

*“We really can’t find an instance where we have had any entity or person in the state of Missouri who’s been served with a legislative subpoena who refused to comply with it, such as Planned Parenthood is doing now.”*

During debate, Sen. Scott Sifton of Affton questioned the motive behind the subpoena…

**Sifton 2 / Runs :11 / OC: do with that (2x).**

*“There are legitimate legislative questions that the subpoena gets at. The problem is, there are a hundred-thousand other answers to the subpoena that have nothing to do with that or very little to do with that.”*

Senate Resolutions 1793 and [1794](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=33715404) were both passed on Thursday afternoon…

**Nat Snd 2 / Runs :02 / OC: jails from prisons.**

*“Incarcerating youth and adults, jails from prisons….*

Missouri senators send more legislation to the Missouri House of Representatives.

[Senate Bill 618](http://www.senate.mo.gov/16info/bts_web/Bill.aspx?SessionType=R&BillID=22246483) would — according to sponsor, Sen. Wayne Wallingford of Cape Girardeau — modify provisions relating to the detention and shackling of juvenile offenders and detention and shackling of pregnant offenders…

**Wallingford 3 / Runs :08 / OC: facilities makes sense.**

*“Retrofitting of all our county jails, lock up some prisoners to meet some standards is too burdensome; therefore, removing youth from adult facilities makes sense.”*

During debate, Sen. Jill Schupp of Creve Coeur and Sen. Jamilah Nasheed of St. Louis talked about the part of the measure that relates to the shackling of pregnant offenders…

**Schupp and Nasheed 4 / Runs :10 / OC: shacked or not.**

Senator Schupp: *“So, when they’re being transported in a car, or in a bus —“*

Senator Nasheed: *“A bus or anything.”*

Senator Schupp: *“Any kind of vehicle.”*

Senator Nasheed: *“That’s right. The judge will have the discretion to say if they need to be shackled or not.”*

**Nat Snd 3 / Runs :05 / OC: Committee Substitute be.**

*“Thank you, Mr. President. I move that House Committee Substitute for House Bill 2014, with Senate Committee Substitute be….”*

Tuesday morning saw debate on the supplemental budget for the current fiscal year.

[Senate Appropriations Committee](http://www.senate.mo.gov/aprp/) Chair, Sen. Schaefer, says they had to make some adjustments in [House Bill 2014](http://www.house.mo.gov/billsummary.aspx?bill=HB2014&year=2016&code=R)…

**Schaefer 5 / Runs :11 / OC: by 1.2 million.**

*“For the pharmacy line, we reduced it by 21 million [dollars]. For the physician services line, we reduced it by five million [dollars]. And, for the managed care pick up for tobacco, we reduced it by 1.2 million [dollars].”*

During debate, Sen. Schupp said she still believes increasing [Medicaid](https://www.medicaid.gov/) funding is necessary…

**Schupp 6 / Runs :10 / OC: out of poverty.**

*“Making less than $5,000 a year, for a family of four, I would suggest that it is incumbent upon our government to help them raise themselves out of poverty.”*

The current fiscal year will expire on June 30.

Also this week, [House Bill 1983](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB1983&year=2016&code=R) was signed into law. The measure bans elected officials from serving as political consultants.

And, remember, you can follow these and other issues facing the Missouri Senate by visiting our website: [senate.mo.gov](http://www.senate.mo.gov).

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